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HS 3252 – PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH – II

(Common to: All Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Go through the sentences and change their tenses as directed.
 - (a) Anne went to school yesterday. (Future continuous)
 - (b) I finish my assignment. (Present perfect)
2. Identify the sentences where prepositional phrases are used.
 - (a) The match was called off due to heavy rain.
 - (b) She complained about the issue.
 - (c) The Manager turned down his proposal.
 - (d) Preethan is suffering from severe cold.
3. Convert the active voice sentence into passive voice.
 - (a) Divith bought a brand-new smartphone.
 - (b) The Principal has instructed the NSS students to clean the college campus.
4. Combine the following sentences to bring out the cause and effect.
 - (a) The information was easily stolen. There were no security checks in the System.
 - (b) This type of turbine is widely used. It has greater efficiency.

5. Spot the error and rewrite the sentence correctly.
 - (a) Politics are sometimes a dirty business.
 - (b) The automobile sector is one of the largest employer in the country, employing about 37 million people, directly and indirectly.
6. Complete the sentences.
 - (a) How can you finish the project if _____?
 - (b) If I had more time, _____.
7. Choose the correct Modal verbs for the following sentences.
 - (a) According to the weather forecast, it _____ snow heavily tomorrow. (may/shall)
 - (b) Madam, _____ (could/may) you please repeat what you said?
8. Use appropriate prepositions :
 - (a) The scientist looked _____ the microscope. (through/in)
 - (b) The teacher divided the sweets _____ all the children. (between / among)
9. Rewrite the following as numerical adjectives.
 - (a) An internal project work lasting for two years.
 - (b) A journey of 100 kilometers
10. Combine the following sentences using relative pronouns.
 - (a) The studio's annex is located across the street. It carries similar artwork in a similar space.
 - (b) Decorating is a difficult job. I hate it.

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

Q.No. 11 is Compulsory.

11. (i) Write an essay to compare and contrast "Shopping Online Vs Shopping in person." (8)
- (ii) Read the passage and answer the questions. (4 × 2 = 8)

Copy Chasers, Inc., is a group of advertising experts who utilize visual magnetism to sell your product or service. What is visual magnetism, you ask. It is Copy Chasers' original advertising technique that will get your company noticed--and after all, isn't that the number one goal of advertising? Think of it this way: Your company's message is virtually meaningless if no one ever encounters it.

Kerry Randall, author of many comprehensive Yellow Page advertising books, states, "Any graphic that does not leap from the page may as well be invisible. Likewise, any text that is not engaging and easy to read is tomfoolery." Call Copy Chasers today and get noticed.

- (1) What is the main purpose of the advertisement?
 - (A) To give advice on searching the Yellow pages.
 - (B) To promote Copy Chasers, Inc.,
 - (C) To explain visual magnetism
 - (D) To introduce Kerry Randall
- (2) What is the number one goal of advertising, according to the passage?
 - (A) Technical accuracy
 - (B) Compelling copy
 - (C) Getting noticed
 - (D) Using Graphics
- (3) What does the ad say "visual magnetism" is?
 - (A) An advertising technique
 - (B) Cleverly written copy
 - (C) Brilliant Graphics
 - (D) A showcasing of new products
- (4) According to Kerry Randall, what should a Yellow page advertising Graphics do?
 - (A) Be visible
 - (B) Leap from the page
 - (C) Conform to the background
 - (D) Provide detail information

12. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions.

"Click!" That's the sound of safety. That's the sound of survival. That's the sound of a seat belt locking in place. Seat belts save lives and that's a fact. That's why I don't drive anywhere until mine is on tight. Choosing to wear your seat belt is as simple as choosing between life and death. Which one do you choose?

Think about it. When You're driving a car, you may be going 60 MPH or faster. That car is zipping down the road. Then somebody a head of you locks up his or her brakes. Your driver doesn't have time to stop. The car that you are in crashes. Your car was going 60 miles per hour. Now it was suddenly stopped. Your body, however, is still going 60MPH. What's going to stop your body? Will it be the windshield or your seat belt? Every time that you get into a car you make that choice. I choose the seat belt.

Some people think that seat belts are uncool. They think that seat belts cramp their style, or that seat belts are uncomfortable. To them I say, what's more uncomfortable? Wearing a seat belt or flying through a car windshield? What's more uncool? Being safely anchored to a car, or skidding across the road in your Jean shorts? Wearing a seat belt is both cooler and more comfortable than the alternatives.

Let's just take a closer look at your choices. If you are not wearing your seat belt, you can hop around the car and slide in and out of your seat easily. That sounds like a lot of fun. But, you are more likely to die or suffer serious injuries. If you are wearing a seat belt, you have to stay in your seat. That's no fun. But, you are much more likely to walk away unharmed from a car accident. A small pleasure for a serious pain. That's a tough choice. I think that I'll avoid the serious pain. How about giving money away? Do you like to give your money away? Probably not. And when you don't wear your seat belt, you are begging to give your money away. That's because kids are required to wear seat belts in every state in America. If you're riding a car, and you don't have a seat belt on, the police can give you or your driver a ticket. Then you will have to give money to the city. I'd rather keep my money, but you can spend yours how you want.

