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(AUTONOMOUS)

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Common to – BA / BSc / BCom / BBA / BCA / BVoc & MSc (SS) PROGRAMMES
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH – II ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

I. Fill in the blanks of the following paragraph with appropriate linker: (5X1=5)

The death sentence was altered to life imprisonment _____ this would enable the Prince to show his mercy _____ it would come cheaper. But implementing the sentence was a difficult task _____ there was no strong prison fit for permanent use. _____ they managed to find a place _____ would serve the purpose.

II. Identify the topics that lend themselves to descriptive writing. (4 marks)

- a) Sportsmanship.
- b) How to Prepare A Cup of Tea.
- c) Rising Prices.
- d) An Incident of Chain-Snatching.
- e) How I Saved A Drowning Child.
- f) The Scene at The Railway Station

III. Write a descriptive paragraph on any of the following topics (5 marks)

1. My favorite place
2. A day at the beach
3. The most memorable moment of my life

IV. Write a paragraph on the given topic sentences selecting relevant information (5 marks)

Topic sentence: Humans are surrounded by a thousand enemies threatening their health, and thereby their happiness.

1. The World Health Organization looks after the health of the people of the world.
2. Some of these enemies are so small that they cannot be seen by the unaided eye.
3. Nowadays there are electron microscopes which magnify objects a million fold.
4. But the size of the enemy is not clue to the extent of the harm it can cause.
5. In fact the greatest of our enemies are the viruses and bacteria, Infinitely small creature that cause and spread some of the deadliest diseases.
6. Microbiology is the scientific study of micro-organisms.

V. Write an expository paragraph on any given topics (5 marks)

1. Benefits of learning a foreign language
2. Psychological causes of racism
3. Steps to save the planet

VI. Read the following essay carefully in order to answer the following tasks: (6X1=6)

- a) Find out the exposition part of the essay
- b) Identify the thesis statement of the essay
- c) Identify the topic sentence of the paragraph no.2
- d) Identify the discourse feature used in paragraph no.3
- e) Identify the amplifier device used in paragraph no.4
- f) Identify the transitional paragraph

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1. Scorpions are predatory arachnids of the order Scorpiones. They have eight legs and are easily recognized by a pair of grasping pincers and a narrow, segmented tail, often carried in a characteristic forward curve over the back and always ending with a stinger. The evolutionary history of scorpions goes back 435 million years. They mainly live in deserts but have adapted to a wide range of environmental conditions, and can be found on all continents except Antarctica. There are over 2,500 described species, with 22 extant (living) families recognized to date. Their taxonomy is being revised to account for 21st-century genomic studies.
2. Scorpions primarily prey on insects and other invertebrates, but some species hunt vertebrates. They use their pincers to restrain and kill prey, or to prevent their own predation. The venomous sting is used for offense and defence. During courtship, the male and female grasp each other's pincers and dance while he tries to move her onto his sperm packet. All known species give live birth and the female cares for the young as their exoskeletons harden, transporting them on her back. The exoskeleton contains fluorescent chemicals and glows under ultraviolet light.
3. The vast majority of species do not seriously threaten humans, and healthy adults usually do not need medical treatment after a sting. About 25 species (fewer than one percent) have venom capable of killing a human, which happens frequently in the parts of the world where they live, primarily where access to medical treatment is unlikely.
4. Scorpions appear in art, folklore, mythology, and commercial brands. Scorpion motifs are woven into kilim carpets for protection from their sting. Scorpius is the name of a constellation; the corresponding astrological sign is Scorpio. A classical myth about Scorpius tells how the giant scorpion and its enemy Orion became constellations on opposite sides of the sky.
5. The Scorpiones are a clade within the pulmonate Arachnida (those with book lungs). Arachnida is placed within the Chelicerata, a subphylum of Arthropoda that contains sea spiders and horseshoe crabs, alongside terrestrial animals without book lungs such as ticks and harvestmen. The extinct Eurypterida, sometimes called sea scorpions, though they were not all marine, are not scorpions; their grasping pincers were chelicerae, not homologous with the pincers (second appendages) of scorpions. Scorpiones is sister to the Tetrapulmonata, a terrestrial group of pulmonates containing the spiders and whip scorpions.
6. Scorpion venom serves to kill or paralyze prey rapidly. The stings of many species are uncomfortable, but only 25 species have venom that is deadly to humans. Those species belong to the family Buthidae, including *Leiurus quinquestriatus*, *Hottentotta* spp., *Centruroides* spp., and *Androctonus* spp. People with allergies are especially at risk; otherwise, first aid is symptomatic, with analgesia. Cases of very high blood pressure are treated with medications that relieve anxiety and relax the blood vessels. Scorpion envenomation with high morbidity and mortality is usually due to either excessive autonomic activity and cardiovascular toxic effects, or neuromuscular toxic effects. Antivenom is the specific treatment for scorpion envenomation combined with supportive measures including vasodilators in patients with cardiovascular toxic effects, and benzodiazepines when there is neuromuscular involvement. Although rare, severe hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis to scorpion antivenin are possible.

- VII. Write an essay about 400 words using the given blueprint. The blue print contains topic sentences for each of the paragraphs. Each of the topic sentences should be elaborated into a paragraph using appropriate discourse features and amplifiers with suitable exposition. Thesis statements, transitional paragraph and conclusion should be invented and written in your own words. (10 Marks)**

BLUEPRINT:

- 1) Exposition followed by thesis statement.
- 2) Topic sentence of the first paragraph: Experience yields true wisdom.
- 3) Topic sentence of the second paragraph: The life of great personalities of the world is a lesson for all people.
- 4) Topic sentence of the third paragraph: Society is the reflection of its beings.
- 5) Transitional paragraph
- 6) Topic sentence of the fifth paragraph: Experiencing success and failure is a part of everyone's life.
- 7) Conclusion

- VIII. Answer anyone of the following: (10 Marks)**

1. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.
2. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner requesting him to open a dispensary in your village.

- IX. Issue a circular to inform your own employees about the revised working hours of the company. (5 Marks)**

- X. Write a precis of the following passage: (10 Marks)**

It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well- educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still second.

- XI. Write a sentence by following phrasal verbs (5X1=5)**

1. Back up
2. Hang on
3. Call around
4. Fall down
5. Get along

- XII. Fill in the blanks with appropriate concord: (5X1=5)**

1. A little knowledgea dangerous thing. (is/are/has)
2. Running good for health. (is/are)
3. The quality of these apples not very good. (is/are)
4. Gold and silver precious metals. (is/are)
5. My brother and I cricket. (like/likes)