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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – **GENERAL ENGLISH**

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UEL 4205 – ENGLISH FOR EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions

(10 x 1 = 10)

1. Identify the odd one out.

a) i) fish ii) whale iii) crocodile iv) snake

b) i) volleyball ii) chess iii) football iv) cricket

c) i) car ii) bus iii) bike iv) cycle

d) i) reading ii) listening iii) walking iv) writing

e) i) cabbage ii) potato iii) ginger iv) radish

2. Read the comprehension and answer the questions

The old clock tower loomed over Leo, its face hidden in shadow. With a deep breath, he clutched the worn leather notebook, its pages whispering secrets of the tower's hidden passage. Legend spoke of a forgotten vault, guarded by riddles and puzzles, holding a timepiece more valuable than any other.

The first riddle led him through cobwebbed corridors, past dusty portraits of long-gone mayors. He deciphered cryptic messages on stained glass windows, his heart pounding with each step. Finally, he reached a hidden door, its keyhole shaped like a crescent moon. He fumbled with his silver locket, its crescent moon pendant clicking perfectly into place.

The door creaked open, revealing a narrow, spiraling staircase that descended into darkness. Armed with a lantern, Leo ventured down, the air growing colder with each step. He solved riddles etched onto the stone walls, each answer unlocking a new section of the path. After what felt like an eternity, he arrived at a grand chamber.

In the center, bathed in an ethereal glow, stood a magnificent clock. Its gears whirred silently, its hands frozen in time. A final riddle, carved on a pedestal beside it, challenged him. With a surge of adrenaline, Leo cracked the code, piecing together the answer from the clues he'd gathered throughout his journey.

As he spoke the final word, the clock hummed to life. Its hands spun, the air shimmering around it. A hidden compartment opened, revealing not gold or jewels, but a single, unassuming pocket watch. Its face was etched with intricate symbols, and a faint inscription read, "Time is the most precious treasure."

Leo stared, confused. Was this all there was? But then, his locket pulsed with warmth, echoing the inscription. He understood. The watch wasn't just any timepiece; it held the power to remind him of the value of every moment, of the journey, not just the destination.

a) What was Leo searching for in the clock tower?

a) A hidden treasure chest

b) A magical timepiece

	c) A secret passageway d) A historical artifact
b)	How did Leo gain access to the hidden chamber? a) He used a key he found in the notebook. b) He solved riddles and puzzles throughout the tower. c) He bribed the ghost of the clock tower keeper. d) He used a secret code hidden in the locket.
c)	What did Leo ultimately realize was the true treasure? a) The pocket watch itself b) The gold and jewels hidden in the chamber c) The knowledge he gained from the riddles d) The experience of the adventure and the value of time
d)	What was the inscription on the pocket watch? a) "Time is money." b) "Time flies when you're having fun." c) "Time is the most precious treasure." d) "The future is uncertain."
e)	What is the main theme of the story? a) The significance of time and appreciating life's journey b) The importance of material wealth c) The power of riddles and puzzles d) The value of perseverance and courage
SECTION A - K2 (CO1)	
	Answer ALL the Questions (10 x 1 = 10)
3.	Answer the following
a)	List any two barriers to listening.
b)	Write an advantage of a face to face interview.
c)	Explain Active Listening.
d)	Define Skimming
e)	State one difference between hearing and listening.
4.	Choose the right answer.
a)	CC in email communication refers to _____ i) clear cache ii) cache cookies iii) carbon copy
b)	_____ in a group discussion is not acceptable behaviour. i) Listening to a person ii) Interrupting a person iii) Waiting for your turn to speak s
c)	What is the primary purpose of skimming a text? i) To understand every detail and nuance of the text ii) To quickly get an overview of the main ideas and structure of the text iii) To analyze the text deeply for underlying themes and motifs
d)	Listening is _____ process i) an unconscious ii) a conscious iii) an involuntary
e)	Which of the following is considered as an example for professional behaviour? i) talking loudly in the workspace ii) spreading rumours iii) greeting someone with a smile iv) none of the above
SECTION B - K3 (CO2)	
	Answer any TWO of the following in 100 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)
5.	Substitute the given statements with one word/phrase from the list given (Affidavit, Optimist, Biography, Igloo, Exodus, Acrophobia, Philanthropist, Atheist, Astronomy, Mint) a. Large-scale departure of people from a territory. b. The house of an Eskimo.

	c. A person who loves mankind. d. Person who does not believe in any religion. e. One who looks at the brighter side of everything. f. Written declaration made on oath in the presence of a magistrate. g. Life history of a person written by another. h. A place where coins are made. i. Fear of heights. j. Study of the celestial bodies.
6.	Identify the errors in the following sentences and correct them a) The dogs in the neighborhood barks loudly at night. b) Every student in the class are required to submit their project by Friday. c) My sister and I goes to the park every weekend. d) The book is on the table beside of the lamp. e) They bought furnitures for the new office. f) The woman bought three new knives for her kitchen g) Me and my sister went to the store. h) The book is laying on the table, next to my phone. i) She doesn't like chocolate, but her friend do. j) There were many fishes in the pond.
7.	Present the dos and don'ts of group discussion.
8.	Discuss the types of interviews with relevant examples.
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
Answer any TWO of the following in 100 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)	
9.	Classify the barriers to listening with illustration.
10.	Mention the guidelines for effective interview preparation.
11.	Explain the advantages and disadvantages of telephone and online interviews.
12.	Differentiate the types of reading with examples.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 250 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
13.	Discuss the types of listening. List out the components of effective listening.
14.	Determine the importance of critical reading skills.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 250 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
15.	Send your resume to HR of a company for your dream job with a cover letter.
16.	Write a draft for a group discussion on the topic “Honesty is not always the best policy”. Involve 6 members with 2 exchanges for each member.

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