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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt ALL questions.

1. Based on your study of the different units in your course, choose ANY TEN of the following questions and say whether they are True or False. Correct the false statements. (20)

(i) The two factors that influence the English we speak are mother tongue interference and quality of exposure.

(ii) There are more native speakers of English than non-native speakers in the world today.

(iii) Manners or etiquette are unwritten rules that guide our behaviour in society.

(iv) Most Indian languages are syllable-timed languages.

(v) Different cultures observe the same markers of politeness.

(vi) Empathy is the ability to listen and understand how someone else feels.

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- (vii) Good conversation means we should go on speaking and not give over the turn to someone else.
- (viii) Extensive exposure to standard English does not reduce or remove the influence of the mother tongue.
- (ix) Socializing is a waste of time.
- (x) We try not to disagree with or criticize others directly because it will hurt their feelings.
- (xi) Intensive listening is required when we listen to the radio or watch TV.
- (xii) In India, Bhojpuri and Mythili are dialects of English.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

When you think of Christmas, you think of Santa Claus, when you think of Santa Claus, you think of a jolly fat old man with a long white beard and whiskers, dressed in red, and laughing merrily as he brings gifts for children in his sledge pulled by reindeers.

But Santa Claus was not always old and fat and jolly. The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in Greece. His parents were very wealthy, and died when he was young. Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop while still a young man.

There are many stories of St. Nicholas's kindness. One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value called a dowry. This man was too poor to give his daughters dowry. They were therefore destined to be sold into slavery.

Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home, providing the much needed dowry. The bags of gold were tossed through an open window. They are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry.... and to have tossed in by St. Nicholas. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas, who is known as Santa Claus today. The gifts Santa Claus brings are gifts of hope and joy to the children of the world!

(a) (i) Describe the appearance of Santa Claus. (10)

(ii) What is the real name of Santa Claus ? Where was he born ?

(iii) How did Nicholas use all the money he received from his parents ?

(iv) Who gave bags of gold to the poor man ?

(v) Why do children hang their stockings every year during Christmas ?

(b) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

(i) Santa Claus was always very fat.

(ii) Nicholas was a poor man who had no money for the marriage of his daughter.

(iii) The poor man received three bags of gold on three different occasions. (3)

(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate words from the passage :

(i) Nicholas was born in the ..... century in Greece.

(ii) Nicholas was made ..... though he was very young. (2)

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with *a*, *an*, or *the* : (5)

(i) I bought \_\_\_\_\_ apple but \_\_\_\_\_ apple was rotten.

- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Taj Mahal is \_\_\_\_\_ heritage monument.
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ Principal of my college is \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful person.
- (iv) Mohit is \_\_\_\_\_ hard working boy. He is always \_\_\_\_\_ best student of his class.
- (v) It was \_\_\_\_\_ accident; she did not break \_\_\_\_\_ glass on purpose.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the brackets. (5)

- (i) This is \_\_\_\_\_ book (your/yours).
- (ii) This book belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ (mine/me).
- (iii) The bundle of sticks \_\_\_\_\_ very heavy (were/was).
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ you please close the door ? (should/could).
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ you be able to play in the match tomorrow ? (will/ had)

(c) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb from the brackets. (5)

- (i) I always \_\_\_\_\_ the truth (speaking/speak).
- (ii) After \_\_\_\_\_ through his books, they found the key (searched/ searching).
- (iii) People \_\_\_\_\_ out of their houses when the earthquake struck (run/ ran).
- (iv) The students \_\_\_\_\_ the exam now. You must wait outside (are writing/ will write).

(d) Fill in the blanks using may / might / must/can / shall / able to (5)

- (i) I \_\_\_\_\_ not attend the class.

(ii) No one was \_\_\_\_\_ open the jar.

(iii) The form \_\_\_\_\_ be submitted today, it is the last day for submission.

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ you lend me your pen ?

(v) You \_\_\_\_\_ not use foul language.

4. Complete the dialogue given below with suitable words/ phrases/sentences.

Mahak: Hello Neera! How are you ?

Neera: .....

Mahak: Nothing much. Preparing for exams.

Neera: What do you wish to do after your graduation ?

Mahak: .....

Neera: Excellent. Which university do you plan to join for B. Ed.

Mahak: .....

Neera: I suggest you also do an M.A in your subject through distance education.

Mahak: .....

Neera: No , it will not be difficult as you are allowed to clear your papers in 7 years.

Mahak: .....

Neera: If you want any help, please call me. (5)

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following (250-300 words)

(i) A person who has inspired you.

(ii) Importance of money in our lives.

(iii) Role of media in fighting corruption. (8)

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6. (a) Write an application to the area MLA requesting him to install street lights on the roads in your area. (7)

OR

- (b) This is your first visit to the city of Delhi. Write a letter to your mother telling her about the various places you visited.