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Foundation Course in English - I

[Old Course]

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Time : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

Instructions : (i) There are total four questions.
(ii) Figures in the right indicate marks.

- 1 (a) Write answers of the following questions : (any four) **16**
- (1) How did Jim get the money to buy Della a Present ?
 - (2) Who were the Magi ?
 - (3) What are the memories the Poet has of his aunt's house ?
 - (4) What Jokes did the Kabuliwallah and Mini share ?
 - (5) Why did the Kabuliwallah stab a man ?
 - (6) Describe each of the friends in the story 'The Meeting Pool'.
- (b) Write short-notes on the followings : (any two) **12**
- (1) Comment on the end of the story - 'The Gift of the Magi' by O. Henry.
 - (2) Village life Vs. City Life.
 - (3) The character-sketch of "Rusty".
 - (4) Describe the childhood days of the three friends in your own words.

- 2 (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 8

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) was a dramatist, poet, novelist, short-story writer, painter and composer apart from being social reformer, activist and educationist. He was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1913 for 'Gitanjali', a collection of poems. He is perhaps the only person to claim the credit for writing anthems of two countries - India and Bangladesh. In the poem from 'Gitanjali', the poet criticises the orthodox ways of worshipping God. For him, God is not confined in the four walls of so called holy places of worship. He can be found among the common people working hard in rain and in sun.

Questions :

- (1) Who was Rabindranath Tagore ?
 - (2) For what did Rabindranath Tagore win the Nobel Prize?
 - (3) What does the poet criticise in the Poem of 'Gitanjali'?
 - (4) Where is God, according to the Poet ?
- (b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 8

History has indeed been extremely unkind to the 'Adivasi' people in India. None of their brave fights against the British has ever been treated as part of the 'national' struggle for freedom. From the Bihar Uprising of 1778 to Lakshman Naik's revolt in Orissa in 1942, the 'Adivasis' of India repeatedly rebelled against the British in the Northeast, Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andhra. The struggle was terminated only because the British acceded to their immediate demands, as in the case of the Bhil revolt of 1809 and the Naik revolt of 1883 in Gujarat. But while the 'Adivasis' kept fighting in the hills and forests, the rest of India was being educated and 'Civilised'.

Questions :

- (1) Why history is unkind to 'Adivasi' ?
- (2) Where were the revolt of 'Adivasi' occurred in India ?
- (3) Why was the struggle of 'Adivasi' terminated in India?
- (4) Find out the irony employed in the passage.

- 3 Draft a telephonic conversation with your uncle to thank him for funding your vacation trip to Goa. 6

OR

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

(Would you like to leave a message ?, Can I talk to Piyush, Please ?, Hello, is it 345 789 ?, I am sorry - He has gone out, Sure-I will tell him, you are welcome)

Rahul : Hello.

Partik : _____

Rahul : Yes.

Pratik : _____

Rahul : _____

Pratik : oh !

Rahul : _____

Pratik : Yes. I am Pratik. Could you ask him to call me back ?

Rahul : _____

Pratik : Thank you.

Rahul : _____

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

(1) They _____ buy some fruits tomorrow.

(2) He _____ write to his friend.

(3) What _____ you _____ to wear to the party tomorrow.

(4) Dr. Kamal Parikh _____ join sterling hospital this year.

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

(recently, occasionally, sooner, moment, often)

(1) My neighbours _____ go on trekking.

(2) The Desais _____ eat out.

(3) The Indian cricket team visited South Africa _____.

(4) The train will arrive in a _____.

(5) _____ or later India will win the world cup in hockey.

(c) Fill in the following blanks using. 6

(may, can, should, must, cannot, should not)

- (1) _____ I speak to you for a while ?
- (2) Your parents are old and sick. You _____ look after them.
- (3) Kandarp _____ run very fast.
- (4) I _____ lie to my mother.
- (5) You _____ have a permit to go on Safari in the Park.
- (6) It is not a good film. You _____ watch it.

(d) Fill in the blanks using options given in the bracket. 5

- (1) The birds are flying _____ the trees. (on, over, in)
 - (2) I love to play _____ my dog. (to, with)
 - (3) He was sitting _____ some very famous people. (among, between)
 - (4) Arun is standing _____ Aman and Vikrant. (among, between)
 - (5) The soldiers are shooting _____ the terrorists. (at, on, in)
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