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BCAENLN 201

II Semester B.C.A. Examination, September 2022
ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)
L2 Generic English (As per NEP 2020)
(Batches Commencing From 2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Mallika Srinivasan is an Indian industrialist who currently acts as the Chief Executive Officer of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE). She is the recipient of several illustrious awards, including the First Business Woman of the Year Award for India which she received from BBC, Business Woman of the Year Award which was given to her by the Economic Times, and Entrepreneur of the Year in the field of manufacturing, from Ernst and Young. She has been given the title of 'Tractor Queen' by many members of the media for her success in the tractor industry. The media has also ranked her as one of India's most powerful businesswomen.

Born on 19 November 1959 in Chennai, in the State of Tamil Nadu, India, Mallika Srinivasan grew up listening to her father discussing business with the family at the dinner table. Her father's attitude to business taught Srinivasan a lot, shaping her into the industrialist she became. In school, she performed well, showing a keen understanding of business and economic principles. Her father had suggested that she study literature, but she did not regard his advice. She pursued an MA in Econometrics from Madras University instead. During that period of times he also got married to Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of the motorcycle manufacturer TVS Motor Company. However, Mallika was not content with an idle life. She decided to study abroad to further enhance her skills.

1) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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2) Choose the right synonym from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence :

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She followed her goal to study Abroad.

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II. Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blank with appropriate antonym of the word underlined : **1**
Even the most powerful person can at times feel weak and _____.
- 2) a) Fill in the blank with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : **1**
He is _____; give him some work. (idle/idol)
- b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : **1**
i) A farmer toils for months on a _____ to grow the morsel of food that we eat at our dinner table.
ii) What is your _____ of expertise ?
- 3) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix : **(2×1=2)**
a) While Mallika Srinivasan is an industrialist, Mallika Sarabhai is a _____ classical dancer. (skill)
b) Though he is forty, he is still _____. (married)
- 4) i) Match the word in Column A with the right collocation given in Column B : **1**

Column A	Column B
Sincere	sport
	apology
	grain

- ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternative given in brackets : **1**
Rohit Sharma has been prevented from playing any _____ matches in the cricket series as he has tested Covid positive. (further/farther)

III. Read the above passage and pick two words that are related to the central theme of the passage. **1**

- a)
b)

UNIT – II

IV. Do as directed :

- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech : **(3×1=3)**
a) He said, "I have passed the exam".
b) Kapil said to them, "When are you leaving ?"
c) "Run away children," said their father.



- 2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×3=3)
- a) Daughter asking mother's permission to buy a new smartphone.
 - b) Two friends talking about the importance of health in the post covid pandemic situation.
- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is one-third of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary : (1×3=3)

Our forests are important sources of natural wealth, covering one-fifth of country's land area. They supply the timber for the railways, buildings and furniture making. They also supply the fuel for cooking and the bamboo for papermaking. Medicinal herbs also come from the forests. In olden days, our wise men and philosophers had their ashrams in the forests. These ashrams were centres of knowledge and learning. Those sages had done an excellent job of maintaining our forests. So, we had wonderful forests. Unfortunately, forests were ruthlessly cut down in the past few years. While the forests are disappearing, the demand for timber is growing. We must, therefore, protect and develop our forests. Vanmahotsav is an important step in this direction. It is observed for a week in July every year. During this week, lakhs of saplings are planted throughout the country. This is being done to restore our fast disappearing forests. Still, deforestation poses a serious threat to forests on the earth. Deforestation causes soil erosion, sudden floods and global warming (175 words)

- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below : (1×3=3)
- a) Your college is celebrating World Yoga Day and you have been asked to welcome the gathering at the event.
 - b) An English teacher is the Chief Guest for the inauguration of the English Literary Club of your college and you are introducing her to the audience.
 - c) Imagine that you are a traffic police and are enlightening college students on road safety.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay : (1×8=8)
- a) Pros and Cons of Online Learning
(Efficiency – affordability – accessibility – use of ICT – updated knowledge sources – visual learning – less safe for health – inability to focus on screen – distractions – no hands-on experience – disadvantages of lack of physical presence of teacher)



b) Our Responsibility towards Environment

(Nature's processes in delicate balance – man's responsibility for sustenance of environment – importance of natural ecosystems – need for sustenance rather than commercialisation – save the biodiversity of earth – responsibility towards future generations)

UNIT – III

V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' .
- 2) What is Tagore's vision for his country as expressed in song 36 of 'Gitanjali' ?
- 3) Trace the nature of pain that Kamala Das talks about in the poem 'The Punishment in Kindergarten'.

VI. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) According to Russel, "The pursuit of knowledge may become harmful, unless it is combined with wisdom". Justify this statement.
- 2) What are the different visions of success that Subroto Bagchi shares in the lesson 'Go Kiss the World' ?
- 3) Elaborate on the theme of jealousy, insecurity, materialism and class snobbery in 'A Cup of Tea'.

VII. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** : **(2×5=10)**

- 1) Who is "the Angel in the House" in the lesson 'Professions for Women' by Virginia Woolf ? Explain.
 - 2) What is Gandhi's view on poverty ?
 - 3) Explain the significance of the last words uttered by Subroto Bagchi's mother.
 - 4) Describe the character of Rosemary's husband.
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