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 **BBAENLN 201/BHMENLN 201**

**II Semester B.B.A./B.H.M. Examination, July/August 2023
(NEP 2020) (2021-22 Batch Onwards)
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)
ENGLISH
L2 – Generic English**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

- I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

On April 3, 1973, Martin Cooper made a cell phone call while walking down the sidewalks of New York. These days, that wouldn't be unusual. At the time, it was amazing. It was the first call ever made with a handheld cell phone. Mr. Cooper worked for a small electronics company called Motorola. Motorola mainly made radio products. But in the 1970s, Motorola was working on a cell phone system. A huge company called AT and T was also working to create a cell phone system. But Mr. Cooper didn't think that Motorola's current system was good enough. And he wasn't a fan of AT and T's idea that cell phones could only be used in cars. He wanted to make a cell phone that people could use anywhere.

So Mr. Cooper and his team got to work. It took them just 90 days to design and create the first cell phone. It was a big, heavy thing, put together by hand. Mr. Cooper wanted to show it off to reporters. To show that the phone could really be used anywhere, he stepped outside to make his call. Who did he call ? He called Dr. Joel Engel, who was in charge of AT and T's cell phone program. After the two said hello, Mr. Cooper says he told Dr. Engel, "I'm calling you from a cell phone. A real cell phone. A personal, handheld, portable cell phone." Though that call was just the start of something huge, everything didn't change right away. It took Motorola over ten years to create a version that people could buy.

Cell phones have changed a lot since Mr. Cooper made that first call. Now, they're much smaller and can do many more things, like take pictures, play games, and search the internet. The success of Mr. Cooper and his team was built on the work of many other scientists and inventors before them. Mr. Cooper didn't create the larger cell system that allowed his phone to work. But he did have the dream of building a personal, handheld phone. And that dream has changed the world.

Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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II. Do as directed.

- 1) Choose the right **synonym** from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence. 1
 To him, she was a precious jewel among thousands of massive and useless rocks.
- 2) Fill in the blank with appropriate **antonym** of the word underlined. 1
 Although the cell phones were _____ in the early days, they come in much smaller form factors now.
- 3) i) Fill in the blanks with the correct **homophone** from the options given in brackets. 1
 The lion stalked its _____. (pray/prey)
- ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single **homonym**. 1
 a) I always _____ my car in the basement.
 b) I saw her last evening playing in the _____.
- 4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable **prefix** or **suffix**. (2x1=2)
 a) The suggestion to hold classes on Sunday morning was not _____ to many students. (accept)
 b) Though he is forty, he is still _____. (married)
- 5) i) Match the word in Column A with the right **collocation** given in Column B. 1
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------|----------|
| Book | paper |
| | pen |
| | worm |
- ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternatives given in brackets. 1
 She was _____ her husband's death. (morning/mourning)

III. Read the passage on page 1 and pick two words that are related to the central theme of the passage. (2x½=1)

- a)
b)

UNIT – II

IV. Do as directed.

- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in the **reported speech**. (3x1=3)
 a) Mary said, "I have been counselling this boy since last year".
 b) "I will be meeting my brother tomorrow", said Ankush.
 c) The home minister remarked, "I want to make this city safe for all".



2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×3=3)

- a) Two BBA students discussing the advantages and disadvantages of online classes.
- b) Two friends discussing the various ways in which they can improve their English communication skills.

3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is one-third of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary : (1×3=3)

Why do we make fun of people who don't look like us, talk like us or act like us ? Why do we find it so easy to dislike people whom we perceive as being different ? One word we could use to describe this phenomenon would be prejudice. Any preconceived notion or judgement that is not based on reason, experience or fact is called prejudice. Any action resulting from such prejudice that seeks to exclude a person or a group of people from certain activities or due rewards is called discrimination. For instance, one of the most common and insidious prejudices in our country is the one against dark skin. The darker your skin colour, the more discrimination you have to face in your daily life. Both men and women are subjected to taunts, comments or malice based on the colour of their skin. Families and peer groups constantly ask you to do 'something' about your colour. The media bombards us with images of fair-skinned people achieving more success and popularity than dark-skinned people. Advertisements urge us to use fairness creams so that we can be accepted into society. Matrimonial websites and the match making aunties and uncles let us know both subtly and not so subtly that the fairer you are the better your chances are of getting married. You are more likely to be asked what caste you are or prevented from entering a temple if you are dark-skinned. You are more likely to be looked askance at by the police if you are dark-skinned. All this because somehow we have been conditioned into believing that light skin is better than dark-a belief that has nothing to do with reason or reality. This is just one example of prejudice and such prejudice gives rise to all sorts of unjust behaviour. (301 words)

4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below : (1×3=3)

- a) A welcome speech on the occasion of World Yoga Day celebration in college.
- b) A renowned Soft Skills Trainer is the Chief Guest for the Annual Day of your college. Write a short speech introducing him/her to the audience.
- c) An argumentative speech that is for or against online teaching in higher education.



5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay. (1×8=8)

a) **The importance of cleanliness**

(What is cleanliness — the good impression that cleanliness creates in personal and public lives — lack of cleanliness as a social evil — cleanliness as a social obligation — the need to make cleanliness a national ideal — how to achieve this.)

b) **Road safety**

(Are our roads safe for pedestrians and motorists ? — recent data on road accidents and its implications — major causes of road accidents — do we have a quick response system to these emergencies — government's efforts and road regulations — their effectiveness — what can citizen's do to ensure road safety.)

UNIT – III

V. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words : (1×10=10)

- 1) How does Walter de la Mare describe the moon and the moonlit night in his poem *Silver* ?
- 2) Describe the relationship between the speaker and nature as illustrated in Tagore's *Breezy April*.
- 3) How does Brooke's *The Soldier* describe the life of a soldier ?

VI. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : (1×10=10)

- 1) Discuss the coping mechanisms employed by Indra Nooyi to strike a balance between family and work.
- 2) "Kalam's success in rocket technology lies in the fact that he made it his religion, his mission." – Discuss.
- 3) What does Aruna Roy say about the importance of collective public action in India ?

VII. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words : (2×5=10)

- 1) What does Indra Nooyi have to say about women and the corporate world ?
- 2) What is the power of ordinary people in Aruna Roy's view ?
- 3) Write a short note on some of the qualities that made Kalam a legend in rocket technology.
- 4) What, according to Lynd, is the chief value of mistakes ? Briefly explain.