

End Semester Examinations - 2015-16 Even Semester - May 2016

14EN1001 English Comprehension

Set A

Time : 3 hrs
Total Marks: 100

1. a. Explain the ways of developing your vocabulary skills (8)
b. Describe your experience in a vacation trip 250 words (12)

OR

2. a. Write your own sentences to the following patterns. (5)
- i. SVC, ii. SVID DO, iii. SVI, iv. SV v. SVO
- b. Write a short paragraph using the following words in your sentences. (5)
- normally, inspiring, intent, follow, straight
- c. Describe a personality you would like to resemble and follow. (10)
3. a). What are the techniques involved in Prediction? (8)
- b). Read the following and answer the questions below.

In New Mexico and Arizona lived the Pueblo Indians. The word "Pueblo" comes from the Spanish word "pueblo," meaning town or village. The Spaniards found these Indians living in apartment houses, some of them on the side of a cliff so that they could be reached only by ladders. When attacked by Apaches, the Pueblos would pull up the ladders. They grew corn, which they watered with water flowing down in ditches. They wove cloth, made wonderful baskets, and created jars and pots out of clay.

Answer the questions (4x1=4)

A. The Pueblo Indians were afraid of -

1. cliff dwelling. 2. Apache Indians. 3. apartment houses. 4. water flowing down in ditches.

B. The Spaniards called these Indians "Pueblos" because they -

1. were close to the Apaches. 2. lived together in a town or village. 3. farmed and brought down water in ditches.

4. pulled up their ladders when attacked.

C. Water in ditches flowed down from -

1. apartment houses. 2. the sky. 3. the tops of ladders. 4. a lake, a stream, or a pond.

D. Which of these does the story not mention?

1. beads. 2. pots. 3. baskets. 4. cloth.

Give short answers (4x2=8)

- i. Write a short note on Pueblo Indians.
ii. What is meant by the phrase 'apartment houses'? contextualize it with examples of today.
iii. What do you know about the profession of Pueblo Indians?
iv. How do the Pueblo Indians win over their enemies?

OR

4. a). Explain the reading methods ERRQ and SQ3R. (8)

b). Read the following and answer the questions below:

After the voyages of Columbus, the king of Spain still believed that India could be reached by sailing to the west, so he sent Ferdinand Magellan, along with ships and sailors, to seek the truth. They set out for what we now know as South America. Nobody could tell whether it was possible to get around or through South America. One ship left him, because the crew were too frightened to go farther. Magellan explored all down the coast and at last came to a great channel. We now call this channel the Straits of Magellan. They are at the southern end of South America. Magellan got through the channel, and then a great open ocean appeared before him. He called it the Pacific, which means peaceful, because it was smooth and calm.

Answer the questions (4x1=4)

A. The king of Spain sent Magellan to find -

1. the Straits of Magellan. 2. South America. 3. India. 4. the Pacific.

B. Magellan was -

1. a South American. 2. a sea captain. 3. frightened to go farther. 4. an Indian.

C. The Straits of Magellan are -

1. a channel. 2. a river. 3. islands. 4. the Pacific Ocean.

D. "Pacific" means -

1. open ocean. 2. straits. 3. a channel. 4. peaceful.

Give short answers (4x2=8)

- i. What is the mission given to Ferdinand Magellan?
- ii. What are the challenges faced by Ferdinand Magellan in the voyage?
- iii. Write a short note on the Straits of Magellan.
- iv. Comment over the word 'pacific'.

5. Explain the Fatherly concern of JRD on his staff from the words of Sudha Moorthy (20)

OR

6. Describe the theme of Sacrifice in connection to the Story of Two Doctors. (20)

7. a). Explain the characteristics of effective Paragraph writing. (12)

b). Write a paragraph on Corruption in 150 words. (8)

OR

8. a. Read the following passages and identify the topic sentence in each paragraph. (6)

i. Hand-made paper is also prepared in laboratories to study papermaking and to check in paper mills the quality of the production process. The "handsheets" made according to TAPPI Standard T 205 are circular sheets 15.8 cm (6.25 in) diameter and are tested on paper characteristics as paper brightness, strength, degree of sizing.

ii. Rayon is a man-made fibre. It is, infact, a reconstituted natural fibre – cellulose. Rayon is made by dissolving cellulose in a solution of sodium hydroxide, or caustic soda, as it is usually called. The cellulose is obtained from shredded wood pulp. The dissolved cellulose is formed into threads by forcing it through a spinneret in a setting bath of dilute sulphuric acid. The threads are drawn from the setting bath, wound on a reel, washed, then dried on a heated roller and finally wound on to a bobbin.

iii. Now that you have skimmed through the passage, mark True or False against each of the following statements.

- i. The handsheets referred in this paragraph are rectangular in shape.
- ii. Paper can be hand-made.

iii. Cellulose is the raw material for rayon.

iv. Spinneret is a solution.

b. Write an essay on 'Honour Killing' that affects the Indian society. (14)

9.

a. Prepare an oral presentation on the merits and demerits of using mobile phones among youth. prepare 7 slides of a ppt. (14)

b . Write a short essay on the techniques of Selection Interview (6)

Wishing you All the Best
