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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**1046**

**FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH**

**Paper-Writing-Communication Skills and Study Skills**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 90**

**Note :** Attempt all the questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :  
Culture, if it has any value, must have certain depth. It must also have a certain dynamic character. After all, culture depends on a vast number of factors. If we leave out what might be called the basic mould that was given to it in the early stages of a nation's or people's growth, it is affected by geography and the deserts of Aralia because it grew up there. Obviously, the culture of India in the old days was affected greatly, as we see in our own literatures by the Himalayas, the forests and the great rivers of India among other things. It was a nature growth from the soil. Of the various domains of culture, like architecture, music and literature, any two mix together, as they after did, and produce a happy combination. But there is an attempt to improve something or the other which does not naturally grow and would itself without uprooting itself, conflict invariably arises. Then also comes something which is opposed to all ideas of culture. And that is the isolation of the mind and the deliberate shutting up of the mind to other influences. We can almost measure the growth and advance of India and the decline of India by relating them to

periods when India had her mind open to the outside world and when she wanted to close it up. The more she closed it, the more static she became.

**OR**

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

Throughout out the world, World Press Freedom Day, observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that may journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news. Freedom of the Press is the mortar that binds together the bricks of freedom and it is also the open window embedded in those bricks, through which we can see the world.

The day marks the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek, a statement of principles drawn up by African journalists calling for a free, independent and pluralistic media in their continent and throughout the world. The declaration, adopted in 1991 at a seminar organised by the United Nations and UNESCO in Windhoek, Namibia, affirms that a free press is essential to the existence of democracy and a fundamental human goal.

A free press is one of the most essential components of a democratic society. And there is no longer any serious debate about the proposition that democracy is essential for social and economic development.

There can be little argument that information and freedom go together. The information revolution is inconceivable without political democracy, and vice versa. Already, the spread of information has had a direct impact on the degree of accountability and transparency of governments around the world.

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2. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper showing concern about multiple increase in traffic on the roads.

**OR**

Write a letter to your father showing concern about deterioration in your mother's health.

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3. Write a report for your collage magazine about the constructive role of students in national integration.

OR

You have visited some important historical places while on a collage tour, prepare a report on tourist places of historical interest. 15

4. Arrange the following words in groups :

- (i) According to similarity in meaning
- (ii) In alphabetical order
- (iii) Use them in sentences :

- (a) XeroX
- (b) Impediment
- (c) Dedicate
- (d) Hindrance
- (e) Photo copy
- (f) Awful
- (g) Devote
- (h) Terrific
- (i) Copied
- (j) Sincere.

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5. (a) Send a fax message to your loss to grout you extraordinary leave of seven days to attend your sister's marriage. 5

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

Reena : What does physical exercise and yoga in fresh air have to do with anything ?

Meenu : Oh, you must know, to health properly and take physical exercise is to live properly.

Reena : Exercise and yoga and that important !

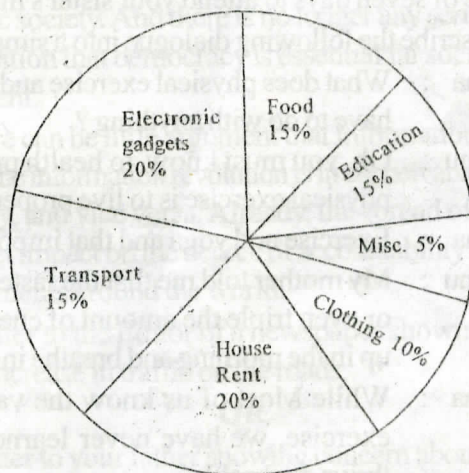
Meenu : My mother told me that the fastest way to double or even triple the amount of energy, I should get up in the morning and breathe in the fresh air.

Reena : While Most of us know the value of morning exercise, we have never learned to breathe to thrive our health.

Meenu : So, where and when do we start!

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6. Rewrite the following information in the form of a dictionary notation :
- (1) It is an entry for the word 'peace'
  - (2) It is a noun
  - (3) It means calm, quietness, freedom from war
  - (4) Its adjective is 'peaceable', means inclined towards peace. 5
7. Classify the following books subject wise and in alphabetical order :
- (1) Robert J. Dixon, 'Every day Dialogues in English; Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi, 1998.
  - (2) Asha Kail, 'Effective Business Communication; New Delhi, 2000.
  - (3) Ballard P.B. 'Teaching and Testing English; University of London Press Pvt. Ltd. London, 1964.
  - (4) Kumar Keval J. 'Mass Communication in India', Jaico Book, 1981.
  - (5) Singh Ravinder, 'I Too Had a Love Story', Penguin Book India, New Delhi, 2012. 5
8. The following Pie Chart represents the expenditure incurred by a young couple in a metro city. Write down the pattern of expenditure in the form of a paragraph :



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