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SYBABED Semester End Examination(Regular/Repeat)

NOVEMBER, 2022

Course Title: Functional English

Subject: English

Course Type: (Comp)

Semester: III

Duration: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- Figures to the right indicate maximum marks allotted.

Q.1 a) Convert direct speech into indirect: (4X1 = 4 Marks)

- He said, "I will come here."
- She said to him, "Where do you live?"
- "Oh! What a terrible accident."
- He said to her, "We should go for a walk."

b) Identify and use the following idioms in sentences of your own: (4X1 = 4 Marks)

- Don't let the cat out of the bag.
- You can't judge a book by its cover.
- Maddy caught the train by the skin of her teeth.
- I am so hungry that I could eat a horse.

c) Write the full forms for the following abbreviation: (4X1 = 4 Marks)

- A.D.
- e.t.c
- B.C.C.
- PVT

d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate question tags: (4X1 = 4 Marks)

- We can't enter. _____?
- They will come. _____?
- You were very thin. _____?
- The music was very good. _____?

e) In the following sentences insert appropriate articles: (4X1 = 4 Marks)

- _____ Vedas and the Upanishads are sacred texts of the Hindus.
- _____ inkpot is to store ink.
- They have formed _____ union.
- _____ earth is the only planet where life is possible.

Q.II Assuming that you are the Ladies Representative of Dada Vaidya College Student Council, draft a notice with an agenda for a meeting of Student Council to discuss the issues related to female students. (10 Marks)

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Q.III Draft the minutes of the meeting of the Student Council, keeping in mind the agenda written in Q.II. (10 Marks)

Q.IV As the president of the Workers Union of your organization, draft a representation to the general manager regarding the unsafe work environment in your factory. (10 Marks)

Q.V Write a précis of the following passage: (10 Marks)

English education and English language have done immense goods to India, in spite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The west has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future.

English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact of our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

Q. VI. An illegal construction has come up in your locality. This had led to a disturbance in the topography of the area, and led to mud slides inconveniencing and posing a danger to the locals. Draft a letter to the Panchayat/municipality requesting them to check the construction and bring and stop the activity. (10 Marks)

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