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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) Native speakers of English are those for whom English is the first language or mother tongue.
- (ii) English originated in India 1500 years ago.
- (iii) An introduction is complete if you give your first name.
- (iv) English is a syllable-timed language.
- (v) In Western societies, intimacy within close friends and family is expressed by using impolite language.
- (vi) Listening intensively requires very little concentration and attention.
- (vii) Good conversation avoids needless detail and repetition.
- (viii) Indians speak at a slower rate than Americans.
- (ix) It is a woman's choice whether she will shake hands with men or not.
- (x) Asians do not see giving an option as a necessary part of polite behaviour.
- (xi) We engage in casual listening when we attend a meeting.
- (xii) Fluent speakers of English use slang in informal conversation.

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2. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

Today is my birthday and I breathe in the clean air, sitting in a deck chair with my three companions - two willow trees and one deodar. The lesson my deodar teaches me is not to pay attention to text books and to learn directly from trees. According to all the forest officers I have spoken to, growing the willow and the wild cherry is a waste of time. The reason is that the forest department cannot make any money from the sale of willow or cherry. These guardians of our forests are taught to value the wood from the tree because it can be sold. They are not taught to love trees and that is one reason we find bare slopes where willow and cherry trees could easily be planted.

It was Ruskin Bond, the author of many nature stories, who had encouraged me to transplant the young deodar now standing between the willows. We had gone to the far side of Mussoorie for a picnic twelve years ago and we had brought this young plant. I was afraid that the plant would die in my garden, transplanted from its home which was on the northern slopes. "Will it live?" I asked Ruskin. "Of course it will", said Ruskin, "if you give it enough love." Today, the sight of this young tree, pushing down its roots and raising its branches to the sun and rain is the best birthday present I could have. When I am dead and gone, the deodar will still protect the birds and animals. Its presence will continue to bless the bare hillside.

- (a) Answer the following questions briefly : (10)

- (i) What lesson does the deodar tree teach the writer ?
- (ii) Why do the forest officers consider it a waste of time to grow the willow and the wild cherry ?
- (iii) Who had asked the writer to bring the deodar plant from Mussoorie ?
What was the writer afraid of ?
- (iv) What does the writer think the deodar will do when he is dead ?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

- (b) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F). (2)

- (i) The officers of the forest department do not love trees.
- (i) Ruskin Bond has written many poems and plays about Nature.

(c) Find words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following : (3)

- (i) Impure
- (ii) Discouraged
- (iii) Absence

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

- (i) Did you hear _____ noise ? _____ thief may have entered _____ house.
- (ii) My father works in _____ office on _____ tenth floor.
- (iii) _____ Rajdhani Express is late by _____ hour.
- (iv) There is _____ bridge on _____ river half _____ kilometre away from here.

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

- (i) We like to do the cooking _____ (ourselves/myself).
- (ii) One of the boys _____ missing (were/was).
- (iii) This book belongs to _____ (her/herself).
- (iv) All students _____ to write their roll number on the answer sheet (has/ have).
- (v) Please give me _____ sugar (some/any).

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

- (i) I _____ to the market today (am going/was going).
- (ii) My friend _____ to swim (liked/likes).
- (iii) We _____ (played/were playing) very well and we won the match.
- (iv) I _____ here since the last ten years (have lived/had lived).
- (v) The fax machine _____ last night (was stolen/ was stealing).

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

- (i) I will be _____ do the assignment on my own.

- (ii) The dress _____ not fit you.
- (iii) Rahul _____ drop in today.
- (iv) _____ I borrow your book ?
- (v) We _____ all observe silence for two minutes.

4. Match the questions under A with the responses under B : (5)

A

B

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| (a) Can I use this library, please ? | (i) Yes, you may, but don't forget to come early tomorrow morning. |
| (b) Do you know how a vacuum cleaner works ? | (ii) Well, I haven't given it a thought as yet. |
| (c) Sir, will you take an extra class tomorrow ? | (iii) Sorry, I don't know. |
| (d) Can I go home now ? | (iv) Certainly you can, but first you must enrol yourself as a member |
| (e) You intend to take part in this competition, don't you ? | (v) I may if we are not able to cover the course today. |
5. (a) There was a party in the park near your house last week. As a result the park was left dirty and people in your locality cannot use the park. Write a letter to the Sanitation department of MCD in your area complaining about the problem and requesting them to clean up the park. (7)

OR

- (b) You are the President of the College. Write a letter to the Principal requesting for permission to arrange a special workshop on self-defence for the students of the college.
6. Write a short essay in about 250-300 words on any **one** of the following :
- (i) The need to take care of the elderly
 - (ii) My first day in college
 - (iii) A day without my mobile phone (8)