

1st Semester Diploma Examination, 2016

Subject : Basic English

Full Marks : 100

Subject Code : 12004

Time: 3 Hours

Pass Marks: 40

*Answer all questions as directed.**Marks are indicated in the right margin.*

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Discipline, precisely means to act in life according to certain rules or norms of society. Primarily, these rules relate to our social code of conduct. Discipline demands a strict control over man's sense of freedom, which, if unchecked, may bring disorder and anarchy in the normal life of a country.

Nature is the best mirror of perfect discipline to all of us. Every object in nature moves according to a strictly regulated plan. One can easily see a perfect order prevailing in the movement of the Sun, the Moon and the other planets. Seasons change according to a certain plan. Tides in the oceans, crops in the field, animals in the forest all follow a certain pattern which is extremely essential to sustain life.

There is hardly any sphere of life in which the value of discipline is not realized sooner or later. Life in a house or in an office just becomes a mess if a proper sense of discipline is not cultivated among its members. In our social life also certain norms of behaviour are necessary to maintain the smooth running of the social order. People must demonstrate a sense of discipline even in small things like boarding buses or trains, buying cinema tickets or even consumer goods. It saves time and works is done easily and quickly. In the political life of a nation, discipline is its backbone. A disciplined nation is definitely better placed in all respects than an undisciplined one which can hardly make any progress.

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| (i) What is discipline? | 1 |
| (ii) What does discipline demand? | 1 |
| (iii) In what way is nature the best mirror of perfect discipline? | 1 |
| (iv) What will happen if there is no discipline in a house or in an office? | 1 |
| (v) How is discipline advantageous? | 1 |
| (vi) Why should a nation be disciplined? | 1 |
| (vii) Give a suitable title to the passage. | 1 |
| (viii) Make sentences from the following words: | 1×3=3 |
| (a) demonstrate | |
| (b) anarchy | |
| (c) backbone | |

Please Turn Over

2. Answer any *ten* of the following:

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- (i) What made G.B. Shaw decide about delivering extempore speech? How did he secure perfect freedom of speech?
- (ii) What resolution did Shaw carry out?
- (iii) According to G.B. Shaw what is necessary to become a good public speaker?
- (iv) What was the first vision according to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam? What did it give?
- (v) Mention the core competencies required for a developed nation?
- (vi) Why did Thurber want to prevent the cops from getting into grandfather's room?
- (vii) What was the mother's plan to call the police?
- (viii) Why was Gandhijee against modern machinery?
- (ix) How was the Singer Sewing Machine invented?
- (x) What is Chawla's perception about Australia as seen from the Space?
- (xi) What does the training of an astronaut consist of?
- (xii) What is the importance of fossil fuel?
- (xiii) Describe the impact of fossil fuel on the environment?
- (xiv) What was the aim of India vision foundation created by Bedi?
- (xv) According to A.G. Gardiner what are the symptoms of diseased mind?
- (xvi) How does Gardiner elaborate the beauty of sunrise and sunset?

3. Answer any *one* of the following in about 150 words:

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- (i) If you look to do something it is always possible!
- (ii) A burning candle can light another!
- (iii) Impact of machinery on modern life!
- (iv) Vision for 2020.

4. Classify the following words under Noun, Verb, Adverb, Adjective:

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atmospheric, oxidize, smog, fraction, salvation, logically, unhesitatingly, snatch, obviously, staircase, predominantly, decipher.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition (*any six*):

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- (i) She entered _____ the classroom. (into / at)
- (ii) The lady died _____ cancer. (of / in)
- (iii) The book fell _____ the table. (on / in)

- (iv) I congratulate you _____ your success. (in / on)
- (v) I shall be waiting _____ the bus stop. (at / in)
- (vi) All the family members will gather _____ Christmas. (with / on)
- (vii) The land was ploughed _____ the farmer. (in / by)
- (viii) We poured the coffee _____ the cups. (at / in)
- (ix) At present our home is _____ Ranchi. (at / with)
- (x) Smoking is injurious _____ health. (in / for)

6. (a) Write the *Antonyms* of the given words (*any three*). 1×3=3
 amateur, boon, imagination, barren, modern
- (b) Write the *Synonyms* of the given words (*any three*). 1×3=3
 burglar, emolument, mesogynist, endeavor, adequate

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate homophones: 4
- (i) She will be returning from Pune after a _____. (weak/week)
 - (ii) The bird fell into the _____. (whole/hole)
 - (iii) I am suffering from stomach _____. (pane/ pain)
 - (iv) He was told to deposit a _____ in the bank. (check/cheque)

8. Do as directed: 10
- (i) "You can win" is a famous book. (Make comparative sentence)
 - (ii) Who has seen the ghost? (Make Assertive sentence)
 - (iii) They are busy from morning to evening. (Add a question tag)
 - (iv) He runs in the evening. (Make negative sentence)
 - (v) We won the match. (Make an exclamatory sentence)
 - (vi) Yesterday I met a man, man was an engineer. (Change into complex sentence)
 - (vii) The box was too heavy for him to lift. (Remove "too")
 - (viii) Bread is useless to a man dying of thirst. (Add question tag)
 - (ix) One should keep promises. (Change the voice)
 - (x) Many students are participating in the program. (Add question tag)

9. Insert suitable article: 5
- (i) Dr. Goyal is _____ very sharp and _____ intelligent man.
 - (ii) We want _____ help of _____ few volunteers.

(iii) The Prime Minister congratulated _____ Indian Cricket Team.

(iv) He is _____ MBA student but his sister is _____ doctor.

10. Correct the errors in the following sentences:

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(i) Mohini sing and danced well.

(ii) She is neither intelligent or polite.

(iii) What a fine day is it!

(iv) His bag is lying over the table.

(v) Advertisement the post.

11. Use the given homophones in your own sentences:

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plane-plain; pray-prey; live-leave; coat-quote; principal-principle.
