

2025

(NEP—2020)

(4th Semester)

ENGLISH

(Ability Enhancement Course)

(Grammar and Comprehension Skills)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Name the Parts of Speech of the underlined words in the following sentences : 1×5=5

(a) Wishing you a happy birthday.

(i) Verb

(ii) Noun

(iii) Adjective

(iv) Pronoun

(b) He quickly worked the sum.

(i) Preposition

(ii) Adverb

(iii) Conjunction

(iv) Adjective

(c) The books are where you left them.

(i) Verb

(ii) Noun

(iii) Pronoun

(iv) Adverb

(d) I will watch while you sleep.

(i) Interjection

(ii) Conjunction

(iii) Adverb

(iv) Preposition

(e) Honesty is the best policy.

(i) Verb

(ii) Noun

(iii) Adjective

(iv) Adverb

2. Change the given sentence as directed :

1×5=5

The sun rises in the east.

- (a) Present perfect tense
- (b) Future continuous tense
- (c) Past indefinite tense
- (d) Past perfect continuous tense
- (e) Present continuous tense

3. Rewrite the following sentences, changing their voice :

1×7=7

- (a) The boy is learning his lesson.
- (b) Who taught you French?
- (c) The first railway was built by George Stephenson.
- (d) We shall be blamed by everyone.
- (e) Shut the door.
- (f) Did the plumber mend the tap?
- (g) We expected good news.

4. Change the speech of the following sentences :

1×8=8

- (a) He said, "I am unwell today."
- (b) He said to me, "What are you doing?"
- (c) Kima said to Mawia, "Go away."

- (d) Lali says , “I have been working hard since January.”
- (e) Sanga said, “Alas! I am ruined!”
- (f) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
- (g) Joe said that he had passed the examination.
- (h) The man said that the horse had died the night before.

UNIT—II

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets :

1×8=8

- (a) The news _____ (is/are) very bad.
- (b) He _____(buy/buys) a pair of socks.
- (c) John_____ (has/have) a new car.
- (d) Each of the boys _____(was/were) given a task.
- (e) The captain, with all his men _____(had/have) died.
- (f) Fire and water _____(do/does) not mix.
- (g) Slow and steady _____ (win/wins) the race.
- (h) I, who _____ (is/am) the leader, will make the decision.

6. Make sentences with any *five* of the following idioms :

2×5=10

- (a) Break down
- (b) Set aside

- (c) To call for
- (d) To carry out
- (e) Struck down
- (f) Look into
- (g) To dispose of
- (h) Blow over

7. Expand the idea contained in any *one* of the following :

1×7=7

- (a) Making the best of life.
- (b) Great talkers are never great doers.
- (c) He that is humble ever shall
Have god to be his guide .

UNIT—III

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

I lived with a man who used to make me mad. He would loll on the sofa, and watch me doing things by the hour together, following me around the room with his eyes, wherever I went. He said it did him real good to look on at me, messing about. He said it made him feel that life was not an idle dream to be gazed and yawned through, but a noble task, full of duty and stern work. He said he often wondered now how he could have gone on before he met me, never having anybody to look at while they worked. Now, I'm like that. I can't sit still and see another man slaving and working.

I want to get up and superintend, and walk around with my hands in my pocket, and tell him what to do. It is my energetic nature. I can't help it.

(a) Find the words in the passage opposite in meaning to the following : 1×3=3

(i) Sane

(ii) Feeble

(iii) Rarely

(b) Why could the author not sit still? 2

(c) What did the man think about life? 2

9. Write a précis of the following passage, giving it a suitable title : 8

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of work before other men get out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds and other distractions. So the work done at this time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning early, he knows what he expected to do, and he is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work is finished in good time, and he goes to bed early. He gets several hours of sleep before midnight when sleep is most refreshing. After a sound night's rest, he rises early next morning in good health and spirit for the labour of a new day.

It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to health than that of the man who shortens his waking hours by rising late, and so can afford, in the course of the day little leisure for necessary rest.

10. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in not more than 500 words :

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(a) Artificial intelligence

(b) Go green for future generations

(c) Eco-tourism
