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Programme: B.E.

Branch: Common to all Branches

Course Code: 22MA2AEPWE

Course: Professional Writing Skills in English

Semester: II

Duration: 3 hrs.

Max Marks: 50

Instructions: 1. Answer all the questions

2. Internal choice is provided in Unit IV, V and VI.

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.		UNIT - I	CO	PO	Marks
	1	Select the right answers from the choices given. Each question carries one mark.			5
	a)	They asked me what (i) is my name (ii) was my name (iii) has been my name (iv) my name was	CO1	PO1	
	b)	They came _____ the room slowly i) Into (ii) Onto (iii) in (iv) for	CO1	PO1	
	c)	Do not stands for? (i) don't (ii) didn't (iii) does n't (iv) done n't	CO1	PO1	
	d)	Ramya is _____ vegetarian (i) an (ii) the (iii) a (iv) by	CO1	PO1	
	e)	I _____ that the meeting will be postponed (i) Accepted (ii) Finished (iii) Expected (iv) Rejected	CO1	PO1	
		UNIT - II			
	2	Write a précis for the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length.			
		There are hundreds of superstitions which survive various parts of the country, And the study of them rather amusing we are told for example, that, it is unlucky to point to the new moon or to look at it through glass, but if we have nine times to it we shall have lucky month. Nearly all superstitions are concerned with lucky good ' lucky ' is associated with black cats horse-shoes the finding. Of a pin, the three penny bit in the Christmas pudding, the old shoe flung at a wedding party, and a dark man, who in the first to step over the door step. a new year's day, luck is associated with the howling of dogs, spilling of salt the crossing of knives sitting down thirteen to a table, meeting a cross-eyed woman, walking under a ladder, the falling of a picture from the wall, the breaking of a mirror and scores of other of a things. When the fire is reluctant to burn, a servant girl who often place a poker upright before the bars. She does not know why she done	CO1	PO1	5

		<p>it. She has seen her mother and grandmother do it. But centuries ago, a sulky fire was attributed to witchcraft, and the upright poker against the bars (which made the chain of the cross) was thought to have power to destroy the evil spell.</p> <p>Now suppose you tell a scientist that you believe a certain superstition let us say, that the howling of a dog is a sign of death. The scientist will immediately require evidence, before he can accept your belief, he want figures to prove it. It will be useless to quote two or three cases, he will want hundreds. He will want also to know (a) if it ever happens that the howling of dogs is not followed by a death. (b) if every person's death is predicted in the howling of dogs. The answer to the former question is affirmative and to the latter in the negative your superstition will not bear investigation. It may impress an arrogant person, but it cannot face the light of facts. Your case would not carry conviction in a court of law.</p> <p>Apart from this process of testing by results, however, any intelligent man will want to know the reason why, what connection can there be between a howling dog and an approaching death? Can it be cause and effect? Can it be that the dog has a gift of foresting such events? Or is the dog instrument employed by some uncanny power that moves invisibly in our midst?</p>			
		UNIT - III			
	3	<p>Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one mark.</p> <p>Many years ago in a small Indian village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a village money lender. The money lender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter, so he proposed a bargain he said he would forgo the farmer's debt if he could marry the farmer's daughter. Both the farmer and his daughter were hurried by the proposal. So the cunning money lender suggested that they let providence decide the matter.</p> <p>He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be written off. If she picked the white pebble, she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be written off. But if she refused to pick a pebble her father would be thrown to jail.</p> <p>They were standing on a pebble- strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the money lender bent over to pick up two pebbles as he picked them up the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles, The girl put her hand into the money bag and drew out a pebble without looking at it, she tumbled and let it fall into the pebble strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles "oh, how clumsy of me", she said "but never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble</p>	COI	POI	5

		<p>I picked". Since the remaining pebble is black it must be assumed that she had picked the white one and since the money lender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an advantageous one.</p> <p>(i) What was the misfortune of the farmer?</p> <p>(ii) Add a prefix to the word 'honesty' to form its antonym</p> <p>(iii) Choose the word from the passage which suggests that the girl had keen observation</p> <p>(iv) How could the girl save her father?</p> <p>(v) What is the meaning of the expression 'written off' means?</p>			
		UNIT - IV			
	4	Answer the following in about 250 words.			
		<p>a) What is meant by a technical report? Explain briefly.</p> <p>b) Explain the various types of reports.</p>	CO4	PO1	5 10
		OR			
		<p>c) Evaluate the professional value of oral reports over the written reports.</p> <p>d) Explain the categories of reports.</p>	CO4	PO1	5 10
		UNIT - V			
	5	Answer the following in about 250 words.			
		a) What are the traits of a good listener? How can you find out if the other person is listening to you properly or not?	CO4	PO1	10
		OR			
		b) Emails are very fast means of communication, but have some drawbacks. Discuss.	CO4	PO1	10
		UNIT- VI			
	6	Answer the following in about 250 words.			
		a) Explain the types of interviews.	CO4	PO1	10
		OR			
		b) What are various forms of communication? How does the body language have to be functioned in group discussion?	CO4	PO1	10
