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B.A./B.Sc. (General) Second Semester
Functional English

Paper: Writing: Communication Skills and Study Skills

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

NOTE: Attempt all questions.

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- I. Make a précis of the following passage and give it a suitable title:-

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Read the following passage and prepare notes from it. With headings and sub-headings:-

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II. Write a paragraph on any one of the following:-

- a) Environmental pollution
- b) Covid-19 and Indian Health system
- c) A visit to a religious place (10)

III. Write a letter to your friend abroad telling about recent shift to online education in India.

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper giving ideas on 'Youth and Social Services'. (10)

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IV. Transcribe the following information in the form of a dialogue:-

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V. Write a report to be published in your college magazine about Blood Donation Camp organized in your college.

OR

Write a report to be published in a newspaper on the topic 'Road Safety'. (10)

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

- a) It is an entry for the word 'peace'
- b) It is a noun.
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B) Match the column with similar meaning:-

Invisible	Compulsory
Mandatory	disappear
Vanish	ignite
Agile	not visible
Inspire	active

(4)

C) Match the columns under 'A' with their antonyms in Column - B.

A	B
Gain	discard
Harmony	exclude
Include	loss
Prosperity	dullness
Lustre	adversity

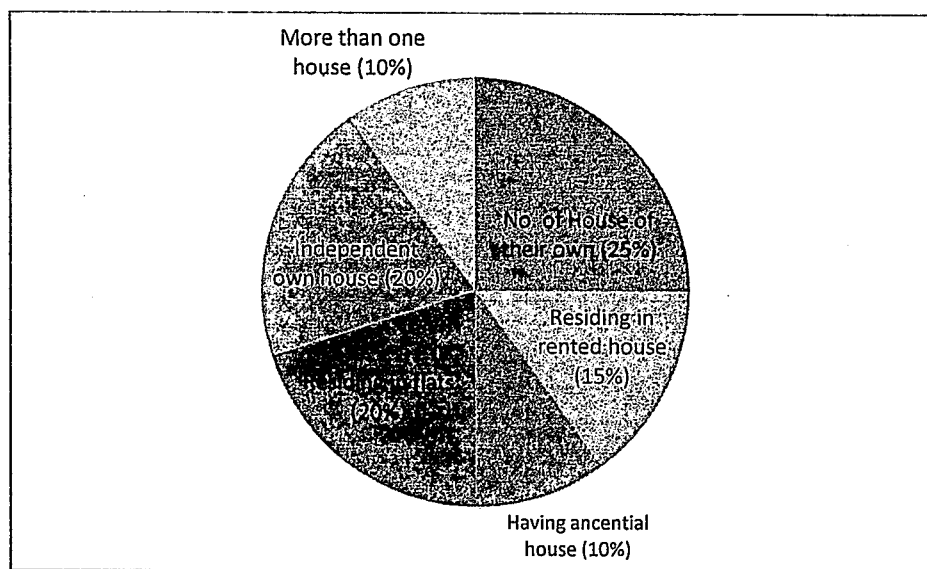
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VII. Classify the following books subject wise and alphabetically:-

- Abrams, M.J., 'A Glossary of literary Terms' OUP, New Delhi, 1983
- Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus, Harper Collins, Glasgow, 1996.
- Rowling J.K., 'Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets. New York: Scholastic 1999
- Aims Kingsley, 'That uncertain feeling'. Penguin Books Ltd. London, 1985
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VIII. Study the following pie-chart and write the information in the form of a paragraph:-



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<p>SERIAL NO. (Marks if paper is in Persian Script)</p>	<p>SPACE FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES</p> <p>Note: All questions are compulsory.</p>	<p>MARKS (Serial No. if paper is in Persian Script)</p>
<p>Q1).</p>	<p>Make a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable title!—</p>	<p>✓</p>

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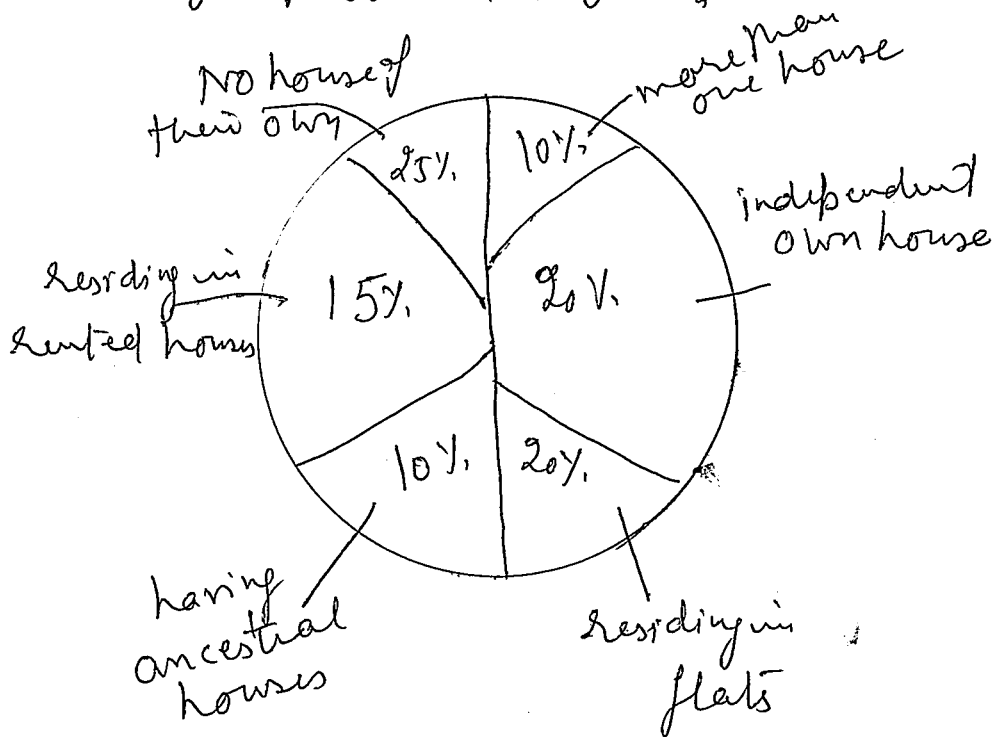
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Housing Pattern in India



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