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U.G. (Three Year) DEGREE EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2022

End Semester Examination

Second Semester

English Praxis Course – II

A COURSE IN READING AND WRITING SKILLS

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

SECTION — A

Answer any FIVE of the following

(5 × 4 = 20 Marks)

1. Write ONE WORD substitutes for the following.
 - (a) One who copies from other writers _____.
 - (b) One who speaks less _____.
 - (c) One who lives in a foreign country _____.
 - (d) One who loves mankind _____.
2. Choose the appropriate collocation.
 - (a) Do you _____ (do, make) exercise everyday?
 - (b) His lectures _____ (give, have) hope to everyone to live.
 - (c) My father was _____ (happily, blissfully) unaware of his sickness.
 - (d) My brother is _____ (fully, happily) married now.
3. Bring out the difference between skimming and scanning.
4. How is note making useful?
5. What is the role of fate and chance in R.K. Narayan's 'An Astrologer's Day'?
6. What is the effect of the West wind on the sky?
7. Discuss the theme in Ruskin Bond's story 'The Night Train At Deoli'.

Turn Over

8. Read the passage and answer the questions.

Albert Einstein was travelling to universities in a Chauffeur-driven car, delivering lectures on his theory of relativity. One day, on their way, the Chauffeur remarked, "Dr. Einstein, I have heard you deliver that lecture 30 times. I know it by heart and bet I could give it myself. "Well, I will give you the chance," said Einstein, "They don't know me at the next college, so when we get there, I will put on your cap, and you introduce yourself as me and give the lecture". The Chauffeur delivered the lecture flawlessly. As he started to leave, a professor there asked him a complex question filled with equations and formulas. The Chauffeur thought fast. "The solution to that problem is so simple," he said, "I am surprised you have to ask me. In fact show you just how simple it is, I am going to ask my Chauffeur to come up here and answer your question.

- (a) Why was Einstein travelling to Universities?
- (b) How and why did the Chauffeur deliver Einstein lecture?
- (c) What happened after the Chauffeur delivered the lecture?
- (d) How did the Chauffeur answer the questions?

SECTION — B

Answer ALL questions.

(5 × 10 = 50 Marks)

9. (a) Throw light on Russell's message in "How to Avoid Foolish Opinions".

Or

- (b) Explain the term conversion and how are new words formed in English.

10. (a) Bring out the significance of the title "The Doll's House".

Or

- (b) Why does P.B. Shelley call the west wind destroyer and preserver?

11. (a) Highlight the life of 'Upagupta' by Tagore.

Or

- (b) Read the passage and make notes.

Classical Indian music is unique because it not only entertains but also provides food for the soul-meditation and peace. It has its origins in the Vedas and there is no end to its growth. That is one reason the west is fascinated by its sound. The beauty lies in the concept of freedom within a discipline. Unlike western music, where musician play to written compositions, Indian

musicians improvise within the parameters of a raga. Westerners are intrigued and amazed by the extempore improvisations we do on stage. That is why Indian music is in demand in the export market. The credit goes to Pandit Ravi Shankar who is the pioneer in shaping the foreign market. His, instrument, the sitar became synonymous with Indian music. In fact, the Beatles queued up to him to learn the sitar. The tabla too is special to Indian music. The sound it produces is unique. It has been used even in Hollywood movies. Innovations in the guitar have led to the creation of Indian instrument called Mohan Veena. The number of musical instruments in India is uncountable because every region has its own instrument and each one produces a different sound. The quality of a musical note is different for each musician because he puts his soul and style into the note.

12. (a) Give a critical analysis of the poem 'Coromandel Fishers'

Or

- (b) Expand any ONE.
- (i) Birds of a feather flock together
 - (ii) Necessity is the mother of invention
 - (iii) Honesty is the best policy

13. (a) Sketch the character of the astrologer.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the police commissioner complaining about the problem of eve teasing in your locality.
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