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End-Semester Examination-Autumn 2023

Subject: Communicative English

Subject Code: AEC 1101

Full Marks: 50

Time Allotted: 3 h

1. Do as directed: (10)

- i) As soon as the moon came up, they started on their journey. (**Begin: No sooner.....**)
- ii) He lives.....Hyderabad. He lives.....29 Tilak Marg road. (**Insert appropriate prepositions**)
- iii) He locked the papers up that they.....be safe. (**May or might?**)
- iv) It becomes more and more difficult to enforce law and order as the population grows larger. (**Begin: The larger.....**)
- v) Give the meaning of the phrase *To beat around the bush* and make a sentence with it.
- vi) Mother bought two loafs of bread. (**Correct the sentence**)
- vii) Your luggages are so heavy. (**Correct the sentence**)
- viii) Do not forget to attend the lecture. (**Change into an affirmative sentence**)
- ix) Distinguish between the two words *Acetic* and *Ascetic*.
- x) The greatest happiness of the greatest number. (**Give one word substitution**)

2. Read the following passage and answer in your own words as far as possible, the questions that follow. (10)

It was fifteen years since Silas Marner had first come to Raveloe, he was then simply a pallid young man, with prominent, short-sighted brown eyes, whose appearance would have had nothing strange for people of average culture and experience, but for the villagers near whom he had come to settle it had mysterious peculiarities which corresponded with his nature of occupation, and his advent from an unknown region called 'North'ard!'. Silas Marner had his way of life, he invited no comer to step across his door-sill, and he never strolled into the village to drink a pint or to gossip. It was soon clear to the Raveloe lasses that he would never urge one of them to accept him against his will- quite as if he had heard them declare that they would never marry a dead man came to life again. This view of Marner's personality was not without another ground than his pale face and unexampled eyes. Similar view was aired by Jem Rondey when he averred that one evening as he was returning homeward, he saw Silas Marner leaning against a stile with a heavy bag on his back, instead of resting the bag on the stile as a man in his senses would have done. On coming up to him, he saw that Marner's eyes were set like a dead man's and as he spoke to him, his limbs were stiff, and his hands clutched the bag as if they had been made of iron. But just as he had up his mind that the weaver was dead, he came alright again, as you might say in the winking of an eye, and said 'Good night' and walked off. About this time an incident happened which seemed to open a possibility of some fellowship with his neighbours. One day, taking a pair of shoes to be mended, he saw the cobbler's wife seated by the fire, suffering from the terrible symptom of heart-disease and dropsy, which he had witnessed as the precursor of his mother's death. He felt a rush of pity at the mingled sight and remembrance and recalling the relief his mother had found from a simple preparation of foxglove, he promised Sally Oates to bring her something that

would ease her, since the doctor did her no good. In this office of charity, Silas felt, for the first time since he had come to Raveloe, a sense of unity between his past and present life, which might have been the beginning of his rescue from the insect-like existence into which his nature had shrunk. However, the fact that Sally Oates found relief by drinking Silas Marner's stuff became a matter of general discourse. When a weaver, who came from nobody knew where, worked wonders with a bottle of brown waters, the occult character of the process was evident.

Silas now found himself and his cottage suddenly beset by mothers who wanted him to charm away a whooping cough, by men who wanted stuff against the rheumatics; and to secure themselves against a refusal, the applicants brought silver in their palms. Silas might have driven profitable trade in charms as well as in his small list of drugs; but money on this condition was no temptation to him, he had never known an impulse towards falsity. He drove one after another away with growing irritation, for the news of him as a wise man had spread far and wide.

Thus, it came to pass that his movement of pity towards Sally Oates, which had given him a transient sense of brotherhood, heightened the repulsion between him and his neighbours, and made his isolation complete.

Questions:

- a) What idea do you form about the people of Raveloe, their thoughts and beliefs? Give reasons for your answer. (2.5)
- b) Why did Silas Marner drive away the people who came to him for help? (2.5)
- c) Describe in not more than 60 words the incident which happened that seemed to open a fellowship with Silas Marner's neighbours and its final outcome. (5)

3. Attempt the following: (20)

- a) An NGO is looking for enthusiastic young volunteers to work on philanthropic projects in rural areas. Apply for the post with a covering letter and a CV.
- b) Write a letter to the Corporation complaining about the lack of hygiene and cleanliness in your locality.

4. Attempt any one of the following: (10)

- i) With reference to chapter 5 of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* discuss the creation of the creature and Victor Frankenstein's reaction to his own work.
- ii) In chapters 11 and 12 the creature gives an eloquent narrative of his personal experiences in his journey of self-learning. Discuss with reference to the chapters and what does it reveal about his character and personality.