

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME****Term-End Examination****June, 2015****ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH****EEG-04 : ENGLISH FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES***Time : 3 hours**Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note : Attempt *all* questions.**

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Vishwaditya, the king of Magadh, heard that a great physician who lived in the neighbouring kingdom had invented an edible magic substance, which, if eaten with sweetmeat, would give one a long life. He invited the physician through his messengers. The physician arrived with four sweetmeat balls mixed with the magic substance. The delighted king ordered his soldiers to bring a big garland made of very attractive looking and scented flowers, and himself garlanded the physician. The physician removed the precious cloth with which he had covered the plate of sweetmeat balls. The king's joy knew no bounds at the sight of the contents of

the plate. While the physician was about to offer the sweetmeat balls to the king, the court jester rushed forward, picked up a ball and began eating it. Everyone present in the court was astonished. "Take hold of the mad chap!" shouted the king. The king's bodyguards did so. The half eaten sweetmeat ball fell from his hand. "How dare you touch the magic thing meant for me? Be ready to face the consequence — death!" The jester shed tears. "No use crying," said the king. "I am crying for you, my Lord!" replied the jester. "Why?" asked the king. "My lord, by eating only half of the magic thing, I am going to die. What will happen to you when you eat the whole of the magic thing?" said the jester. The king saw sense in what the jester said. He realized his mistake of believing in such magic things. He suitably honoured the jester.

- (a) State whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* : 5×2=10
- (i) The physician had invented a magic substance which ensured a long life.
  - (ii) The court jester was mad.
  - (iii) The jester was worried about the king's life.
  - (iv) The king was gullible.
  - (v) When the king realised his mistake it was too late.

- (b) According to the jester, what was the effect of eating half a ball on him ? 2
- (c) Which of the following statements correctly explains *did so* in the given sentence, "The King's bodyguards *did so*" ? 2
- (i) They snatched away the half eaten ball.
- (ii) They took hold of the jester.
- (iii) They arrested the physician.
- (iv) None of these
- (d) Find the words in the passage which has a similar meaning as the following words/phrases : 3  
clown, surprised, can be eaten.
- (e) Explain the phrase. 1  
" ..... joy knew no bounds"
- (f) Give the grammatical forms of the following words, as mentioned in the brackets : 3  
invented (change into noun)  
magic (change into adjective)  
consequence (change into adverb)
- (g) Give a suitable title to the passage. 2
- (h) Give the opposites of the following words : 2  
absent, departed

2. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following passage by choosing the best alternative from the list given at the end :

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One cold winter afternoon, the postman was slowly pushing his bicycle up the hill that led to the village. He had only one more letter to deliver. This was for an (i) lady who lived at the (ii) of the hill. Everyone called (iii) grandma. She had lived alone (iv) since her daughter had migrated to Australia. She (v) used to invite the postman for a cup of tea whenever he brought her a letter and (vi) him about her two grandchildren in Australia, whom she had never seen.

- (i) (1) ancient  
(2) important  
(3) old
- (ii) (1) foot  
(2) top  
(3) end
- (iii) (1) her  
(2) the woman  
(3) the lady

- (iv) (1) even  
(2) ever  
(3) about
- (v) (1) always  
(2) rarely  
(3) frequently
- (vi) (1) tell  
(2) suggest  
(3) inform

(b) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words/phrases given in the brackets :

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- (i) I never drive to work, I \_\_\_\_\_  
(often, always) walk.
- (ii) He was dismissed from the office but  
when all the charges against him  
proved to be false he was \_\_\_\_\_  
(reinstated, recalled).
- (iii) I would advise you to pacify your  
father and not \_\_\_\_\_ (aggravate,  
insult) him by arguing.
- (iv) Though they expected a surplus, the  
annual accounts showed a \_\_\_\_\_  
(deficit, loss) of several thousands.

3. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets :

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Though the U.S. 1 (pride) itself as being a leader in the world community, a recent report 2 (say) that it lags far behind other industrialized countries in meeting the needs of its youngest and most vulnerable citizens. The U.S. 3 (has) a higher infant mortality rate, a higher proportion of low birth-weight babies, a smaller proportion of babies 4 (immunize) against childhood diseases and a much higher rate of adolescent pregnancies. The findings 5 (describe) as a 'quiet crisis' requiring immediate and far-reaching action, appeared in a report 6 (prepare) by a task force of educators, doctors and politicians. According to the report, a fourth of the nations 12 million infants 7 (live) in poverty. As child immunizations 8 (be) very low, more children are born into poverty, more are in substandard care while their parents work and more are being 9 (raise) by single parents. When 10 (take) together these risk factors can lead to health and educational problems.

4. Your company has to pay dividend to its shareholders. As a Controller of Finance in your company you have been approached by the Bank of India to open a special account with them for the payment of dividend. Write a memo to the Company Secretary to get a resolution passed by the Board of Directors for this purpose.

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5. You have purchased a T.V. set about two months ago from Apoorva Electronics, New Delhi. The picture is very hazy and very often turns smoky. Write a letter asking the dealer to send an engineer to find out the cause and get it rectified.

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6. Write an essay in about 200 words on any **one** of the following topics :

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(a) Both, distance learning and education in regular college, have their advantages as well as disadvantages. Discuss both the points of view and give your own opinion with reasons and examples.

(b) The Right to Information (RTI) has been granted to the citizens to promote transparency and avoid arbitrary decision-making. But in certain cases it has been misused and has caused damage. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion.

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