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Instructions:

- Return the question paper. Answer all the questions in the answer copy.
- Write only the answers in your answer copy after putting the correct question number.
- This question paper has 4 pages and 3 questions

Time: 2 hours

Max Marks: 50

(Q1) CLO3: Total Marks-20

Write a persuasive essay on any ONE of the following.

1. Many people believe that the government must ensure that parks are constructed in every neighborhood/residential area. However, others feel that parks can occupy a large portion of precious land and should not be constructed for every neighborhood. What is your position regarding this issue? Support your position with a strong argument in the essay.
2. Many old buildings are protected by law because they are a part of a nation's history. However, some think that old buildings should be demolished to make way for new ones because people need houses and offices. What is your opinion on this matter? Support your position with a strong argument in the essay.

OR

Write a problem solution essay on any ONE of the following.

1. Online shopping has become increasingly popular, but many people are dissatisfied with the products they receive from online stores or feel that they never needed the product in the first place. What strategies can people use to make online shopping a rewarding experience?
2. Upon joining the university, many students feel that they have selected the wrong career/field. This makes the students frustrated and confused. What strategies can students use to ensure that they join the right field after college?

NOTE: You have to write either a persuasive or problem solution essay. Follow the writing process to write your essay.

(Q2) CLO2: Total Marks-10

Read the following essay and answer the questions that follow. [10]

Both Washington, DC, and London are capital cities of English-speaking countries, and yet they offer vastly different experiences to their residents and visitors. Comparing and contrasting the two cities based on their history, their culture, and their residents show how different and similar the two are.

1)Both cities are rich in world and national history, though they developed on very different time lines. London, for example, has a history that dates back to over two thousand years. 2)It was part of the Roman

Empire and known by the similar name, Londinium. 3)The Roman Empire was the post-Republican period of ancient Rome, and as a polity, it included large territorial holdings around the Mediterranean Sea in Europe. 4)Washington, DC, on the other hand, has only formally existed since the late eighteenth century. 5)Though Native Americans inhabited the land several thousand years earlier, and settlers inhabited the land as early as the sixteenth century, the city did not become the capital of the United States until the 1790s. 6) From that point onward to today, Washington, DC, has increasingly maintained significant global influence. 7)New York City comprises 5 boroughs sitting where the Hudson River meets the Atlantic Ocean.

1)Both Washington, DC, and London offer a wide array of museums that harbor many of the world’s most prized treasures. 2)While Washington, DC, has the National Gallery of Art and several other Smithsonian galleries, London’s art scene and galleries have a definite edge in this category. 3)From the Tate Modern to the British National Gallery, London’s art ranks among the world’s best. 4) The Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum in Madrid houses pieces by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, Henri Matisse, and many more. 5)London has a much richer past than Washington, DC, and consequently has a lot more material to pull from when arranging its collections. 6) Both cities have thriving theater districts, but again, London wins this comparison, too, both in quantity and quality of theater choices. 7)With regard to other cultural places like restaurants, pubs, and bars, both cities are very comparable. 8)Both have a wide selection of expensive, elegant restaurants as well as a similar amount of global and national chains.

1)Both cities also share and differ in cultural diversity and cost of living. 2)Both cities share a very expensive cost of living—both in terms of housing and shopping. 3)These high costs create socioeconomic disparity among the residents. 4)Although both cities’ residents are predominantly wealthy, both have a significantly large population of poor and homeless. 5)Perhaps the most significant difference between the resident demographics is the racial makeup. 6)Washington, DC, is a “minority majority” city, which means the majority of its citizens are races other than white. 7) London has very few minorities—in 2006, 70 percent of its population was “white,” while only 10 percent was “black.” 8) The racial demographic differences between the cities is drastic.

Even though Washington, DC, and London are major capital cities of English-speaking countries in the Western world, they have many differences along with their similarities. They have vastly different histories, art cultures, and racial demographics, but they remain similar in their cost of living and socioeconomic disparity.

