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UEL 2204 – GENERAL ENGLISH II - ADVANCED (COMMERCE)

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions

(10 x 1 = 10)

1. Read the following passage and answer all the questions:

Nestled amidst the bustling city, tucked away in a forgotten alley, stood the inconspicuous Oakwood Bookstore. Its worn facade and dusty windows hinted at a forgotten past, yet within its cavernous interior lay a secret: the Hidden Library. Accessed through a concealed bookcase, this sanctuary housed a collection unlike any other. Ancient scrolls whispered of forgotten civilizations, dusty tomes contained lost knowledge, and faded maps led to unexplored corners of the world.

Amelia, a curious young historian, stumbled upon the Hidden Library by chance. Drawn by the bookstore's mystique, she discovered the secret passage and found herself transported into a world of wonder. Days turned into weeks as she delved into the library's treasures, unearthing forgotten truths and deciphering cryptic messages. The more she explored, the more she realized the Hidden Library held not just books, but keys to unlocking the past's greatest mysteries.

However, Amelia soon learned access to this knowledge came at a price. The library, it seemed, held a guardian, a wizened old man named Silas. He warned Amelia of the dangers of tampering with the past, of forces that could be unleashed by meddling with forgotten secrets. Undeterred, Amelia pressed forward, convinced her discoveries could rewrite history and prevent past mistakes from shaping the present. But would she be able to navigate the hidden forces guarding the library's secrets, or would she succumb to their power and rewrite history in unforeseen ways?

- a) What is the main conflict Amelia faces in the story?
- b) Based on the passage, describe the character of Silas.
- c) How does the author's use of language contribute to the atmosphere of the passage? Provide specific examples.
- d) What do you think will happen to Amelia? Explain your prediction based on the passage.
- e) Give a suitable title to the passage.

2. MCQ

- a) Which of the following is NOT an effective note-taking technique for capturing key points in a lecture?
 - (a) Using abbreviations and symbols for commonly used words
 - (b) Writing down every single word the professor says
 - (c) Highlighting key phrases and definitions
 - (d) Leaving space in your notes for adding questions or clarifications later

b)	What is the PRIMARY purpose of a literature review in a research paper? (a) To summarize your own research findings. (b) To showcase your knowledge of relevant sources. (c) To identify gaps in existing research and justify your own study. (d) To impress your professor with your writing skills.
c)	Which of the following is NOT a key element of strong opening remarks in a presentation? (a) Briefly introduce yourself and your topic. (b) State your main points clearly and concisely. (c) Share a personal anecdote or humorous story (relevant to the topic). (d) Dwell on irrelevant details or technical jargon.
d)	Which of the following is NOT a recommended strategy for reviewing and revising your notes? (a) Summarizing key points in your own words. (b) Highlighting or underlining important information. (c) Asking questions about any unclear concepts. (d) Ignoring areas you don't understand and focusing on memorizing memorized parts.
e)	What should you do if you experience technical difficulties during an interview? (a) Panic and apologize repeatedly. (b) Disconnect and try to reconnect immediately. (c) Calmly explain the issue to the interviewer and ask for a short pause. (d) Ignore the issue and hope the interviewer doesn't notice.
	SECTION A - K2 (CO1)
	Answer ALL the Questions (10 x 1 = 10)
3.	Correct the errors in following sentences:
a)	Identify and correct the grammatical error in the following sentence: "The professor and me will be presenting our research findings tomorrow."
b)	Correct the punctuation error in the following sentence: "The study was conducted in 2020 however, the results were only published last month."
c)	Replace the incorrect word in the sentence: "The experiment had a profound affect on the participants."
d)	Correct the citation error in the following sentence: "According to (Smith, 2022) the theory has gained wide acceptance."
e)	Correct the error in academic conventions: "i believe that the data supports my hypothesis."
4.	Define the following:
a)	Dissertation
b)	Interviewee
c)	Digital Presentation

d)	Abstract
e)	Plagiarism
SECTION B - K3 (CO2)	
Answer any TWO of the following in 100 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)	
5.	Demonstrate the ways in which critical reading skills can be used to combat misinformation and fake news in this digital era.
6.	List a few strategies to prepare yourself for an interview. Explain in detail about the Do's and Don'ts.
7.	Interpret the significance of body language in presentations by highlighting the non-verbal cues that contribute to effective communication.
8.	Elaborate the significance of literature review in research.
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
Answer any TWO of the following in 100 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)	
9.	Distinguish between summarising and synthesising.
10.	Examine the importance of critical reading.
11.	Identify the characteristics of a job interview.
12.	Analyse the stages involved in a presentation.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 250 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
13.	Summarise in detail about the steps involved in writing a dissertation.
14.	Explain the ethical factors of proper referencing in academic research and how it ensures intellectual honesty and accountability.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 250 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
15.	Draft a narrative of your most interesting travel experience.
16.	Attempt an argumentative academic essay on the topic 'Sustainable development'.

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