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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

AP14

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EL 5402 - COMMUNICATIVE GRAMMAR

Date : 06/11/2007
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I. The following is the imaginary (incomplete) conversation taking place between Mr. Shashi Tharoor, India's candidate for the post of secretary general of the UN and Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, the foreign minister of South Korea, who has pushed the former to the second position in the fourth straw polls. Recreate the conversation based on the specifications (mood, emotion and attitude given against each turn.

(10 marks)

Shashi :----- Exchanging

Moon :-----Pleasantree's

Shashi:-I ran the race well-Sombre

Moon : All's well that ends well Moon

Shashi:----- Empathy

Moon :-----

Shashi----- Positive

Moon-----Attitude

(A minimum of 8 exchanges each)

II. The following is a poem by Nissim Ezekiel written in 'Indian English' rewrite the poem in Standard English

(10 marks)

The professor

“.....These are days of family planning’

I am not against. We have to change with times

Whole world is changing In India also

We are keeping up. Our progress is progressing,

Old values are going, new values are coming....

How is health keeping?

Nicely? I am happy for that.

This year I am sixty nine

And hope to score century’

You were so thin, like stick,

Now you are man of weight and consequence
That is good joke' If you are coming again this side by chance
Visit please my humble residence also.
I am living just on opposite side's backside.

III. Respond to this" Voice your opinion' in your own inimitable way: - (10marks)

Great progress!

Text messaging has created a new, abbreviated version of English for instantaneous communication, although violating the traditional rules of grammar and spelling. The arrival of the "third generation" of mobile phones powerful micro computers with broadband internet access should allow us to watch TV, download internet files at high speed and send instant video clips to friends. Alexander Graham Bell would be truly amazed to see this quantum growth in telephony and would probably exclaim "gr8 prg overnight!"

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IV. Write out TEN SMS messages underlining the fact hat English grammar is thrown out lock, stock and barrel in the Information Age. All your TEN SMS messages should be on college life only. (10 marks)

V. Write short notes on any TWO of the following (2x5=10 marks)

- Technophobia (fear of technology)
- The happy/unhappy marriage between English and technology
- e-mail and English grammar
- SMS and traditional English grammar

VI. Correct the following sentences and say why you have made the corrections (CONCORD) (10x1=10 marks)

- Ball bin is one of the players who has been selected for the Test match
- Our dependence on machines to do even simple jobs have enslaved us to machines
- The professor with his students have gone on a tour of Jaipur
- Each of the boys were interviewed by the principle
- Wearing goggles reduce strain on the eyes while welding
- Many a person were honored in yesterday's function
- The appearance of clouds bring hope to the farmers
- The secretary and treasurer quarreled with each other.

- i. Bioinformatics are a subject liked by many students.
- j. A basket of black seedless grapes cost Rs 150/-

VII. a. Fill in the blanks with suitable Relative Pronouns: (5x1=5 marks)

- i Do you know-----has happened?
- ii They always preach-----they never practice
- iii Where is the book-----I gave you?
- iv It is the same case-----I told you of
- v -----the gods love die young

b. Join together each of the following pairs of sentences by means of a Relative Pronoun : (5x1=5 marks)

- vii I met a man, he had just returned from France.
- vii You read some books. Such books are not worth reading.
- viii Ajit Singh is always mischievous. He was punished.
- ix Cochin has a large harbour, It can handle large ships.
- x He is a poet. His works are well-known.

VIII. Cull out at least FIVE sentences from the given magazine report and say whether these come under the category of Simple, Complex, Compound, or Compound –Complex sentences. (5x2=10 marks)

MARINA BEACH SUNLIT STRIP

When mount Stuart Elphinstone Grant Duff returned to Madras as Governor a few years after his first visit in the 1870's he developed a 13-km sandy stretch into what is today the second longest beach in the world, What many call one of the world's most beautiful marine promenades draws thousands everyday. From the Chepauk palace to the University of Madras buildings. It is dotted with architectural landmarks. The Chepauk palace, now housing government offices, displays the grandeur of the Nawabs and their Byzantine inspiration while the University buildings reflect a fine blend of the Indo-Saracenic architecture of the 1930's, The Ice House a.k.a Vivekananda House (Swami Vivekananda stayed here after his return for America in 1897) was used to store ice shipped from Boston in 1842. The stretch houses two premier educational institutions – Presidency College, built in 1840; and Queen Mary's College in 1914. It is also a resting place for many Tamil politicians. Disasters too have marked the Marina while plastic and human waste have made it highly polluted. The Olive Ridley turtles which once nested here, are nearly extinct, Yet the beach, once a lifeline, now in danger of turning into a wasteland, lovingly embraces the city it is synonymous with.

(India Today Oct 2,2006)

IX. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of be, have, do as Auxiliaries:-

(10x1=10 marks)

- a. I shall go to kolkata after I -----finished my work here.
- b. She -----playing the piano when I entered the room
- c. The boy-----become unconscious before the doctor came.
- d. -----you ever been to Darjeeling?
- e. That is what he-----not seem to understand.
- f. Sumitra-----been having music lessons.
- g. If you-----been there, you would have done just what we did.
- h. We -----been on the island for two weeks when the ship came to rescue us.
- i. We----- admit our responsibility in the matter.
- j. How -----he propose to find the money for it.

X. a) Convert the following compound sentences into simple sentences:

(5x1=5 marks)

- i You must take your medicine, otherwise you cannot get well.
- ii The storm subsided and we continued our journey.
- iii He is rich, yet he is not happy.
- iv The sunset and we decided to go home.
- v You must apologize or else you will be punished.

b) Convert the following complex sentences into simple sentences **(5x1=5 marks)**

- vi Wherever Gandhiji went large crowds followed him.
- vii Do the man was not there I left a message for him
- viii Can you find no work that you can do?
- ix Gulliver came upon a country where there were only always.
- x He is a man who has risen by his own efforts.
