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B.A./B.Sc. (General) 2nd Semester

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FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Paper-Writing : Communication Skills and Study Skills

Time Allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

Note :- All questions are compulsory.

1. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

If then a practical end must be assigned to a University course, I say it is that of training good members of society. Its art is the art of social life, and its end is fitness for the world. It neither confines its views to particular professions on the one hand, nor creates heroes or inspires genius on the other. Works indeed of genius fall under no art, heroic minds come under no rule; a University is not a birthplace of poets or of immortal authors, of founders of schools, leaders of colonies, or conquerors of nation. It does not promise a generation of Aristotles or Newtons, of Napoleons or Washingtons, of Raphaels or Shakespeares, though such miracles of nature it has before now contained within its precincts. Nor is it content on the other hand with forming the critic

or the experimentalist, the economist or the engineers though such, too, it includes within its scope. But a University training is the great ordinary means to a great but ordinary end, it aims at raising the intellectual tone of society, at cultivating the public mind, at purifying the national taste, at supplying true principles to popular enthusiasm and fixed aims to popular aspiration. It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgements, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them. It teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophisticated, and to discard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with credit and to master any subject with facility. It shows him to accommodate himself to others, how to throw himself into their state of mind, how to bring before them his own, how to influence them. He is at home in any society, he has common ground with every class; he knows when to speak and when to be silent; he is able to converse, he is able to listen; he is a pleasant companion and a comrade you can depend upon; he knows when to be serious and when to trifle, and he has a sure tact which enables him to trifle with gracefulness and to be serious with effect. The art which tends to make a man all this is the object which it pursues as useful, as the art of wealth or the art of health, though it is less susceptible of method, less tangible, less certain, less complete in its result.

OR

Read the following passage and prepare notes with headings and subheadings :

Junk food is a term describing food that is perceived to be unhealthy or having poor nutritional value, according to Food Standards Agency. The term is believed to have been coined by Michael Jacobson, Director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, in 1972. The term has since become common usage.

Junk food typically contains high levels of fat, salt or sugar and numerous food additives such as monosodium glutamate and tartrazine; at the same time, it is lacking in proteins, vitamins and fiber, among others. It is popular with suppliers because it is relatively cheap to manufacture, has a long shelf life and may not require refrigeration. It is popular with consumers because it is easy to purchase, requires little or no preparation, is convenient to consume and has lots of flavour. Consumption of junk food is associated with obesity, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dental cavities. There is also concern about the targeting of marketing at children.

Should a child start consuming junk foods exclusively, as opposed to having a balanced diet, their intake of high-protein-vitamins-roughage diet would substantially decrease and intake of milk and healthy fruit juices would likely be replaced by soft drinks. This would potentially lead to a deficiency of calcium, milk being a rich source of calcium, resulting in weakening of bones.

Some types of chips that are said to be "junk food" may actually be partially beneficial because they may contain polyunsaturated and monosaturated fats. However, since they are fats, the intake of these should be kept to a minimum. It should also be understood that the detrimental effects of the empty calories may outweigh the benefits of the unsaturated fats. These foods tend to be high in sodium, which may contribute in causing hypertension (high blood pressure) in some people. 15

2. Write a report on the causes and result of demonetisation in India.

OR

Write a report for your college magazine about the awareness of people towards pollution hazards. 15

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the excessive use of mobile phones during driving leading to road accidents.

OR

Write a letter to your father telling him about your decision to work in some rural area after completing your studies. 10

4. Arrange the following words in group :

(a) According to similarity in meaning

(b) In alphabetical order

(c) Use them in sentences :

(i) Satisfaction

(ii) Wobble

(iii) Rage

(iv) Ignore

(v) Gratifying

(vi) Earnest

(vii) Timid

(viii) Serious

(ix) Anger

(x) Content.

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5. (a) Write a fax to your employer requesting him to grant you leave of one week to attend your sister's wedding. 5

(b) Transcribe the following dialogue into a simple para :

Student : I'd like to get a book issued, please.

Librarian : Do you have a book in mind ?

Student : No, I don't have a specific title in mind, but I want a book on medical history.

Librarian : Why don't you browse through the catalogue ?

Student : I have never done that before. How do I go about it ?

Librarian : It is a subject catalogue. Look under the alphabet. Write down the call number and title of the book you require and the attendant will help you.

Student : I'll do that. Thank you.

Librarian : It'll be better if you take down the names of four or five books because some books may already be issued.

Student : Here is the book I want. Could you please issue it ?

Librarian : Yes, sure. Remember you can keep it for fourteen days only.

Student : All right. Thank you sir. 10

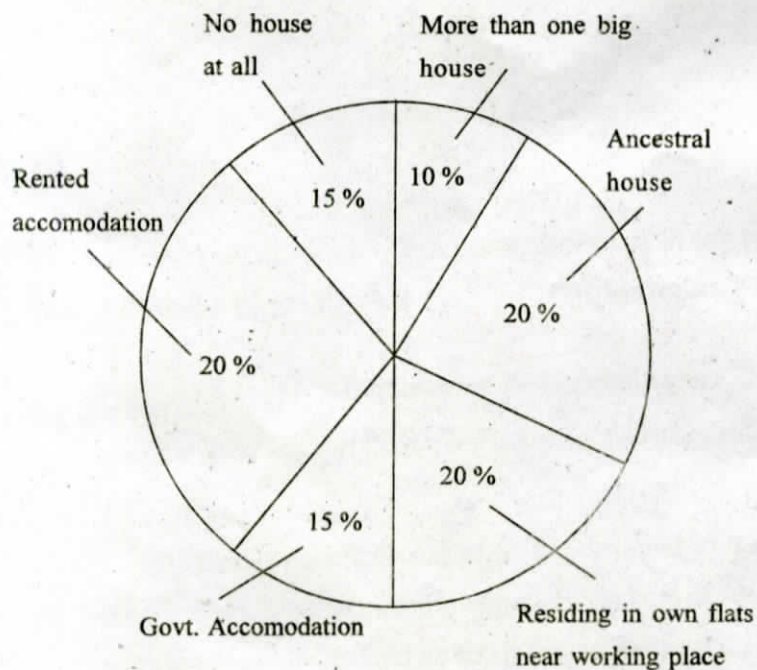
6. Write the following information in the form of a dictionary notation :

- (i) It is an entry for the word 'tragedy'
- (ii) It is a noun
- (iii) Its plural is tragedies
- (iv) It mean serious plays, resulting in deaths, a film or a programme. 5

7. Classify the following books subject wise and alphabetically :

- (i) Abrams, MJ, A Glossary of Literary Terms, 04P, New Delhi, 1983.
- (ii) Ballard P.B. 'Teaching and Testing English', University of London Press Pvt. Ltd. London 1964.
- (iii) Ashok, P. 'Social History of England', Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2011.
- (iv) Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus, Harper and Collins, Glasgow, 1996.
- (v) Anderson, Durston Poole, 'Thesis and Assignment writing', Wiley Eastern Ltd. New Delhi, 1970. 5

8. Study the pie chart below and write a paragraph on the pattern of accommodation in India.



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