Department of Computer Science and Engineering
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Course Title - Art of Living

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Course Facilitators: SMR, EUR, MRI

Exam Duration: 90 Minutes

Total Marks - 20

Section A: 10 Marks

Read the following story and answer the question 1-3

Once upon a time in a village, there was an old man named Mokbul Ahmed. He hadn't seen his son, Tahir, for few years and wanted to meet his son who lived in a city. He started his journey and came to a city where his son used to work. Mokbul went to the office and asked at the reception counter, "Could you please tell me the location of Taher, in this office?" The receptionist asked, "May I know how you are related to him?" Mokbul responded politely by saying, "I'm his father." The receptionist conveyed the massage to Taher. Taher was shocked and told the receptionist to send his father to the cabin immediately.

Mokbul entered the cabin and when he saw Taher, his eyes were filled with tears. Taher was happy to see his father. They had a simple conversation for a while and then Mokbul asked Taher, "Son! Mom wants to see you. Can you come home with me?"

Taher responded, "No father. I can't come. I am very busy working for my success and it's hard to manage a leave to visit as my hands are full with loads of stressful work." Mokbul gave a simple smile and said, "Okay! You may do your work. I'll be going back to our village today evening." Taher asked, "You can stay for few days with me. Please." Mokbul responded after a moment of silence, "Son. You are busy with your tasks. I don't want to make you uncomfortable or become a burden for you." He left the place.

After a few weeks, Taher wondered why his father came alone after a long time, he felt bad for treating his father in a weird manner. He felt guilty for it and took a leave in office for few days and went to his village to meet his father. When he went to the place where he was born and grew up, he saw that his parents were not there. He was shocked and asked the neighbors, "My parents have to be there. Where are they now?"

The neighbors gave the address of the place where his parents are staying.

Taher rushed to the place and noticed that the place was like a graveyard. Taher eyes were filled with tears and started to walk slowly towards the place. Mokbul noticed Taher in a far distance and waved his hand to draw his attention. Taher saw his father and started to run and hugged him.

Mokbul asked, "How are you? What a surprise to see you here. I didn't expect that you would be coming to this place." Taher felt ashamed and kept his head down. Mokbul said, "Why are you feeling bad. Has anything wrong happened?" Taher responded, "No father. It's just I never knew that I would be seeing you in this position in our village."

Mokbul smiled and said, "I had taken a loan when you moved to a city for your college to pay for your education, then again when you wanted a new car, but due to a loss in farming, I couldn't repay the loan. So I thought of approaching you for a help, but you were very busy and stressed with your work. I just didn't want to burden you with this problem and remained silent and I had to let go of our home to repay the loan."

Taher whispered, "You could've told me. I'm not an outsider." Mokbul turned around and said, "You were very busy and stressed with your work which made me remain quiet. All we wanted was your happiness. So I kept quiet."

Taher started to cry and hugged his father again. He apologized to his father and asked to forgive him for his mistake. Mokbul smiled and said, "No need for that. I'm happy with what I got now. All I want is that you spare some time for us, we love you very much and at this old age it's hard to travel to see you often."

1. Why Mokbul visited his son Taher in the city?

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2. How you will evaluate the behavior of Taher with his father?

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3. What are the contributions of your parents to your life? Have you contributed or will you contribute to your parents' life? How? Discuss.

Section B: 10 Marks

Answer any two from the following questions (5x2=10)

- 1. Why etiquette is important in our day to day life? Explain with appropriate example. If you are in an official meeting, what kind of dressing and general etiquette you should follow?
- Do you think that unlearning is part of learning? Mention two of your bad habits those
 you have unlearned through this course? How you have unlearned those habits?
 (Describe in 10 sentences).
- 3. What is meant by out of the box? What is your box that may restrict you to achieve your goal? How you can overcome it?