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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 :

The coffee plant, an evergreen shrub or small tree of African origin, begins to produce fruit three or four years after being planted. The fruit is hand-gathered when it is fully ripe and a reddish purple in colour. The ripened fruits of the coffee shrubs are processed where they are produced to separate the coffee seeds from their covering and from the pulp. Two different techniques are in use : a wet process and a dry process.

In the wet process, the fresh fruit is first pulped by a pulping machine. Some pulp still clings to the coffee, however, and this residue is removed by fermentation in tanks. The few remaining traces of pulp are then removed by washing. The coffee seeds are then dried to a moisture content of about 12 per cent either by exposure to the sun or by

hot-air driers. If dried in the sun, they must be turned by hand several times a day for even drying.

In the dry process the fruits are immediately placed to dry either in the sun or in hot-air driers. Considerably more time and equipment are needed for drying than in the wet process. When the fruits have been dried to a water content of about 12 per cent, the seeds are mechanically freed from their coverings.

The characteristic aroma and taste of coffee only appear later and are developed by the high temperatures to which they are subjected during the course of the process known as roasting. Temperatures are raised progressively to about 220-230°C. This releases steam, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and other volatiles from the beans, resulting in a loss of weight of between 14 and 23 per cent. Internal pressure of gas expands the volume of the coffee seeds from 30 to 100 per cent. The seeds become rich brown in colour; their texture becomes porous and crumbly under pressure. But the most important phenomenon of roasting is the appearance of the characteristic aroma of coffee, which arises from very complex chemical transformations within the beans. The coffee, on leaving the industrial roasters, is rapidly cooled in a vat where it is stirred and subjected to cold air propelled by a blower. Good quality coffee seeds are then sorted by electronic sorters to eliminate the seeds that roasted badly. The presence of seeds which are either too light or too dark depreciates the quality.

OR

Read the following passage and prepare notes with headings and sub-headings :

Why don't I have a telephone ? Not because I pretend to be wise or pose as unusual. There are two chief reasons : because I don't really like the telephone and because I find I can still work and play, eat, breathe and sleep without it. Why don't I like the telephone ? Because I think it is a pest and a time waster. It may create unnecessary suspense and anxiety, as when you wait for an expected call that does not come; or irritating delay, as when you keep ringing a number that is always engaged. As for speaking in a public telephone box, that seems to me really horrible. You would not use it unless you were in a hurry and because you are in a hurry you will find other people waiting before you. When you do get into the box, you are half asphyxiated by stale, unventilated air, flavoured with cheap face powder and chain-smoking; and by the time you have begun your conversation your back is chilled by the cold looks of somebody who is fidgeting to take your place.

If you have a telephone in your house, you will admit that it tends to ring when you least want it — when you are asleep, or in the middle of a meal or a conversation, or when you are just going out, or when you are in your bath. Are you strong-minded enough to ignore it, to say to yourself, "Ah well, it will be the same in a hundred years' time ?" You are not. You think there may be some important news

or message for you. Have you never rushed dripping from the bath, or chewing from the table, or dazed from bed, only to be told that you are a wrong number ? You were told the truth. In my opinion all telephone numbers are wrong numbers. If, of course, your telephone rings and you decide not to answer it, then you will have to listen to an idiotic bell ringing and ringing in what is supposed to be the privacy of your own home. You might as well buy a bicycle bell and ring it yourself. 15

2. Write a report to be printed in a newspaper on the role of Youth and National Reconstruction.

OR

Write a report on the topic 'Social Media has both positive and negative impact on the Society'. 10

3. Write a paragraph on *one* of the following topics :

(1) Destructions caused by War

(2) Need for Blood Donation Camps

(3) A Visit to a Religious Place. 10

4. Write a letter to your mother telling her about your performance in sports activities.

OR

Write a letter to your friend abroad about the progress India is making in the field of science and technology. 10

5. Transcribe the following dialogue in the form of a para :

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

Librarian : Do you have a book in mind ?

Student : I don't have a specific title in mind but I'd like a book on medieval history.

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

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

Librarian : It is a subject catalogue. Look under the alphabet H for books on History and you will find some suitable titles. Write down the call number and title of the book you require and hand it to the attendant over there.

Student : I'll do that. Thank you.

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

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6. (A) Rewrite the following information in the form of a dictionary entry/notation :

(i) It is an entry about the word 'detain'.

(ii) It means stopping someone from leaving the place.

(iii) It is a transitive verb.

(iv) As a verb it means to prevent someone from leaving a place.