Wearing a seat belt does not make you invincible. You can still get hurt or killed while wearing your seat belt. But wearing them has proven to be safer than driving without them. You are much less likely to be killed in a car wreck if you are wearing a seat belt. You are much less likely to get seriously injured if you are wearing one. So why not take the safer way? Why not go the way that has been proven to result in fewer deaths? You do want to live, don't you?

Answer the following Questions.

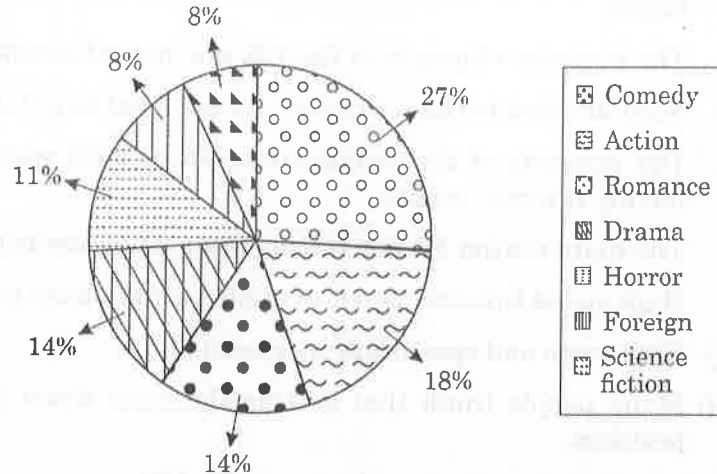
- (i) Suggest a suitable title to the passage. (2)
- (ii) What are the three main points that the author uses to support his argument? (2)

14. (a) Write a list of Eight recommendations that should be followed in order to remain successful at work place. (16)

Or

- (b) The pie chart shows the percentage of TV viewing of Indians in the year 2016-2017. Summarize the information in about 200 words making relevant comparisons.

PIE CHART SHOWING THE PERCENTAGES OF TV VIEWING



15. (a) Write a survey report on the 'Impact of COVID' inventing necessary details. (16)

Or

- (b) Write a Job application for the post of a Plant Manager (Operations) to a newly opened up Distillery Facility in Mathuranthakam, Kanchipuram District. M.E. in Production Engineering is desirable. Forward your application with your Resume to The General Manager. JJR Distillery Pvt. Ltd., Mathuranthakam PO, Kanchipuram District – 640 032. (16)

The cost of getting online is going down and internet speeds are increasing, so many see the main challenge to be explaining the relevance of the internet to this group. This would encourage them to get connected before they are left too far behind. The gap between those who have access to and use the internet is the digital divide, and if the gap continues to widen, those without access will get left behind and miss out on many opportunities, especially in their careers.

(a) State whether the following statements are true or false: (10)

- (i) More people in the UK do not intend to get Internet access than before.
- (ii) The majority of people in the UK are 'net refuseniks'.
- (iii) Most of those without internet access want to get it.
- (iv) The minority of the people surveyed in 2005 weren't interested in having internet access.
- (v) The main reason for not getting internet access is the cost.
- (vi) High speed Internet is not available everywhere in the UK.
- (vii) Both costs and speeds are increasing.
- (viii) Many people think that getting the costs down is the key to this problem.
- (ix) The digital divide is widening in the UK.
- (x) Not having access to the internet will only affect people's careers.

(b) Give a suitable title to the passage. (2)

(c) Write two synonyms for the word "Significant". (2)

(d) Find and write the word from the text that gives the meaning "the chance or right to use or have something". (2)

12. (a) Write a cause and effect essay on air pollution in about 200 words. (16)

Or

(b) Write a complaint letter to the Manager, Sewing and Knitting, 4 Castle Street, New Delhi about the defective sewing machine you received recently on your purchase.

13. (a) Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' complaining about the nuisance created by the use of loudspeakers located at Sector 15, Vasundhara Enclave, New Delhi. (16)

Or

(b) Prepare a checklist of eight important things that you should do before attending in an interview. (16)

6. Expand the following compound nouns:
- (a) Flashlight
 - (b) Coal gas
7. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:
- (a) "I am playing football", she said.
 - (b) "I have been to San Francisco", She told me.
8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:
- (a) Look _____ the flowers.
 - (b) Adam's birthday is _____ July.
9. Give the meaning of any two of the following idioms:
- (a) a wild goose chase
 - (b) raining cats and dogs
 - (c) ball is in your court
10. Fill in the blanks using a relative pronoun:
- (a) Please give me back the books _____ I lent you.
 - (b) Tell me a nice place _____ I can buy a ring for my mother.

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

Q.No. 11 is Compulsory.

11. A recent survey has shown that the number of people in the United Kingdom who do not intend to get internet access has risen. These people, who are known as 'net refuseniks', make up 44% of UK households, or 11.2 million people in total.

The research also showed that more than 70 percent of these people said that they were not interested in getting connected to the internet. This number has risen from just over 50% in 2005, with most giving lack of computer skills as a reason for not getting internet access, though some also said it was because of the cost.

More and more people are getting broadband and high speed net is available almost everywhere in the UK, but there are still a significant number of people who refuse to take the first step.