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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

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

10x2=20

The old Victorian house loomed on the hill, its paint peeling and windows boarded shut. Legend whispered of a hermit who once lived there, a man named Ebenezer Took who hoarded strange artifacts from his travels around the world. One crisp autumn afternoon, twins, Emily and Ethan, dared each other to peek through a broken window.

Inside, dust motes danced in shafts of golden sunlight. Cobwebs draped the cobwebbed furniture, and a thick layer of grime covered everything. In the center of the room sat a large, ornately carved wooden chest. Ethan, ever the impulsive one, reached for the tarnished brass lock.

"Wait!" Emily hissed, grabbing his arm. "What if it's booby-trapped?"

Ethan scoffed. "There's no such thing as booby traps." He yanked on the lock, and with a groaning creak, the chest lid flew open.

Inside, nestled in layers of faded velvet, lay a peculiar object. It was a compass, but unlike any compass they'd ever seen. The needle spun wildly, pointing in no particular direction, and the markings on the face were symbols unlike any alphabet they recognized. A shiver ran down Emily's spine.

Suddenly, the floorboards beneath their feet creaked ominously. The twins froze, hearts pounding. Had they triggered an alarm? Was someone coming? Slowly, they turned towards the source of the sound.

1. What kind of building is the story set in?

- (a) A modern apartment building (b) A cozy cottage (c) An old Victorian house
(d) A bustling office building

2. What is the name of the hermit who used to live in the house?

- (a) Mr. Robinson (b) Ebenezer Took (c) Dr. Jones (d) Miss Peabody

3. What do Emily and Ethan find inside the house?

- (a) A pile of old clothes (b) A dusty bookshelf (c) A mysterious chest
(d) A hidden staircase

4. What is special about the compass they find in the chest?

- (a) It's made of pure gold (b) The needle points north (c) It has strange symbols
(d) It plays music

5. Why does a shiver run down Emily's spine?

- (a) She sees a spider (b) She feels a cold draft (c) She senses danger
(d) She smells something rotten

6. What sound do they hear that makes them freeze?

- (a) A loud crash (b) A barking dog (c) Creaking floorboards (d) A dripping faucet

7. Why might Emily think there are booby traps in the house?

- (a) The house is very old (b) She's afraid of ghosts (c) She's seen them in movies (d) She's allergic to dust

8. What is the weather like outside the house?

- (a) Sunny and warm (b) Rainy and cold (c) Snowy and windy (d) The passage doesn't say

9. What is Ethan's personality like, based on the story?

- (a) Cautious and careful (b) Impulsive and adventurous
(c) Quiet and shy (d) Bookish and studious

10. How does the story end?

- (a) The twins escape the house safely. (b) The floor collapses beneath them.
(c) Someone enters the room (d) The compass begins to glow

SECTION – B

II Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 100 words each

4x10= 40

11. Present the dos and don'ts of group discussion
12. Choose the one word substitute from the list for the given statements.
 1. One who compiles a dictionary.
 2. A person who believes in God.
 3. A group of fish
 4. One who looks at the darker side of everything..
 5. Fear of foreigners.
 6. A person who draws maps.
 7. Government by nobility
 8. Killing one's brother
 9. Study of the human mind.
 10. A person who hates marriage.
(theist, cartographer, psychology, pessimist, fratricide, shoal, xenophobia, bigot, lexicographer, aristocracy)
13. What is a Resume? Explain the different parts of a resume.
14. Differentiate Skimming and Scanning.
15. What are the barriers to listening?
16. Discuss the types of interviews with relevant examples.
17. Differentiate the types of reading with examples.
18. Read the following and answer the questions given below.

Dr. Anya Sharma, a brilliant but jaded programmer, stared at the flickering code on her screen. Anya had spent years developing a revolutionary AI, an algorithm capable of predicting human behavior with uncanny accuracy. "Project Insight," as she called it, could analyze social media posts, purchasing habits, and even facial expressions to paint an eerily accurate picture of a person's future actions.

Initially, Anya envisioned Project Insight as a tool for good. Imagine preventing crimes before they happened or identifying those at risk for mental health issues. However, corporate giants with a hunger for data soon came knocking. They offered Anya an obscene amount of money for exclusive rights to Project Insight, a deal that could potentially reshape society.

Anya wrestled with her conscience. The money could secure her financial future and fund further research. However, a dark premonition gnawed at her. In the wrong hands, Project Insight could be used for mass manipulation and control.

- a. What is Dr. Sharma's invention?
- b. What was Anya's initial vision for her invention?
- c. Who approached Anya about Project Insight?
- d. What is Anya's concern about selling her invention?
- e. What is the central conflict Anya faces?

SECTION C

Answer any TWO of the following in 250 words

2X20=40

19. Write an imaginary group discussion with 5 participants A, B, C, D and E in the form of a conversation on the topic 'Evils of Social Media'. Use the sentence starters for agreement, disagreement, leading the discussion.
20. Mention the guidelines for effective interview preparation.
21. Write an essay on your favourite leader.
22. Send your resume to HR of a company for your dream job with a covering letter.

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