1. **What type of organizational pattern is followed in the given compare and contrast essay? Choose from the options below:**
 - a. Subject by Subject
 - b. Point by Point
2. **Which sentence in body paragraph 1 does not add to paragraph unity or which sentence is unrelated to the paragraph topic?**
3. **Which sentence in body paragraph 2 does not add to paragraph unity?**
4. **Which points of comparison has the writer used in paragraph 2? Choose from the options below:**
 - a. Art and culture
 - b. Art and entertainment
 - c. Art and science

5. Which connector/word of transition would be the best choice for sentence 6 in the first body paragraph?
 - a. Consequently
 - b. However
 - c. Indeed
6. Which connector/word of transition would be the best choice for sentence 6 in the third body paragraph?
 - a. Nevertheless
 - b. by contrast
 - c. Specifically
7. Which supporting point would be the best choice for sentence number 2 in the third body paragraph?
 - a. A downtown one-bedroom apartment in DC can easily cost \$1,800 per month, and a similar “flat” in London may cost double that amount.
 - b. A downtown one-bedroom apartment in DC can easily cost \$1,800 per month, and a similar “flat” in London may cost double that amount while the other utilities and essentials in both the cities can cost up to \$11,000.
 - c. A decent residence in both the cities along is too expensive for an average middle class person, and if basic utilities are considered, the bills can be too much.
8. Which supporting point would be the best choice for sentence number 6 in the third body paragraph?
 - a. In 2009, according to the US Census, 55 percent of DC residents were classified as “Black or African American” and 35 percent of its residents were classified as “white.”
 - b. There are more Black Americans in Washington than the While residents.
 - c. Both Black and White Americans are integral part of the US capital.
9. Name four points of comparison used by the writer to compare and contrast London and Washington DC? Refer to the body paragraphs to identify the specific points of comparison as the thesis is more general.
10. Suggest a suitable title for the given essay.

(Q3) CLO: Total Marks-20

- a) Identify the fragments in each short passage given below. Then, correct the fragments using the methods discussed in class. There may be more than one fragment present in each passage or sentence. [14]
 1. My phone rang at least ten times this morning. Then was silent the rest of the day. I finally called the telephone company. To see if my phone was out of order.
 2. Although hot dogs, French fries, and rich ice cream are not healthy foods. They're still favorites for many Americans. People are determined to enjoy themselves. And don't want to hear about fat and cholesterol.
 3. Sarita boasts that she can read a book in one evening. But she doesn't read the whole book. For example, a chapter here and a page there. She misses a lot of the book's detail. Because she skips parts that she thinks won't interest her.

4. Many people have poor telephone manners. Such as beginning all of their conversations by saying, "Who's this?". Some people don't ask if their call has come at a convenient time. Or identify themselves when calling.
5. Because members of a youth group in Finland once felt that Donald Duck was immoral. They tried to have Donald Duck cartoons banned from their town. They objected to the fact that Donald had been keeping company with Daisy Duck for more than fifty years. Without ever getting married.
6. Itching for several days. Mosquito bites are one of the little miseries of summer. The itch is the result of the mosquito's saliva. Which produces a mild allergic reaction in most people.
7. Although soccer is much more popular in other countries. It has enjoyed a rebirth in the United States in the past ten years. It has become the second most popular sport. For those between the ages of 12 and 24.

b) Read the given passage and insert the suitable word of transition in the blanks. [6]

For example	Firstly	However	Finally	Although	To sum up
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Vegetarians believe that meat is unhealthy because of the diseases it has been connected with. There has been much research to suggest that red meat is particularly bad, for example, and that consumption should be limited to eating it just a few times a week to avoid such things as cancer. Meats can also be high in saturated fats so they have been linked to health problems such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

1. _____, there are strong arguments for eating meat. 2. _____, as humans we are designed to eat meat, which suggests it is not unhealthy, and we have been eating meat for thousands of years. 3. _____, cavemen made hunting implements so that they could kill animals and eat their meat. Secondly, meat is a rich source of protein which helps to build muscles and bones. Vegetarians often have to take supplements to get all the essential vitamins and minerals. 4. _____, it may be the case that too much meat is harmful, but we can easily limit the amount we have without having to cut it out of our diet completely.

5. _____, I do not agree that everyone should turn to a vegetarian diet. 6. _____ the overconsumption of meat could possibly be unhealthy, a balanced diet of meat and vegetables should result in a healthy body.

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