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B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

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Programme: B.E.

Semester: II

Branch: Common to all Branches

Duration: 2 hrs.

Course Code: 21MA2HSPWS / 22MA2AEPWE

Max Marks: 50

Course: Professional Writing Skills in English

Instructions: 1. Answer all the questions

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

UNIT - I			CO	PO	Marks
1		Choose the correct option below	CO1, 4	PO10	5
	a)	Choose the correct synonym of the given word: Fulsome (A) Excessive (B) Liberal (C) Generous (D) Smooth			
	b)	Please, don't laugh.....those beggars (A)for (B)against (C)at (D)from			
	c)	Antonym of the given word. Propensity (A) Relentless (B) Stagnation (C) Forecast (D) Disinclination			
	d)	Choose the grammatically correct sentence (A)Both Hari and I don't like horror films. (B)Both I and Hari don't like horror films. (C)Both Hari and I don't like horror films. (D)Both I and Hari doesn't like horror films			
	e)	Nobody knows how the Indian cricket team is going to <u>cope with</u> the difficult and seamer-friendly wickets in Australia. Choose the option which is closest in meaning to the underlined phrase in the above sentence. (A)Put Up With (B)Put In With (C)Put Down To (D)Put Up Against			

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 - II			
2		<p>Write a precis for the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length.</p> <p>Coffee is traditionally grown in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu in India. It is predominantly an export oriented commodity and 65% to 70% of the coffee produced in the country is exported, while the rest is consumed within the country. In the international market, Indian Robusta is highly preferred for its good lending quality. Arabica coffee from India is also well-received in the international market. Coffee is an export product with low import intensity and high employment content. This is evident from the fact that more than six lakh persons are directly employed and an equal number of individuals get Indirect employment from this sector. Arabica is a mild coffee, but the beans are more aromatic; it has a higher market value compared to Robusta beans. On the other hand, Robusta has more strength and is therefore used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta. The cool and equable temperature, ranging between 15°C and 25°C, is suitable for Arabica, while for Robusta, a hot and humid climate with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 30°C is suitable. Arabica requires more care and nurture and is more suitable for large holdings, whereas Robusta is suitable irrespective of the size of the farm. Arabica is susceptible to pests and diseases such as White Stem Borer, and leaf rust, and requires more shade than Robusta. The harvest of Arabica takes place between November and January, while for Robusta, it is from December to February.</p>	CO4	PO10	5
		UNIT - III			
3		<p>Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one mark.</p> <p>Medicines have become an element of surprise and a cause of concern. This is because they have begun to aggravate diseases instead of curing them. No one has a solution. The doctors are perplexed and the patients are annoyed. The outcome of intensive research and in-depth studies has startled everyone. These findings show that unnecessary use of medicines has created a trend in which people not only take medicines for every small ailment, but also advise others to do so. This habit is now a fashion, a passion and a mark of being educated and aware. Sometimes, it is even considered a status symbol. People think that they should take strong drugs, irrespective of whether the disease is minor or major. Nowadays, a shelf of medicines is found in every house. This practice is not merely confined to general medicines, but has now spread even to antibiotics. The literal meaning of the word antibiotics is – ‘against life’. In fact, due to their misuse, they have really begun acting against our life. Experts say that unnecessary consumption of antibiotics is increasing the longevity of the microbes on the one hand, while adversely affecting the patient’s health on the other. This is because due to the overuse of these medicines the resistance of</p>	CO4	PO10	05

		<p>microorganisms is increasing, while the immunity of the individuals is decreasing. The medical experts have now begun to accept openly that neither the doctors refrain from prescribing the antibiotics for even simple ailments, nor the patients observe restraint in consuming them. It is a matter of concern that these medicines are used excessively without understanding their side-effects. Recently, the World Health Organization has also issued an advisory to the Southeast Asian countries, including India. It has warned that if the unrestricted use of antibiotics continues, the coming times may witness a substantial rise in the number of deaths occurring due to 'microbial resistance'. Antibiotics either destroy the disease-causing bacteria completely or prohibit their growth. However, their prolonged use gives rise to mutation in the bacteria, which makes them resistant towards these drugs. Consequently, they stop, having any effect on them. This situation is termed by medical experts as 'microbial resistance'. Various researches and studies carried out in this context also lead to the conclusion that medicines are becoming poisonous. The chief cause of this situation is the unrestrained use of antibiotics. Studies have revealed that sometimes strong antibiotics are taken even for treating simple problems.</p> <p>(a) Why have medicines become an element of surprise? (b) What is the literary meaning of the word antibiotics? (c) What is the adverse effect of overuse of antibiotics? (d) What do antibiotics do with the disease causing bacteria? (e) What is warned by WHO?</p>		
		UNIT – IV		
4		Answer the following in about 250 words.		
	a)	Explain and elaborate on the structure of a proposal.	CO4	PO10 05
	b)	Define Report. What is the significance of reports.	CO4	PO10 5+5
		OR		
	c)	What are the characteristics of a technical proposal.	CO4	PO10 05
	d)	Describe the different types of reports. Explain briefly the categories or manner that reports can be presented.	CO4	PO10 10
		UNIT – V		
5	a)	Discuss on the advantages and disadvantages of email.	CO4	PO10 05
	b)	What are the barriers for effective listening.	CO4	PO10 05
		OR		
	c)	Elaborate with examples the different types of listening.	CO4	PO10 10
		UNIT – VI		
6	a)	Discuss with examples the different types of interviews.	CO4	PO10 10
		OR		
	b)	What are the etiquettes that one must bear in mind when participating in a Group Discussion?	CO4	10