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P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – COMMON PAPER

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2009

EL 3925 - PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE WRITING

Date & Time: 16/11/2009 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I Identify the error in the following sentence. The error is in one part of the sentence. Write the alphabet

Of that part as your answer. 5 x 1 = 5 marks.

1. Rajesh told me/ that I am/ready to do/any work.

A B C D

2. Revathy is/both a dancer/as well as/a painter.

A B C D

3. Until/you come to class/regularly/you will fail.

A B C D

4. The officer/has just/returned back/from the camp.

A B C D

5. If the chief minister/will issue an appeal/people will contribute/liberally.

A B C D

II Each of the following sentences has an error. Correct each sentence and write the corrected sentence as the answer. 5 x 2 = 10

1. I congratulated him for his success.

2. She did not comply to my request.

3. I prefer tea than coffee in the evening.

4. One of the girls were punished in the group.

5. He was so young to know better.

III Do as directed. 5 x 2 = 10

1. She said to me, "I received a letter from my uncle yesterday". (change in to indirect speech)

2. We wanted to surprise them. We kept everything a secret. (change into a compound sentence)

3. The teacher has solved the problem. (change into passive voice)

4. Suresh is ---honourable man. (fill in the blank with a suitable article)

5. Rajesh is one of the best students in his class. (identify the adjective in this sentence)

IV Write a short note on the uses of punctuation mark 'comma'. 5 marks

V Frame sentences of your own making use of any Five of the pairs of words given below so as to differentiate their meaning. 5 x 2 = 10

Altar/alter device/devise discovery/invention eminent/imminent

Beside/besides excite/incite counsel/council

VI Write meaningful sentences using any five of the given idioms and phrases so as to enable the reader to understand their meanings. 5 x 2 = 10

1. bolt from the blue 2. spread like wild fire 3. sitting on the fence 4. burnt one's finger

5. throw cold water 6. Fish out of water 7. to beat around the bush

VII Read the following letter to the editor and answer the questions that follow. 5 x 2 =10

1. Name What kind of letter the following is?
2. What is the tone of the letter?
- 3 Is the suggestion given acceptable?
4. What is the context of the letter?
5. What is your personal assessment of the letter?

VIII Convert the given snippet into a news story. 10 marks.

IX Read the following editorial and analyse the news given and the views expressed. 10 marks

x. Convert the given news story into a snippet 10 marks

xi Write an essay on the dangers of global warming. 10 marks.