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योग्यता संबर्धन पाठ्यक्रम

Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)

English Language and Culture

Paper-II

Time : 2 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

Note : Each Section is compulsory. Follow the instructions given in each Section. The marks distribution is same as shown in the question paper. The blind students will be given 60 minutes extra time. University has all rights to change the distribution of marks.

Section A (Very Short Answer Type Questions) (50 words each)

5×4=20

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Write the central idea of R.K. Narayan's 'Astrologer's Day'.
2. Wherein does the greatness of ancient India lie according to A.L. Basham depicted in 'The Wonder That Was India' ?
3. Write a note on the themes of Rabindranath Tagore's 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.
4. Write a note on self introduction and on introducing people to one another.
5. Write a note on reading techniques like skimming and scanning. How can we make inferences and draw conclusions ?

Section B (Short Answer Type Questions) (200 words each)

5×10=50

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Evaluate themes of R.K. Narayan's An Astrologer's Day.

Or

Describe the character of Hanuman Ji as presented in Sunderkand of Valmiki's Ramayan.

2. Summarize Rabindranath Tagore's poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

Or

Explain formal and informal letters with examples.

3. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following topics :

- (i) Health is wealth
- (ii) Stitch in time saves nine
- (iii) Rome was not built in a day.

Or

Write a letter to the Traffic Superintendent Police, expressing your concerns for worsening and uncontrolled traffic leading to recurring accidents and asking him to control the traffic system.

4. Write one word for the following expressions :

- (i) One who loves books
- (ii) One who does not believe in the existence of God
- (iii) A life history written by somebody else
- (iv) One who does not make mistakes
- (v) Murder of self
- (vi) A person who lives a wandering life
- (vii) One who works for free
- (viii) Murder of an infant
- (ix) A thing no longer in use
- (x) Hater of mankind.

Or

Form new words from the following words by using proper prefixes :

- (i) Understand (MV)
- (ii) Estimate (MV)
- (iii) Dress (MV)

- (iv) Belief
- (v) Competent
- (vi) Cover
- (vii) Weight
- (viii) Press
- (ix) Earth
- (x) Respect.

5. Write a note on agreeing or disagreeing to a proposal and with someone. Give examples to explain these terms.

Or

What are reading techniques like skimming and scanning ? Discuss.

Section C (Long Answer Type Questions) (500 words each)

2×15=30

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Describe Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech.

Or

Do as directed :

(i) Can you give me your book.

(Change into wh question)

(ii) We have done our work.

(Change into Simple Present tense)

(iii) Students are learning English for two years.

(Change into Present Perfect Continuous)

(iv) I did this work.

(Change into negative)

Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

(v) We met.....European.

(vi) She completed her work within.....hour.

(vii) I know.....boy who won the match.

(viii) He is registrar in.....university.

2. How has A.L. Basham presented the glory and rich culture of ancient India in 'The Wonder That Was India' ?

Or

- (a) Write antonyms of the following words :

- (i) Beautiful
- (ii) Complicated
- (iii) Artificial
- (iv) Static
- (v) Profound
- (vi) Forget
- (vii) Sincere
- (viii) Prosperous

- (b) Write synonyms of the following words :

- (i) Wonderful
- (ii) Big
- (iii) Explicit
- (iv) Thorough
- (v) Astounding
- (vi) Orderly
- (vii) Prize
- (viii) Vendor.

