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GENERIC ENGLISH

Language English - II (Envision - II)

Paper : II

(NEP Scheme Freshers and Repeaters)



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Read All the instructions carefully and write answers.
2. Write the question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A

(Workbook)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it: (5×1=5)

One day, I hopped into a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just a few inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call the 'The law of the Garbage Truck'. He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so 'Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't'. This attitude will help you sail through life.

1. How did the taxi driver avoid an accident?
2. What did he compare the yelling driver to?
3. The term 'garbage' in the context of the passage means.
4. The narrator learnt an invaluable lesson from the taxi driver. What was it?
5. According to this paragraph what attitude should one develop?

[P.T.O.]

**II. Do as directed:**

1. Choose the correct synonym for the words given below: (2)
 - a) Introvert (shy, sympathetic, crazy).
 - b) Fortunate (excellent, lucky, foretell).
2. Choose the correct antonym for the words given below: (2)
 - a) Ancient (Modern, old, unknown).
 - b) Boon (difficult, bane, bad).
3. Add suitable affixes to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)

Oxygen is _____ (colour) _____ (taste) and _____ (odour) gas. It is _____ (combustible), but will actively support the burning of combustible materials.
4. Construct two sentences each for the homonym 'Bank' in different contexts: (2)
5. Write a suitable homophone for the word 'hole': (1)
6. Identify the proper collocation in the following pairs: **have fun/do fun.** (1)

III. Do as directed:

(5)

- 1) Tokyo is _____ most populated city. (Use a suitable article)
- 2) My office is _____ the third-floor. (Use a suitable preposition)
- 3) While I _____ (be+ look) for the flat, I met a very nice estate agent. (Use a proper tense form of the word given)
- 4) They packed a picnic lunch pasta, fruit chips and drinks. (Punctuate the sentence)
- 5) He owns much books. (Correct the error in the usage)

IV. Change the following sentences into reported speech:

(5)

- 1) She said, "I like to swim in the ocean".
- 2) He said, "I went to school in the morning".
- 3) He said to her, "Do you like my idea"?
- 4) Praveen said, "I was going to the Himalayas".
- 5) Julie said, "I am walking near the beach".



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V. A. Complete the following dialogue between friends:

(3)

Shivu: Have you ever flown in a helicopter?

Raju: No, I haven't. Have you _____ in a helicopter?

Shivu: I can recall the experience. It was exciting.

Raju: Hope you had a vey _____ experience.

Shivu: Yes. They can fly almost anywhere.

Raju: Planes can only fly forward but it is different with _____

Shivu: You are right.

Raju: It's really interesting.

B. Answer the following questions in one/two sentences.

(2)

a) What is Verbal communication?

b) Mention any two advantages of oral communication.

VI. Rewrite the following passage in passive voice:

(5)

For my year end project, I created and prepared a poll of private healthcare use in my neighborhood. I interviewed my neighbors in their homes and created a spreadsheet to record and analyze the data. I completed the project by the due date and achieved an 'A'.

VII. A. You have invited a renowned Kannada cine actress as the chief guest for your Annual Day in your college. Prepare a welcome speech, using the profile given below. (5)

Name: Tara

DOB: 4 March 1973.

Debut: Tamil film, 'Ingeyum Oru Gangai' in 1984

Kannada film debut: 'Thulasidala' in 1986

Her notable performances: Films such as 'Krama' (1991), 'Munjaneya Manju' (1993), 'Kanooru Heggadithi' (1999), 'Munnudi' (2000), 'Mathadana' (2001), 'Hasina' (2005), 'Cyanide' (2006) and 'Ee Bandhana' (2007), 'Ulidavaru kandanthe' (2014).

National Film Award for Best Actress for her performance in 'Hasina'.

Former President of the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy.

(OR)

B. Prepare a vote of thanks for the same occasion as mentioned above.

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**SECTION - B****(Course Book)****VIII. Answer any FIVE of the following in a word/phrase/sentence: (5×1=5)**

1. What is Freedom according to Rabindranath Tagore?
2. Who handled the 'boring' side of business in 'A Cut Above'?
3. 'Aldershot appearance on the stage was Chaplin's first and his Mother's last'. True/ False
4. According to Greek myth who was Endymion?
5. Where did the statue of 'The Happy Prince' stand?
6. What can a tourist find in the Sunderbans?

IX. Answer any ONE of the following in about a page: (1×5=5)

1. Explain the significance of the title 'Freedom'.
2. Describe the greatness of beauty as portrayed by John Keats in 'Endymion'.
3. The poem 'The Sunderbans' reflects the misery of the oppressed. Discuss.

X. Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages: (1×10=10)

1. 'The Happy Prince' is a story of friendship and compassion. Discuss.
2. Narrate the journey of BIBA as India's largest ethnic wear wholesalers.
3. Write a detailed note on the financial crisis suffered by Chaplin's family.