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Course Name – Alternative English

Course Code - AEC00006C

(Semester IV)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Identify the correct answer to fill in the blank: He always _____ (brush) his teeth before going to bed.
 - a) brushes
 - b) is brushing
 - c) will be brushing
 - d) have brushed
- (ii) Identify the error in the sentence: The teacher, along with her students, were excited for the trip.
 - a) The teacher
 - b) along with
 - c) were
 - d) No error
- (iii) Select the correct form of verb: No news _____ good news.
 - a) is
 - b) are
 - c) was
 - d) were
- (iv) State which of the following is the correct definition of "paraphrase".
 - a) Rewriting the passage according to your own perspective, different from its original meaning
 - b) Summarizing the passage into a shorter note
 - c) Copying the passage in same exact words as it is
 - d) Restating the essence of the passage in your own words
- (v) State which kind of passage needs to be compressed in translation while paraphrasing.

- a) A conspicuous passage
c) A verbose passage
- b) A passage written in verse form
d) A passage containing too many errors
- (vi) Choose which of the following is the correct literary term used for changing the normal order of words or phrases in a sentence.
- a) Insertion
c) Interpretation
- b) Inversion
d) Inference
- (vii) Indicate who does 'I' refer to in Ruskin Bond's "The Thief's Story"?
- a) 'I' refers to the narrator of the story who was Anil, the protagonist and a good man
c) 'I' refers to the narrator of the story Hari Singh, who was a fifteen-year-old thief.
- b) 'I' refers to the narrator of the story who was the writer himself
d) 'I' refers to the narrator of the story who was a chowkidar looking after Anil's home.
- (viii) Indicate what was Anil's age as given in 'The Thief's Story'.
- a) Twenty
c) Thirty
- b) Twenty-five
d) Thirty-eight
- (ix) State what the scorpion was referred as in "Night of the Scorpion".
- a) the evil one
c) the ill spirit
- b) the devil
d) the poisonous beast
- (x) Recognize who stepped on shore when a boat came up on the landing in the story 'The Homecoming'.
- a) a man with grey beard
c) Bishamber
- b) Phatik's mother
d) Phatik's teacher
- (xi) Identify the correct answer: Phatik's mother was happy to get rid of him because
- a) She had a prejudice against him
c) he was wild, lazy and disobedient
- b) he was a big help to her
d) all of the these
- (xii) Select which of the following themes did Kamala Das often explore in her writing.
- a) Environmentalism and conservation
c) Feminism and gender roles
- b) Historical fiction and mythology
d) Science fiction and fantasy
- (xiii) Select how a newspaper report is always written.
- a) Data biased manner
c) Sequential manner
- b) Horizontal manner
d) None of these
- (xiv) Identify which of these is not a type of letter.
- a) Verbal
c) Personal
- b) Informal
d) Formal
- (xv) Choose which of these is an example of summarizing.
- a) "The author argues that environmental issues must be tackled through both policy changes and individual action, and provides several examples of successful initiatives."
c) "According to the text, 'Policy changes and individual contributions are both necessary for effective environmental action.'"
- b) "The author says, 'Environmental problems require immediate attention, and one way to address them is through a combination of policy reform and citizen action.'"
d) "The environment is an important topic, and the author discusses policies and actions."

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Explain what idea do you make of Phatik's aunt in the story, "The Homecoming". (3)
3. Explain how the thief thinks Anil will react to the theft in Ruskin Bond's "The Thief's Story". (3)
4. Explain 'paraphrasing' with at least two examples. (3)
5. Rewrite the sentences using the correct Phrasal Verbs: i) They set out a new company recently. (3)
ii) Please turn off the lights, as it is already dark inside. iii) The car ran into fuel, so it could not start rolling down the road.

6. Explain why did the peasants begin to share good wishes for the speaker's mother, hoping that the scorpion will die that night, or at least sit still, in the poem "Night of the Scorpion". (3)

OR

Explain why it is said in Kamala Das's 'The Family Home', "We did not dare even To buy ourselves a potted plant..." (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Write the appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks. Yesterday was a busy day for me. I had (5) to ____ (1) early in the morning because I had an important meeting. Before leaving, I ____ (2) my clothes and rushed out. On my way, my car suddenly ____ (3), so I had to ____ (4) a taxi. When I finally reached the office, I realized I had ____ (5) an important document at home! Luckily, my colleague agreed to ____ it ____ (6) for me. After the meeting, I needed some fresh air, so I decided to ____ (7) with my friends at a café. We talked for hours and ____ (8) some interesting topics. By the time I got home, I was so exhausted that I ____ (9) on the couch and fell asleep immediately.
8. Write the following sentences by predicting the appropriate verb form of the word in brackets: a) The choir ____ (sing) beautifully last night. b) All of the pizza ____ (disappear) in minutes. c) Neither the dogs nor the cat ____ (like) the new food. d) Each of the candidates ____ (give) a speech. e) The stormy weather ____ (delay) our flight. (5)
9. Cite the errors in tense and write the correct sentence: A) She had went to the store before it closed. B) By the time I had arrived, they already had left. C) I have been seeing that movie twice. D) He have been studying English for 2020. E) He had already ate breakfast when I called. (5)
10. Read the passage given below and respond to the question given below. Travelling is a remarkable journey of exploration and self-discovery. It opens doors to new cultures, sights, and experiences. Whether it's wandering through the bustling streets of a foreign city or hiking in a tranquil mountain range, each adventure leaves an indelible mark on your soul. However, travel isn't just about places; it's also a voyage within. It challenges your comfort zone, fosters adaptability, and encourages personal growth. The memories you create become a treasure chest of stories to share, connecting you with fellow travellers from around the globe. As you set out on your journey, you meet people from diverse backgrounds, taste new cuisines, and immerse yourself in unfamiliar traditions. These interactions broaden your horizons, offering a deeper understanding of the world. When you stand before iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower or Machu Picchu, you appreciate the artistry and craftsmanship that have stood the test of time. 1. State what travelling offers to travellers. 2. State how iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower impact travellers. 3. State one of the personal benefits of traveling mentioned in the passage. 4. State how memories from traveling connect people. 5. List the primary essence of travelling. (5)
11. Write a letter to your nearest Bank Manager requesting him to issue a new ATM card on your name. (5)
12. Justify Phatik's aunt's behaviour with Phatik, especially when Phatik was fatally ill, in Tagore's story, "The Homecoming." (5)

OR

Develop a character sketch of 'Anil' in Bond's "The Thief Story". (5)
