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| **Course Code: SS105** | **Course Name: English Composition and Comprehension** | |
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* Return the question paper.
* Read each question completely before answering it. There are **3 questions and 2 pages.**
* In case of any ambiguity, you may make assumption. But your assumption should not contradict any statement in the question paper.
* ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE ANSWER COPY. QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON THE QUESTION PAPER WILL NOT BE SCORED.
* **The invigilator present is not supposed to tell the meaning of any word.**
* Be precise and to the point.

**Time**: 60 minutes. **Max Marks**: 40 points

**Question 1**

**A. Read the following paragraph, and decide if any part of it lacks parallel structure. Rewrite the specific part after correction by making it parallel. [6 marks]**

**i)**Eggs contain not only protein but are also are full of vitamins. **ii)** They are low in sodium but do not have many calories. **iii)** The yolk of one egg contains 213 milligrams of cholesterol and there are 5 grams of fat. **Iv)** Still, the whites are both fat-free and have no cholesterol. **V)** Do not keep eggs refrigerated, and you should throw away any cracked one. **Vi)** Generally, it is better to eat eggs moderately than avoiding them entirely.

1. **Revise the following sentences for pronoun reference and pronoun agreement. [2 marks]**

1. Neither Jason nor Sam wants to share their office during the remodeling project.

2. The West Coast is a beautiful area of the country, but I have a real fear of earthquakes. They claim that the next big quake might dump half of California into the Pacific Ocean.

**C. Correct the errors in subject-verb agreement in the following sentences. [3 marks]**

1. The aims of the course \_\_\_\_ me willing to begin. **(A .makes B. make**

2. The hockey players and the mascot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at school. **(A. Volunteer B .Volunteers)**

3. The herd of horses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across the field. **(A. gallop B. gallops)**

**D. Rewrite the paragraph to correct the fragments. [4 Marks]**

**1**. Mexican artist Frida Kahlo lived and painted in the first half of the twentieth century.**2**. Kahlo is known to many through her unique self-portraits. **3.** These portraits have made Kahlo recognizable for her colorful clothes and dramatic appearance. **4**. Especially her distinctive eyebrows. **5.** In the paintings, she usually wears bold and colorful jewelry. **6.** And is often surrounded by exotic flowers. **7.** Because her paintings have a dreamlike appearance. **8.** They have been said to capture the reality of her life**. 9.** Her life was filled with pain as well as beauty. **10.** As a child, Kahlo suffered from polio**. 11**. Riding the bus as a young woman. **12**. Kahlo was seriously injured in an accident. **13.** Later, she suffered emotional pain from her very stormy marriage to the famous muralist Diego Rivera.

**E. Correct the following run-ons and comma splices. A technique once used shall not be repeated more than two times. [6 marks]**

**1.** When I was eight years old, most of my friends wanted to be firefighters I wanted to be an archaeologist.

**2.** My grandmother inspired me, she is an archaeologist.

3. History fascinates me, one day I would like to dig up something that has been buried for hundreds of years.

**4.** My grandmother is also a good storyteller, she has told some amazing stories about her work.

**5.** She vividly described the team’s discovery, the skeleton of a man in his twenties who had been buried at the settlement about four hundred years earlier.

**6.** The team dug up more than 100,000 objects they found swords, jewelry, and seventeenth-century coins.

**F. Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the modifier mistake. [4 marks]**

1. The family nearly lost everything in the tornado.
2. My sister walked in when I was scrubbing the floor with her new baby.
3. The incident deeply upset Ann, and she has been seeing a psychologist with severe emotional distress.
4. She moved to avoid collision with the on-coming traffic, quickly.

**Question 2**

1. **Turn each of the following sentences or titles into an effective thesis statement. [6 marks]**
2. The metric system is a system of measurement based on units of ten.
3. I plan to show that taking music lessons can help preschoolers develop a greater ability to learn.
4. Why should you install reliable cyber security measures in our university?
5. **Read the following introductory paragraph and select the best concluding paragraph for the given introductory paragraph. Choose the options from *a* to *c*. [2 marks]**

Before I travelled to the UK last year, I thought that British Food was just fish and chips, roast beef, apple pie, rice pudding and endless cups of tea. These foods are popular in Britain, but during my travels, I discovered that there is so much more to eating in the UK. People from all over the world have made their home in Britain, and they have brought with them their own food. Even in small towns, you can find Chinese, Indian, and Italian restaurants, amongst others. The UK can be divided into different regions that each has its own characteristic foods influenced by the culture of the people who live there.

1. People who have come from other countries to live in the UK have brought their own traditions and customs with them and added them to British culture. It is possible to find restaurants from all different ethnic backgrounds, especially in larger cities around the country. Immigrants may also maintain their traditions by building places to practice their religion, such as mosques, temples and churches. By continuing to follow some of their customs and beliefs, immigrants can stay in touch with their past while also living a new life in a new country.
2. Clearly, it is difficult to say that there is one type of British food. Every part of the country has its own special dishes based on the produce and tastes of that region. From the Ancient Britons and the Roman, Saxon and Viking invasions to present-day immigrants, the cuisine of the UK continues to change with its changing population.
3. The British eat many different kinds of food, but the typical diet of many people includes eating a lot of fast food and ready-made dishes. The popularity of hamburger and pizza restaurants has increased greatly over the years. As a result of this diet, many British people have food-related health problems. To create a healthy society, people should learn about eating a good diet and should teach their children to do the same.
4. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions for Revision: [7 marks]**

1Dogs have an extreme antagonism toward cats. 2The enmity between these two species can be traced back to the time of the early Egyptian dynasties. 3Archaeologists in recent years have discovered Egyptian texts in which there are detailed accounts of dogs brutally attacking cats. 4Today this type of cruelty between these two domestic pets can be witnessed in regions as close as your own neighborhood. 5For example, when dogs are walked by their masters, and they happen to catch sight of a stray cat, they will pull with all their strength on their leash until the master is forced to yield; the typical result is that a cat is chased up a tree. 6The two types of animals are the most popular pets in modern homes. 7The hatred between dogs and cats has lasted for so many centuries; it is unlikely that this conflict will ever end.

1. The topic sentence: (Write only sentence number)**[1 mark**]
2. Irrelevant sentence: (Write only sentence number) **[1 mark]**
3. The paragraph also shows coherence by the use of **[3 marks**]

* Pronouns: (Write words used in the paragraph)
* Synonyms: (Write words used in the paragraph)
* Transitional words: (Write words used in the paragraph)

1. Methods of development/sentence organization used, are all methods used? Write sentence number for a particular method(s) used in paragraph: **[2 marks]**

* Examples and illustrations:
* Comparison and contrast:
* Causes and reasons:
* Descriptions or details:
* Logical divisions:
* Chronology of events: