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MAEG-01

M.A. (Previous) EXAMINATION, June, 2008

ENGLISH

First Paper

(English Language Usage and Communication Skills)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 80

Attempt any five questions. Each question carries equal marks.

1. Write short notes on :
 - (a) Elements of a sentence
 - (b) Basic verb patterns 8×2
2. Define and elaborate the different types of either phrase or clause structures. 16
3. Identify the different notions and give five illustrative examples of each. 16

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4. What do you understand by morphology ? Differentiate between free and bound morphemes and inflectional and derivative morphemes. 16
5. Illustrate with the help of two examples each eight rules of subject-verb agreement. 16
6. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The word 'medieval' means the middle ages. It is used in history, therefore, to refer to that period which lies between the ancient and the modern periods and is quite literally the middle period. How do we know when the ancient period ends and the medieval period begins ? We have taken the eighth century A.D. as the beginning and the eighteenth century A.D. as the end of the medieval period. Why ? Because there were many changes taking place in Indian society in about the eighth century A.D. and during this time these changes influenced many aspects of Indian society. They influenced the political and economic aspects, social laws, religion, language, art – in short, almost everything. So we recognise that a new stage in Indian society had come about. We may say that this change took place around the eighth century.

We have to be just a little vague about the date because just as a person does not change suddenly in one year,

similarly societies also take time to change. Nor does everybody become influenced by new ideas at the same time. Some of these changes in Indian history began earlier than the eighth century and in some parts of India their influence was felt a little later. But taking a general view of things, we can say that the new phase took root in the eighth century. In the same way with the break-up of the Mughal empire and the coming of the British, the eighteenth century also saw many changes. So we refer to the century as the closing of the medieval period.

- (i) What do you understand by the term 'medieval' ?
Why is the period in history so called ?
- (ii) How can we distinguish the medieval period from the ancient and the modern ?
- (iii) Why are we vague about the exact time and date of the beginning and end of a period in history ?
- (iv) What distinguishes the Indian medieval period from the modern ?

4×4

7. What elements must appear in the structure of every report ? Draw a lay-out/plan of a review report. 16

8. Elaborate any one of the given themes in about 150 words :

- (i) Sweet are the uses of adversity

- (ii) Time and tide wait for no man
 - (iii) Cricket is ruling the media
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9. Discuss the importance of listening as an integral component of the communicative process. 16
10. Elaborate and illustrate the different aspects of documenting a research paper. 16