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Name of the Paper : English Proficiency

Name of the Course : B.A. Programme

Semester : II

Duration : 3 Hours 30 minutes

Maximum Marks : 75

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt any **three** questions from **Part A**, and any **three** questions from **Part B** of this paper.

Part A

Attempt three questions. (10 marks each)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulf Stream and eighty four days had passed and he had not taken any fish. In the first forty days a boy had been with him. But after forty days without a fish the boy's parents had told him that the man was unlucky, and the boy had gone at their orders in another boat which caught three good fish in the first week. It made the boy sad to see the old man come back each day with his skiff empty and he always went down to meet him.

P.T.O.

The old man was thin, with deep wrinkles in the back of his neck. Everything about him was old except his eyes and they were the same colour as the sea and were cheerful and undefeated,

"Santiago," the boy said to him as they climbed the bank from where the skiff was pulled up. "I could go with you again. We've made some money."

The old man had taught the boy to fish and the boy loved him.

"No," said the old man. "You are with the lucky boat. Stay with them."

"But remember how you went eighty seven days without fish and then you caught big ones every day for three weeks".

"I remember", said the old man. "I know that you did not leave because you did not trust me".

"It was Papa who made me leave. I am just a boy and I must obey him."

I. State whether the following statements are true or false: Write 'T' or 'F' against them.
(5)

- I. The old man fished for eighty four days without catching anything.
- II. The boy left him after forty days.
- III. The boy's parents thought that the old man was lucky.
- IV. The old man felt defeated and sad.
- V. Success finally came to the old man.

B. Give short answers to the following questions: (2.5x2)

- I. Which lines show that the old man did not give up easily?
- II. Did the old man believe in luck?

2. Choose the correct word from the pair given in brackets. (10)

- I. Please keep...and do not disturb me. (quite, quiet)
- II. The vulture is a bird of ... (pray, prey)
- III. ...makes a person perfect.(practice, practise)
- IV. The ball shattered the window...(pain, pane)
- V. The world has had enough of war. What we need today is ... (piece, peace)
- VI. Please...out a cup of tea for me. (pore, pour)

- VII. This dog is too dangerous to let... (loose, lose)
- VIII. It seems that humankind has not learnt any... from history. (lessen, lesson)
- IX. Please speak a little louder. I cannot...you. (here, hear)
- X. What is the train ...from Mumbai to Delhi? (fair ,fare)

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions given in brackets. (10)

- I. Preeti has been invited ...tea. (to, with)
- II. The dog swam...the river.(into, across)
- III. I like reading ...bed.(on, in)
- IV. We are going ...Italy next month.(for, to)
- V. Is there a restaurant...the station? (to, at)
- VI. I am not going out this afternoon. I am staying...home. (in, at)
- VII. I cut the paper ...a pair of scissors.(by, with)
- VIII. I watched the cricket match... television.(in, on)
- IX. The cake shop is ...the first floor.(over, on)
- X. Water boils...100 degrees Celsius. (in, at)

4. Write a paragraph of about 100 words based on the information given below. (10)

Astronomy: one of the oldest sciences, Study of the night sky, outer space, celestial bodies like stars, comets, planets, galaxies. The word "astronomy"-two Greek words- 'astron'-stars and 'nomos'- law.

Ancient belief: universe circled around the earth. 1608, Dutch lensmaker Hans Lippershey invented telescope. 1609, Galileo first used telescope for astronomy. 4 major satellites of Jupiter and sunspots discovered. First Telescopes: Refracting Telescopes-images blurry. Reflection Telescopes, invented by Isaac Newton, 1680s- much clearer image. Telescopes-fascinating-no substitute for travelling to outer space..

5. Match the sentences in Column A with appropriate responses in Column B (10)

Column A	Column B
Hi. I'm Neetu. Are you also in the first semester?	No, we haven't. I'm Seema. Glad to meet you.
Hi, David! Long time no see.	My pleasure. Hope you liked it.
Excuse me. I don't think we have met before. I'm Meera.	Hello, Uma! I have been staying at my grandma's place for the last few weeks.
Many thanks for the lovely birthday present.	Oh, that's very kind of you. Thank you very much.
Can I help you carry your books, Mrs Sen?	Hello, I'm Manoj. Yes I am. I am doing Botany Honours.

