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BBAENLN 201/BHMENLN 201

II Semester B.B.A./B.H.M. Examination, June/July 2024

(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 :

The humble ceiling fan has been around for longer than we can imagine. Some say they originated in West Asia in the sixth century B.C.; while others date them back to the Roman Empire. Though they did not resemble the ones we use today, conceptually and functionally, they were not very different. A fan called *punkah* is well documented from the early 17th century in India. A luxury only for the kings and wealthy, *punkahs* became very popular among British officers struggling with the hot and humid climate in India. Unlike a rotating fan, *punkahs* created a gentle breeze rather than an airflow and were operated by pulling a rope that usually passed through a hole in the wall. This allowed servants, called *punkahwallahs*, to sit in an adjacent room. The *punkahs* travelled wide to elite dining rooms of the southern U.S. and Mexico, where slaves were used to generate a comforting cooling breeze and insect-free mealtimes. The job was tedious and poorly paid, if at all.

The first ceiling fans appeared in the early 1860s in the United States. They had only two blades and were not powered by electricity. Instead, a stream of running water in conjunction with a turbine drove a system of belts that would turn the blades of several fan units. These became popular in stores, restaurants, and offices. It was not until the 1880s that fans went electric. Inventor Philip Diehl installed an electric motor he had designed for the Singer sewing machines into a ceiling fan. With the arrival of alternating current in 1896, the era of the modern ceiling fan began. In the 1920s, the four-bladed fan made an appearance. These were quieter and circulated more air. With the arrival of air conditioners in the 1950s, fans started to disappear from the U.S. but became popular in Asia and Africa. Today, fans alone account

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for nearly 25% of household energy usage in India. Largely unchanged in design from the 1920s, they are finally seeing much-needed innovation. Fans with brushless direct current electric motors (BLDC motors) have entered the market. They are up to 50% more energy-efficient, require less maintenance, produce less heat and noise. They are also becoming smart; they respond to apps on your phone. (Source : thehindu.com).

Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 1

II. Do as directed :

1) Choose the right synonym from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence : 1

a) The yacht club was a haven for those who enjoyed a life of affluence.

2) Fill in the blanks with appropriate antonym of the word underlined : 1

a) The child eagerly watched the _____ and departure of trains at the railway station.

3) i) Fill in the blanks with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1

a) Negative emotions never _____ our anxieties. (lesson/lessen)

ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1

a) The _____ took place between two highly competitive teams.

b) The painter carefully selected colours that would _____ perfectly on the canvas.

4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix : (2x1=2)

a) She was feeling _____ because she had never been on a plane before. (easy)

b) The dietician gave a good _____ on how I could improve my diet and Health. (suggest)

5) i) Match the word in Column A with the right collocation given in Column B : 1

Column A

Sumptuous

Column B

Drink

Meal

Medicine

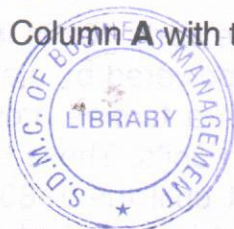
ii) Fill in the blanks with the right alternatives given in brackets : 1

a) The host requested the guests to _____ after lunch. (live/leave)

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 : (3×1=3)
 - a) She said : “I would buy a new house if I were rich”.
 - b) “You will never guess what I have done just now”, said Sachin excitedly.
 - c) “Do they live here ?” asked the stranger.

- 2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×3=3)
 - a) Son requesting his father to permit him to go on a tour with his friends to Delhi.
 - b) Two friends discussing the merits and demerits of social media platforms.

- 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)

For young people, a daily workout isn't just about looking good. It's a power-up for their entire being! Let us see why getting active every day is a fantastic habit to build. Daily exercise strengthens growing bones and muscles, setting young bodies up for a lifetime of good health. It improves posture, coordination, and flexibility, making them more confident in their bodies.

Exercise isn't just for the body. It increases blood flow to the brain, enhancing focus, memory, and learning. This translates to better academic performance and a sharper mind for tackling daily challenges. School, friends, and growing up can be stressful! Daily workouts are a natural stress reliever. Physical activity releases endorphins, those feel-good chemicals that combat stress and elevate mood.

Feeling sluggish ? Daily movement increases energy levels by improving circulation and oxygen flow. Young people will feel more awake, alert, and ready to take on the day's activities. Daily workouts during youth establish a foundation for lifelong health. Young people who exercise regularly are more likely to maintain healthy habits as adults, reducing the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

Exercise doesn't have to be a chore. There are endless possibilities-team sports, dancing, swimming, or even a brisk walk with friends. Finding activities they enjoy makes daily workouts something to look forward to! So, encourage young people to get moving ! Even 30 minutes a day can make a world of difference, setting them on the path to a healthy, happy life.





- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below : **(1×3=3)**
- Your college is observing International Yoga Day. Prepare a welcome speech for the event.
 - A renowned sports personality is the Chief Guest for the Annual Day of your college. Write a short speech introducing him/her to the audience.
 - Draft an argumentative speech that is for or against the use of mobile phones for learning.

- 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)**

- 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.)
- Daily practices for a healthy lifestyle
(Proper food, hygiene – proper environment – good hobbies for mental and physical health – physical exercise – disciplined time management – proper rest and sleep – family and healthy home environment)



UNIT – III

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

- “Walter de la Mare’s ‘Silver’ transforms the moonlight night into a magical and romantic scene.” Discuss.
- Discuss the central theme of Rabindranath Tagore’s ‘Breezy April’.
- What impressions of the life of a soldier do you get from Rupert Brooke’s ‘The Soldier’ ?

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

- Trace Indra Nooyi’s journey of becoming a corporate giant.
- Describe the meeting of Von Braun and Abdul Kalam. What words of advice did Von Braun offer to Kalam on India’s indigenously built rocket SLV-3 ?
- How does Aruna Roy become a champion of the deprived in her essay ‘Tune in to the Voice of the Depressed’ ?

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

- What does Indra Nooyi have to say about women and the corporate world ?
- What purpose does the reference to the charwoman serve in the essay ‘Worship of the Wealthy’ ? Explain.
- Write a short note on some of the qualities that made Kalam a legend in rocket technology.
- Write a note on the letters to the Editor of ‘The Times’ about the mistakes made by famous novelists and writers.