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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

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UEL 1203 – GENERAL ENGLISH I - BASIC

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Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

(10 marks)

An old man lived with his four sons in a village. The old man was worried. His sons were always quarrelling with each other. He had tried telling them many times to avoid fighting. But his sons would not listen to him. One day, he called his four sons. He gave them a small bundle of sticks, and asked them to break the bundle into two. The bundle was made of four sticks. “It’s child’s play,” said the eldest son. He took the bundle and tried to break it. He was surprised that the sticks in the bundle remained intact. He used more force. He tried again and again. He started panting for breath. The bundle would not break. He gave up. Then his brothers tried to break the bundle of four sticks without success. Their father smiled and asked them to untie the bundle. He asked each brother to take one stick and try to break it. Each of the sons took a stick in hand. In no time, the sticks were bent and broken. “A single stick is easily broken. If four sticks come together it is impossible to break them,” said the old man, giving his sons a meaningful look. This time the lesson went home. The brothers stopped fighting each other. They would work together as a team and succeed in doing whatever work was given to them. The four boys had discovered that unity is strength.

1. Why was the old man worried?
2. Why did the old man call his four sons?
3. Why couldn’t the eldest son break the bundle of sticks?
4. How did the father teach a lesson to his sons?
5. What do you learn from the passage?

II. Answer the following questions in about 30-50 words:

(5x2=10)

1. Why and where did the king send his four generals?
2. Why is the little girl crying?
3. How can you achieve excellence, as Kalam said?
4. What did the farmers do with the water-seed?
5. What was the mission of Mr. Xavier at Chakavad with his wife and daughter?

III. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words:

(5x6=30)

1. How do you create a ‘Unique You’?
2. How did the women help the general to find the ice?
3. Is Excellence a destination or a journey? Give reasons for your answer.
4. What made Mr. Xavier take care of people who meet with accidents?
5. How is happiness achieved at the end in ‘Emre and the Little Sparrow’?
6. Suggest some measures to preserve our water bodies.
7. What was Gandhiji’s advice to the youth, as told by Kalam?

IV. Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each.**(2x10= 20)**

1. Explain the habits that made Trump a successful businessman.
2. Summarise the story "Emre and the Little Sparrow". What lessons have you learnt from the story?
3. As a student, how will you develop the unique qualities that make you successful in studies and life?
4. What are your suggestions to prevent road accidents?

A) Write a sentence using the following words/phrases :**(5x1=5)**

- 1) sowed 2) last night 3) dried up 4) always 5) rushed

B) Fill in the blanks with the most suitable option mentioned in the brackets:**(5x1=5)**

- 1) We ate idli dosa. (or, and, as)
- 2) I can't come to the restaurantI have an appointment with the dentist. (though, when, because)
- 3) you please help me lift the bag? (could, may, should)
- 4) You not worry about the fax since we have already sent it to your boss. (need, don't, might)
- 5) You speak politely to the customers to have a successful business. (might, must, would)

C) Fill in the blanks by using the appropriate forms of the verb given in brackets:**(5x1=5)**

1. Sundar (work) in a bank. (Use Simple Present Tense.)
2. Ravi and Rex (learn) (Use Present Progressive Tense.)
3. I (meet) Jane at the conference in two days. (Use Future Progressive Tense.)
4. The dance class (start) yesterday. (Use Simple Past tense.)
5. Arjun (complete) his homework tomorrow. (Use Simple Future tense.)

D) Match the following:**(10x1/2=5)**

decade	learn or develop (a skill, habit or quality)
acquire	famous and respected
restrain	a decision, action, etc. that is sudden and done without any planning
delighted	to disappear
on the spur	feeling worried or nervous
anxious	a period of ten years
renowned	prevent(someone or something) from doing something
vanish	very pleased
strive	having to do with the creation and development of economic ventures
entrepreneurial	try very hard to achieve something

V. Pictocomp

Observe the following picture and write TEN sentences of your own.

10 marks



(For Visually Challenged only)

Write an essay on 'unity and diversity in Indian society'.
