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VCD \_\_\_\_\_ FYBA SEM I ATKT FEB 2017 COMMUNICATION SKILLS 2 ½ HRS 75 MARKS

NOTE: All the questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

Q.1. Answer the following:

A. Change the following into indirect speech.

- i. "I saw the dog," said the child. (5)
- ii. "Where do you stay?" asked the stranger.
- iii. "How are you doing?" asked the Manager.
- iv. "Wow! What a beautiful painting" a viewer exclaimed.
- v. Sita said, "Be quiet and listen to me."

B. Insert the correct verb in the following:

- i. Gita \_\_\_\_\_ her work on time. (5)
- ii. Eventhough he started early he \_\_\_\_\_ late.
- iii. You must start early to \_\_\_\_\_ on time.
- iv. The Sharma family sold the house because it \_\_\_\_\_ old.
- v. He is \_\_\_\_\_ his friend after a long time.

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

- i. She is as sweet as \_\_\_\_\_ vulture. (5)
- ii. Can you lend me \_\_\_\_\_ eraser please?
- iii. I just saw her \_\_\_\_\_ minute ago.
- iv. Eve was \_\_\_\_\_ first woman.
- v. John returned after \_\_\_\_\_ year

Q.2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

(15)

To me an Indian bazaar is a source of endless delight and excitement. It is usually a series of plain wooden stalls on which are piled with unconscious artistry, brightly coloured fruits, vegetables, spices, gleaming silver jewellery, brilliant silks and cottons, or charming grotesque, painted wooden toys. The

vendors who can't afford a stall sit on the pavement outside the market, their baskets staked behind them, their wives in vivid cotton saris crouching in the shade, and in front of them are spread carpets of scarlet. Chillies drying in the sun, small hills of saffron, turmeric, coriander, ginger, cinnamon – all the magical names of the old days of the spice trade with the Indies. With a worn stone mortar and pestle the vendor or his wife will grind your spices for you, blending according to your own particular taste and weigh them in tiny brass scales strung on twine and balanced delicately in one hand. In all transactions you receive a pleasantly individual attention, nothing standardized.

1. Give an appropriate title to the passage and comment on it. (2)
2. Why is the author finding an Indian bazaar so interesting? Explain. (5)
3. Which two phrases in the end of the passage contrast the Indian bazaar with another type of market? Comment. (5)
4. Find the single words in the passage which have the meanings given below: (3)
  - a. business dealings.
  - b. strangely shaped.
  - c. booths.
  - f. properly understood.
- Q. 3. Prepare a pie chart on the given information and write a paragraph on it. (15)

A company's production of mobile phones for a year is:  
a. 40% b. 20% c. 30% d. 10%
- Q. 4. Write an essay on "Women Empowerment." (15)
- Q. 5. Write a letter to RTI Department on:

Your grandfather who has retired three years ago has yet not been receiving his pension in spite of being entitled to it. Use the RTI Act to apply to the Pension Office and ask the explanation for the delay.

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