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Foundation Course in English - I
(Old Course)

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Time : 2½ Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

Instruction : Figures to the right indicate marks.

- 1 (a) Write brief answers of the following questions : 16
(any four)
- (1) What were Jim and Della's precious possessions?
 - (2) How did Jim get the money to buy Della a present?
 - (3) How is life in a village different from life in a city?
 - (4) How did Mini and the Kabuliwallah become friends?
 - (5) Why was the Kabulliwallah sent to jail?
 - (6) What was the pool called and why?
- (b) Prepare short notes on the following : (any two) 12
- (1) Rusty's friends
 - (2) The character of Kabulliwallah
 - (3) End of the story, 'The Gift of the Magi'
 - (4) Village described by R. Parthasarthy
- 2 (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions 8
given below :

In many modern countries it has for some time been fashionable to think that, by free education for all - whether rich or poor, clever or stupid-one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can see that free education for all is not enough: we

find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think "low" work; and, in fact work done with hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries.

- (1) What type of thinking is fashionable in many countries?
- (2) Why do the people refuse to do manual work?
- (3) Why giving free education to all is not enough?
- (4) What should be the title for the passage?

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 8

India is striving to give everyone an opportunity and raise the standard of living for all. A democracy is one where people have the right to live their own way under the guidance of their chosen representatives. If our political democracy is to succeed, it is essential that it be buttressed by steps towards economic equality or what has been referred to as the 'socialist pattern of society'. Poverty and unemployment hold the biggest threat to the successful working of our democratic system.

- (1) What is India striving to do?
- (2) What is democracy?
- (3) What are the biggest threats to our democratic system?
- (4) What should be the title for the passage?

- 3** Write a telephone dialogue on given situation : **6**

Rakesh talks to his friend Sanjay's father about a Summer Camp.

He makes a polite request to allow Sanjay to participate in it.

OR

3 Read the following conversation and fill the given blanks from the given options : 6

(Mr. Rathva, Could I speak to, please, thanks, spelled, contact number)

Receptionist : Good morning, Akar Associates.

Yukta : Good morning. _____ Arjun Rathva?

Receptionist : One moment, please.

I'm sorry _____ is not in. May I take a message?

Yukta : Yes, _____ tell him that Yukta from Ankit Traders had called.

Receptionist : Could you spell out your name, please?

Yukta : It's _____ Y-U-K-T-A.

Receptionist : Thank you. Does Mr Rathva have your _____.

Yukta : Yes, he does.

Receptionist : Okay. I'll give him your message when he comes.

Yukta : _____.

4 (a) Fill in the blanks by using 'am / is / are + going to' 4

(1) She _____ buy some fruits tomorrow.

(2) We _____ visit a museum next Monday.

(3) _____ she _____ sing this evening?

(4) Who _____ distribute the prizes?

(b) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from the given options: 5

(always, never, one day, usually, also)

(1) It is _____ cool in Manali.

(2) We _____ play football but we _____ play cricket in the evening.

(3) My mother _____ plays games on the computer.

(4) I've never stood first in class but _____ I will.

(c) Fill in the following blanks using : 6
(may, can, should, must, cannot, should not)

- (1) We _____ save water.
- (2) I _____ lift this bag for you, if you like.
- (3) _____ I help you?
- (4) I _____ read French but I _____ understand it.
- (5) You _____ talk loudly in the library.

(d) Fill in the blanks with (in, on, at) 5

- (1) I always go to the temple _____ Saturday.
- (2) The match will begin _____ a quarter to nine.
- (3) The festival of Holi is usually celebrated _____ March.
- (4) My birthday is _____ August.
- (5) Rajesh usually gets up _____ half past eight.
