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Time: 3 hours

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Max. Marks: 60

Functional English – HS-104

Instructions: Attempt ALL questions.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions. (CLO-2) (16 marks)

Life today is governed by the offshoots of science. We have many new comforts of life that our forefathers did not possess. Should we jump to the conclusion that we are really happier than our forefathers were? It is a very puzzling question. Let us first see what kind of life they led.

Life before technology

The world of our forefathers was different from that of today. They lived in villages. Scientific inventions were not made. There were no planes, cars, movies, radios, etc. T.V, mobile phones, or the internet were not invented. There was no electricity so they were deprived of all those comforts which we now enjoy with the help of electricity. They moved in jolting, slow-moving carts or carriages. Life was simple. They were engaged in tilling the soil for a living. There were many cool and sheltered spots for innocent pleasures. They took active part in all sorts of simple and innocent games. Contentment and happiness prevailed.

Life after technology

In our modern age, life is full of comforts and luxuries. We wonder how our forefathers lived without them. These are the blessings of science. We can travel in railways, airplanes, ships, cars, and motorbikes and many more vehicles like them. The old days of trouble and difficulties have come to an end. In every walk of life we have begun to use electricity. Medical science has done a great service to man. Even the most serious diseases are cured very easily. We have comfortable homes, fine schools, hospitals and many other amenities of life.

Modern age and lack of morality

The point is we still feel doubt if we are really happier than our forefathers. Material civilization has no doubt made a wonderful stride but the moral development of man has been totally neglected. It has nothing to do with happiness, goodness, beauty, courage, adventure, journey, friendship, love, etc. All these values are necessary for a happy life. Scientific development has out-stripped our spiritual or moral progress.

Materialism before moralism

We are living in an age where we admire richer ones more than those who have spiritual power, and long for luxury of the body than peace of mind. This age of materialism will not be happy till there is an emphasis on the old moral values taught by our forefathers. True happiness is the state of mind that can be better attained in the cottage than in the king's palace. (No. of words: 392)

1. What was the only joy of life in the times of our forefathers? (02)
 2. Name a few comforts mentioned by the author that we enjoy today. (02)
 2. Despite every comfort, what exactly lacks in modern times? (02)
 3. What does the writer state about true happiness? (02)
 4. Write whether true /false: (08)
- a) Science has brought comfort to our life. _____
- b) Our forefathers who used to live in villages were using the internet. _____
- c) Nowadays travelling has become convenient just because of the mercy of science. _____
- d) The people in former times were happy with the simple pleasures of life. _____

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- (e) Medical facilities are a blessing of science. ____
(f) The new generation is not concerned about moral values. ____
(g) The modern age is the age of materialism. ____
(h) Moral values are not necessary for a happy life. ____

Q2. Write a precis of the passage given in Q1. Also, suggest a suitable title for it. (CLO-3) (10 marks)

Q3. Write a **paragraph** of 150-200 words, incorporating **any one** of the following topic sentences. (CLO-3) (10 marks)

- ✓ "Being a university student means doing a lot of hard work."
"One should be gentle and kind towards animals."

Q4. Write an essay of 350-400 words on any one of the following topics. (CLO-3) (12 marks)

Note:

- Either brainstorm or draw a mind map on the topic you choose.
- Underline the thesis statement.
- Underline the topic sentence in each body paragraph.

- 1) At university, students should have complete freedom to choose their own courses.
- ✓ 2) People have become overly dependent on technology.
- 3) Television is (or is not) a reliable source of information and knowledge.
- 4) A Frightening Experience You Had.

Q5. You visited a Book Exhibition 2023 at Expo Centre. Write down an informational report of 250-300 words to submit to your English teacher. (CLO-3) (12 marks)

Title:

By:

Introduction:

Details:

- date, venue, no. of days
- no. of books displayed
- genre and language
- public and their interest
- price ratio

Conclusion:

where?
when?
what?
How?
why?