Part B

Attempt any three questions. (15 marks each)

6. Read the following information and answer the questions given below.

Text A :Mussoorie, also known as the Queen of the Hills is among the most popular hill stations of the country. Located in the state of Uttarakhand, Mussoorie is a captivating paradise for leisure travelers and a perfect summer resort. It sits on a 15-km-long horseshoe ridge with the Grand Himalaya as the backdrop. It spreads across at a height of 2,000 m above sea level. From this vantage point, it offers scenic views of the Himalayan peaks in Western Garhwal.

Text B :General Information;

Altitude:2000m above sea-level

Temperature: maximum minimum

Summer 26.1 c 16.c

Winter 12.c .5.c

Rainfall

64mm (Winter) 195mm (Summer)

Tourists' season: April-June

Clothing

Summer: Light Woollens

Winter: Heavy Woollens

Population: 30,118 (2021 Census)

How to get there

By air

The nearest airport is Jolly Grant at Dehradun. (82 Km). Taxis are available from the airport.

By rail

The nearest railhead is Dehradun. (68km)

By road

Dehradun is well connected by roads

Local Transport

Taxis: available

Cycle rickshaws: nil

City buses: nil

What to see:

Landour: A British -era cantonment named after Llanddowror, a remote village in southwest Wales.

Mussoorie Lake : An artificial lake developed recently about 6 km away from Mussoorie, on the Dehradun Road

Gun Hill: The highest point on the Mall Road

Mall Road: The main shopping area in Mussoorie

A. Say whether the following statements are true or false. Write 'T' or 'F' against them. (5)

- I. May is a good month to visit Mussoorie.
- II. You can reach Mussoorie directly by air.

- III. You need to wear woollens throughout the year in Mussoorie.
 IV. The Mall Road is not the main shopping area in Mussoorie.
 V. Landour is named after a Welsh village.

B.

- I. Mention any two pieces of information in Text A which are not there in Text B (2)
 II. Mention any two pieces of information in Text B that you do not have in Text A. (2)
 III. Which text will be useful for you if you decide to visit Mussoorie? Give reasons. (2)
 IV. Write a few lines on places one can visit in Mussoorie. (2)
 V. Write a few lines about the weather in Mussoorie. (2))

7. Use suitable prefixes (un-, dis-, il-, im-,ir-) and replace the words in bold with their antonyms. (3x5)

- I. Most of the farmers in this village are **literate**.
 II. The people of this generation are mostly **patient**.
 III. The teacher showed her **satisfaction** with Ravi's work.
 IV. It is **legal** to drive when you are sixteen.
 V. Our students behave in a **responsible** manner.

8. Make sentences. Choose from Column A and Column B, Use a/an where necessary. (15)

Column A	Column B
I want to ask you	Foreign language
My brother is	Artist
Rita wants to learn	Old house
Deepak never wears	Question.
Umar lives in	Hat
I can't ride	Student?
Ayesha works in	Famous actor
This evening I am going to	Hour
Are you	bookshop
Amitabh Bachan is	umbrella
I shall get there in	Beautiful day
I haven't got	Party
Can I have	Car
It is	Apple?
I am going to buy	Bicycle

9. Copy the personal information form given below, fill it. Also, write a paragraph of 100 words about yourself, based on this information. (15)

Personal Information Form

Name:
 Address
 Date of Birth:
 School Last Attended:
 Course:
 Favourite subject:
 Hobbies and interests:
 Aim in life:

10. See if the following statements are formal or informal and give a suitable response to each. (3x5)

- I. Would you care for some coffee?
 II. Know anything about the Auto strike?
 III. Could you please give me some information about the metro service in Delhi?
 IV. Need some help?
 V. I'd like you to sit down, please.