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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2018

16/17/18UEL1GE02 – COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Date: 29-10-2018

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

I Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5X2=10)

The weather forecast tells us what the temperature and air conditions are likely to be outside in the near future. There is a wide variety of weather, from sunny to stormy and warm to cool. It can be rainy or cloudy or windy. Listening to or watching the weather forecast can help us be prepared so we know what to wear. If weather conditions will be severe, like snow, a storm or a hurricane, getting information ahead of time can help us prepare so we can stay safe.

A meteorologist is a person whose job it is to forecast the weather. There are many tools available now that help the meteorologist do his/her job. A common tool for getting an accurate measurement of the temperature is a thermometer. A high temperature probably means plenty of sunshine for everyone.

When the weather is rainy, a meteorologist can use a rain gauge to get numerical data about how much rain is falling outdoors. If you are lucky, you may be able to see a rainbow if the sun comes out while the last of the rain is still sprinkling from the sky.

Wind brings us weather because it blows clouds from one place to another. Therefore, it is helpful to know from which direction the wind is blowing. A wind vane can provide this information so meteorologists know what is coming. Weather forecasts are not always right, but they get more accurate all the time.

Questions:

1. Why do we read weather forecasts?
2. Who is a meteorologist?
3. What is the instrument used for measuring temperature?
4. Why is it helpful to know the direction of the wind?
5. Give a suitable title to the passage

II Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each: (10x3=30)

1. What did the traveller say to the man at the beginning of the poem 'Keep Upright'?
2. How many men cut the banyan tree and in how many days?
3. What happened to Matilda and the house at the end of the poem?
4. What was the nickname given to Private Quelch? Why?
5. Why was Bapu Patil angry with the narrator in the story 'The Poisoned Bread'?
6. Write the following words in American English a. biscuit b. lorry c. postal code
7. What did the boy do with the plant in 'The Red Moon'?
8. How are the children described in the poem 'Refugee Mother and Child'?
9. What did the father do in the poem 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree'?
10. Why were there no women to sing dirges in Kilvenmeni?
11. Suggest three measures to keep Loyola Green and Clean?
12. Who was the last person to receive the blue ribbon? What did he do?

III Answer any TWO of the following in about 300 words each: (2x15=30)

13. a) Describe the character of Private Quelch.
(or)
- 13.b) What is the difference between the narrator's and the grandfather's approach to caste discrimination in 'The Poisoned Bread'?
14. a) Narrate an incident from your life where you missed an opportunity. Express your

feelings on the missed opportunity. .

(or)

14. b) Give TEN reasons why English should be learnt in India.

IV. Write a paragraph on 'The importance of good reading habits'.

(1x5=5)

V a. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the following sentences. (5x1=5)

1. The old lady was talking in a quiet voice.
2. Shakespeare is the greatest playwright in English.
3. She was fatally injured in the accident.
4. On Saturdays I work from nine to five.
5. I want to go to a university in the United States.

V b. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms.

(5x1=5)

1. I ----- (travel) to Chennai now.
2. He ----- (receive) the email just now.
3. David ----- (meet) me tomorrow.
4. My father ----- (go) to church every day.
5. India Cricket Team ----- (win) the Asia Cup in 2016.

V c. Match the following

(5x1=5)

- a. Wander
- b. Toasted
- c. Empathy
- d. Contaminate
- e. Dirges

1. A sad song for the dead
2. To share the feelings of another
3. Made brown, crunchy by heating
4. To walk aimlessly
5. To make something dirty

VI. Observe the picture and write a story in Ten Sentences.

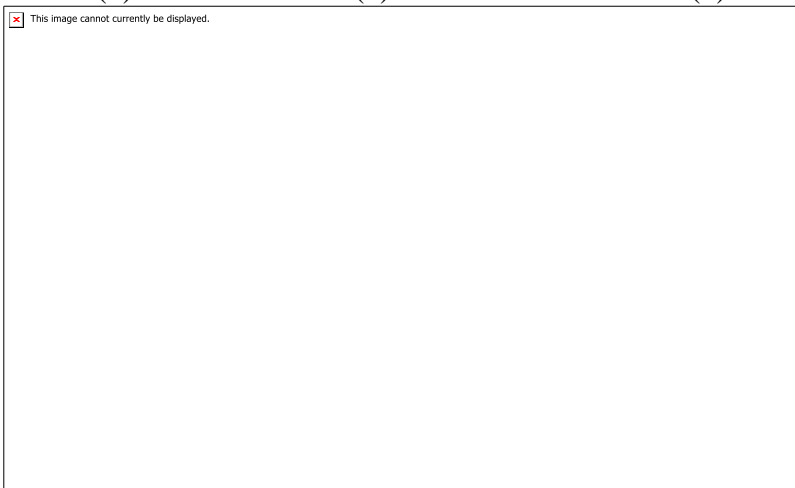
(10 Marks)

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(For Visually Challenged Students only)

Write any TEN sentences on your Favourite Movie / Book.