(B) Match the Column A with their similar meaning in Column B :

A	B
Joyous	Lazy
Lethargic	Accept
Brutal	Order
Confess	Cruel
Command	Happy

(C) Match the Columns A with their *antonyms* in Column B :

A	B
Tragic	Parochial
Universal	Comic
Valour	Flexible
Rigid	Condemn
Praise	Cowardice

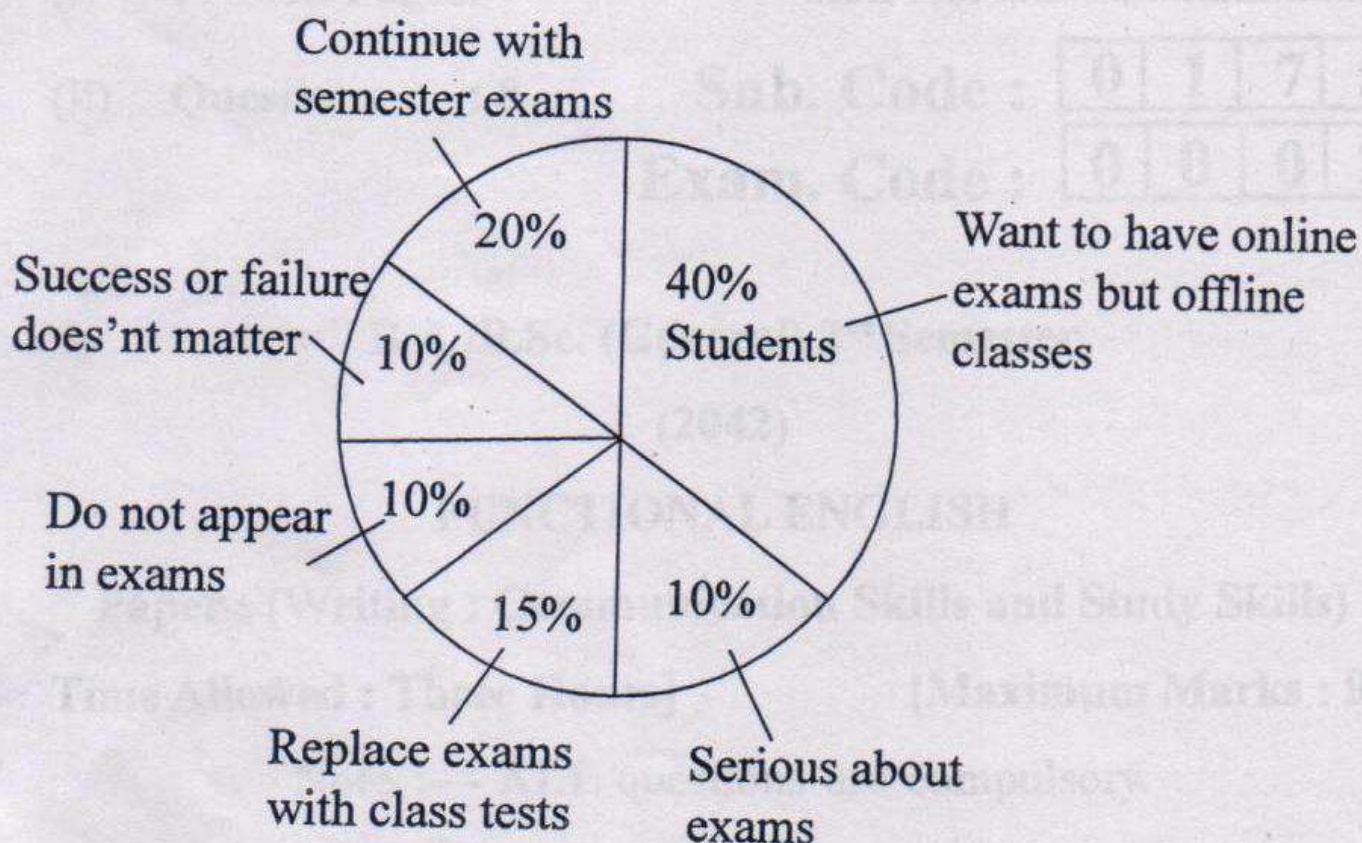
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7. Classify the following books subject-wise and alphabetically :

- (1) Powel Anthony, "The Acceptance World" Random House Ltd. New Zealand, 1991.
- (2) Colby L. Charles, 'Techno Ready Marketing', Free Press Toronto, 2001.
- (3) Morgan Anne Carol, "Market Research and Practice", Creative Print and Design Ltd. 2004.
- (4) Annis Kingsley, "That Uncertain Feeling", Penguin Books Ltd., London, 1985.
- (5) Chansarkar Bal, "Introducing Market Research", John Wiley and Sons Ltd. Ontario, 2003.

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8.



A survey shows the attitude of students towards examinations. Develop the above information in the form of a paragraph.

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