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Answer *All* questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

What makes good writing good ? Is it ideas (having something to say) ? Is it command over language (the way you say it) ? Is it organization (the way in which your narrative/argument unfolds) ? Or is it a combination of all of the above ? And why is so much emphasis placed on writing ? After all, most of us don't want to be novelists or journalists or professors. So why is writing important ?

In spite of greater mechanization, our society today requires more writing instead of less. If you want to remember something or want someone else to do so, you will have to write it down. If you want to be successful in your studies, you must be able to write good answers

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to questions in the examinations. If you want to be successful in your career, you will have to be able to write reports and briefs. The higher you move up the ladder of success, the more you will be required to write. Recommendations, instructions, requirements — the list is endless. In fact, even in everyday life, a person who can write well is always looked upon with respect.

However, clear, lucid writing, which is a pleasure to read does not come easily. It requires care, practice and hard work. One of the main reasons we find writing difficult is that we expect our very first draft to produce a finished piece. This is rarely so. As a matter of fact, good writing always requires many drafts that are worked upon and thrown away before the final piece emerges. So the first rule of good writing is to learn to revise and edit one's work many times before we 'submit' it.

Questions :

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| (i) According to the writer, what is good writing ? | 2 |
| (ii) Why is writing important ? | 3 |
| (iii) What should you do to write well ? | 3 |
| (iv) Find words in the passage which are <i>opposite in meaning</i> to the ones given below. | |

Do any *two* :

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Bad; answers; confused; lower.

2. Answer any *five* of the following questions briefly :

5×2=10

- (i) What are the expectations that we have from a formal piece of writing ?
- (ii) What is intonation ?
- (iii) Explain what is meant by the direct approach to vocabulary learning.
- (iv) What is the best way to begin writing ?
- (v) Is it necessary to revise your writing ? Give reasons.
- (vi) Why do teachers prefer the indirect approach to vocabulary learning for intermediate or advanced level students ?
- (vii) What does 'turn-taking' mean in spoken situations ?

3. Based on your reading of the textbook, *English at the Workplace II*, complete the sentences using the words given in the box :

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Linkers	Writing	Vocabulary	Unstressed	Inexperienced
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- (i) In English, we give importance to (or stress) only some of the words and leave the others
- (ii) expansion is seen as the most important aspect of language learning by most students.

- (iii) writers are unable to explain and elaborate their ideas properly.
- (iv) are words used to signal the relationship between sentences and parts of the text.
- (v) Our expectations from a formal piece of are higher than those from speaking.

4. (A) Complete the following sentences using one of the following verbs (given in the box) in the correct form : 10

look;	invent;	do;	play;	work;	feel;
leave;	stop;	die;	watch		

- (i) Rita often programs on TV.
- (ii) Is it still raining ? No, it ;
- (iii) Please don't disturb me now. I'm
- (iv) at the beautiful rainbow !
- (v) He tired because he had been practicing all day.
- (vi) I'm tomorrow for Mumbai.
- (vii) Who the bicycle ?
- (viii) She is a writer who young.
- (ix) What this word mean ?
- (x) I chess when he came to borrow my car.

(B) Complete the sentences by choosing the most appropriate word from the ones given in brackets : 5

(i) She seems to have lost (wait/weight)

(ii) My friend had gone for a to Nainital. But I couldn't go.

(trip/journey)

(iii) I have an with the dentist on Thursday.

(arrangement/appointment)

(iv) Sorry, I don't have any, I'll have to pay by credit card.

(currency/cash)

(v) Congratulations ! Your proposal has been

(rejected/accepted)

5. (A) Complete each sentence using *who/whom/whose/where* : 5

(i) What is the name of the person car you borrowed ?

(ii) A pacifist is a person believes that all wars are wrong.

(iii) I don't know the name of the woman to I spoke on the phone.

(iv) This is the place we spent the most beautiful holidays.

(v) This school is for children first language is not English.

- (B) Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most....) or a comparative (-er or more....) adjective. An example is given to help you : 5

We stayed at the cheapest hotel in the city. (cheap)

- (i) The weather is too hot in this town. I'd like to live in a place which is than here. (cool)
- (ii) This is the car in the market. (reliable)
- (iii) Our trip to Singapore was one of the holidays we've ever had. (enjoyable)
- (iv) What is the way of going to the station ? (good)
- (v) It was an awful day. It was the day of my life. (bad)

- (C) Complete the following sentences using *like* or *as* : 5

- (i) You speak English fluently. I wish I could speak you.
- (ii) There's no need to change your clothes. You can go out you are.
- (iii) I think I preferred this room it was before we decorated it.
- (iv) her father, she has a very good voice.
- (v) The news that Amit and Sheetal were getting married came a complete surprise to me.

6. Write a letter to your father telling him about winning the first prize in the inter-college dance competition. You can write about the show, the participants or contestants, your nervousness, how you danced, your excitement after winning the competition etc.

Or

Write a brief review of a film that you have seen recently giving your opinion in a paragraph. 10

7. Write an essay in about **200-250** words on any *one* of the following topics. Use **at least 2-3 paragraphs** to write it : 10

- (i) The changing face of modern India
- (ii) An enjoyable holiday
- (iii) The importance of having good friends.