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FOURTH SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION

APRIL/MAY 2005

(Restructured Course)

Part I – English

Paper IV – FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH – Part B

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following, each in *two* or *three* sentences :-

1. What are the dangers of passive entertainment according to Read ?
2. What, according to Helen Keller, is the advantage of living today as if you will die tomorrow ?
3. Mention along with examples the two kinds of natural laws.
4. What news does Grandpa announce to the children ?
5. What does Socrates say about poets ?
6. What does Thurber say about Rex as a swimmer ?
7. How does an intellectual differ from a propagandist, according to Huxley ?
8. What is the incident described at the end of "Children at Play" ?
9. Why couldn't the chemist oblige the author in "Symptoms" ?
10. How does self-esteem come in the way of understanding the truth, according to Russell ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions each, in a *sentence* or *two* :-

An American writer called Thoreau said, "It takes two to speak the truth one to speak and another to hear. It is a very important saying and it would save a great deal of argument and annoyance in life if people paid attention to it. "It takes two to speak the truth." You cannot speak the truth by saying what you think is the truth. You have to express it differently for different people. To some Socialism means taking money from those who have money and giving it to those who have none. To other people socialism means state control of industry and commerce. To others we cannot tell a man the truth about socialism until you know what he understands by the term. If you say "I believe in socialism," and he understands that you believe in robbery, you must not be surprised if he takes a dislike to you, and if that is not what you mean, you did not speak the truth. If a man says to a friend, "Good Morning Mr. A," and the friend replies, "It's not a good morning at all", is that the truth even if the morning is bad?

It is only stupid people who take remarks too literally as we say, that is who do not look for the real meaning in the statements people make. Thus when friend says: "You will not be going past the post office, will you?" he may mean "I should be grateful if you post a letter for me if it is not too much trouble." If you say 'no' to the question because you are not going past the post office, it means to your friend that you are not willing to go out of your way even a little to oblige him.

1. What is the fact the writer wants people to pay attention to ?
2. What do you think is the most prejudiced understanding of the term socialism ?
3. How does the writer show that something can be literally true and untrue ?
4. What does the author call those people who cannot get beyond the literal meaning of a statement ?
5. What does the question "Are you going past the office" really mean ?

(5 × 2 = 10 marks)

III. (a) You are Anju. You have received a letter from a friend residing in Bombay telling you that she intends to visit certain places of historical importance in Kerala. Write a reply offering to accompany her and recommending certain places for her visit.

Or

(b) The Municipal market of your town is in very bad condition. Write a letter to the Municipal Chairman bringing it to his attention and offering suggestions for improvement.

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

IV. (a) You have to appear for an interview in New Delhi. Send a telegram to a friend there giving the details of your journey and requesting him to make the arrangements for your return journey, stay etc.

Or

(b) There has been a change in your programme. You will reach Chandigarh two days earlier. It is a different train you are traveling by. Write a telegram to your friend asking him to reschedule the arrangements.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

V. (a) You are the Arts Club Secretary of your College. Prepare a report of the Youth Festival of your college for publication in the college Magazine.

Or

(b) You have been deputed by some agency to explore the tourist potential of the back waters of Kerala. Prepare a two page abstract of your report.

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

VI. Read the following passage and prepare notes on it :-

Generally speaking, works of arts have certain things in common. Each presents something to our sense perception, such as the music we hear, or to our imaginative contemplation like the story we read. Each one is set off from other things in some way. For example, a

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