

General Proficiency and
Communicative English

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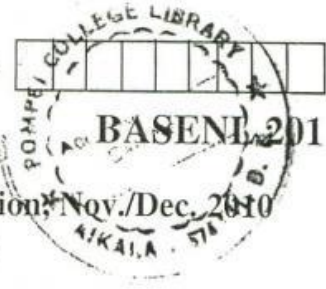
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Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

- I. a) Punctuate the following sentences and use capital letters wherever necessary. 3
do you wish to return with them to india the judge asked
- b) Rearrange the following details according to the bibliographical procedures. 2
Use the proper punctuation marks.
- Publisher : Affiliated East West Pvt. Ltd.
Title of the book : MLA Handbook for writers of Research Papers.
Author : Joseph Gibaldi.
Year of Publication : 2004.
Place of Publication : New Delhi.
- II. A) Read the following expressions and identify their functions from choices given : 2
- a) May I know where we can buy First – aid kit ?
- i) Information
ii) Request
iii) Enquiry
- b) I am sorry, I couldn't attend your Annual Day celebrations.
- i) Apology
ii) Disagreement
iii) Suggestion

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B) Complete the following conversation filling in the blanks with suitable questions/responses in complete sentences. 3

Taxi Driver: Where do you want to go ?

Passenger : _____

Driver : _____ ?

Passenger : I want to catch Madras Mail.

Passenger : _____ ?

Driver : I'll charge by the meter.

C) Write a dialogue of about fifteen sentences on **any one** of the following situation : 5

i) A dialogue between a salesman and a customer at a mobile phone dealers shop.

ii) Two friends discussing their hobby of bird watching.

iii) An interview with the best sportsman in your college.

III. A) Write a paragraph using the following hints. Underline your topic sentence and use at least two linkers from the given list and underline them. 5

A cap seller to market _____ fell asleep under a tree _____ caps in basket _____ monkeys took _____ put them on _____ watched cap seller _____ decided to get it back _____ threw off his cap _____ monkeys did the same.

B) Arrange the following set of jumbled sentences in proper sequence to form a sensible paragraph. 5

- Later he went back to England and decided to become a professional writer.
- George Orwell was the pen name of Eric Arthur Blair.
- As he failed to win a university scholarship, he went to Burma and served in the administration of the Indian Imperial Police from 1922 to 1927.
- His father, Richard. W. Blair was a civil servant for the British Government.
- He was born in Motihari, Bengal, India.

C) Refute **any one** of the following in a paragraph of about 8-10 sentences. 5

- 1) T.V. watching is not useful for study.
- 2) Cell phones should not be banned in the college premises.
- 3) Life in a village is comfortable.



SECTION – B
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IV. Select **any three** of the following passages and answer the questions given below : (5×3=15)

- a) Sh ! Sh ! Sh ! Don't make a noise, whatever you do. Shu' the door, an' have a drink [very solemnly] You helped me to open the door _____ I've got nothing for you. This is my house.
- i) Who is the speaker addressing to ? 1
- ii) Whose house did they come to and at what time ? 2
- iii) Why was the speaker not able to tip the man who helped him into the house ? 2
- b) But you see, Bettina, he has a very hard time _____ he's been out of work two month, and it preys upon his mind. When he's in work he behaves himself much better. It's when he's out of work that he's so violent.
- i) Who is the speaker ? 1
- ii) What do you mean by the expression, 'it preys upon his mind' ? 2
- iii) Why, according to the speaker is he so violent ? 2
- c) Mrs. Jones-Ofcourse when I saw the box, your worship, I was dreadfully upset, and I couldn't think why he had done such a thing ; when the officer came we were having words about it, because it is ruin to me, your worship, in my profession ...
- i) What does the word 'box' refer to ? 1
- ii) Why was she upset to see it ? 2
- iii) Explain the expression 'ruin to me'. 2
- d) Unknown : In my purse in the reticule. It was a crimson silk purse. Really, I wouldn't have come – I don't want to make any fuss. But I must get my money back.
- i) Whom does the word 'unknown' refer to ? 1
- ii) What did the purse contain ? 2
- iii) What does the passage reveal about the speaker ? 2



e) Barthwick-If you hadn't had me to come to, where would you have been ?
It's the merest accident – suppose you had been the son of a poor man or a clerk obtaining money with a cheque you knew your bank could not meet. It might have ruined you for life.

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| i) Whom does the word 'you' refer to ? | 1 |
| ii) What is referred to as the merest accident ? | 2 |
| iii) What might have ruined him for life ? | 2 |

V. Answer **any three** of the following in about **100-150** words **each** : (3×5=15)

- 1) Sketch the character of Mrs. Jones.
- 2) What dramatic purpose is served by the visit of the unknown lady ?
- 3) What is Mrs. Barthwick's opinion about her son ?
- 4) Why does Mr. Barthwick suspect Mrs. Jones ?
- 5) How does Mrs. Jones react to the discovery of the Silver-box in Jones's coat pocket ?

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words **each**. (2×10=20)

- 1) 'The Silver Box' is a play of two thefts'. Discuss.
- 2) Is Jones a rebel or a thief or both ? Explain with reference to 'The Silver Box'.
- 3) Discuss the significance of the opening scene in the play 'The Silver Box'.
- 4) Sketch the character of Mr. Barthwick.