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Course Code: SS1004	Course Name: English Composition and Comprehension
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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 3 pages and 3 questions

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Max Marks: 50

(Q1) CLO2 [Estimated Times: 40 minutes]

Given below are three informational essay topics. Attempt the following tasks on any one of the selected topics.

1. Generate ideas [2]
2. Following the pattern below, make an Essay Outline [10]:
 - a. Topic
 - b. Purpose
 - c. Audience
 - d. Introduction Paragraph: Hook and Thesis Statement
 - e. Body Paragraph 1: Topic Sentence and at least 2 Main Points
 - f. Body Paragraph 2: Topic Sentence and at least 2 Main Points
 - g. Body Paragraph 3: Topic Sentence and at least 2 Main Points
 - h. Conclusion Paragraph
3. Write only the Introduction Paragraph of the Essay. Do not write any other paragraph. The word limit is 90 to 110 words. [8]

Essay Topics:

- a) *Impact of an Individual's Educational Background on his/her Career Choices* OR
- b) *Qualities of a Desirable Friend* OR
- c) *The Most Effective Ways to Get the Best Grades*

(Q2) CLO2 [Estimated Time: 15 minutes]

- a) Given below are two body paragraphs. They are missing their topic sentences. Read each paragraph, and add/write the topic sentence for each paragraph in the form of a clear statement. [2]

Paragraph 1: In a survey of students, 60% of students reported that they had been teased or bullied because of their clothing. If all students were required to wear a similar uniform, this type of behavior would decrease. In addition, 73% of students responded that school uniforms would help to create a sense of unity and family in the school. When students feel a sense of unity and connection to the school and their peers,

they are less likely to tease each other. School uniforms would help to create unity and decrease bullying and teasing between students.

Paragraph 2: Almost all cars run either on petrol or diesel fuel, both of which are fossil fuels. Burning these fuels causes the car to emit serious pollutants, such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrous oxide. Not only are these gases harmful for health, causing respiratory disease and other illnesses, they also contribute to global warming, an increasing problem in the modern world. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (2013), transportation in the US accounts for 30% of all carbon dioxide production in that country, with 60% of these emissions coming from cars and small trucks.

- b) Read the following statements. Identify which category they belong to or can be put under. Just write the answers in your answer copy, not the complete sentences. [10]**

Thesis Statement	Topic Sentence	Main Point
Supporting Detail (Example/Evidence)		

1. If we are going to provide equal education for all, teachers will need more support in terms of funding, resources, and professional development.
2. There are a few drawbacks that currently hinder the hydrogen car from going full-market.
3. J K Rowling, in her first book, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone”, claims that the appearance of a person can sometimes be misleading.
4. Raskovich suggests that the key relationships and networks created by students at university provide useful professional contacts for the future.
5. As for your use of language: Remember that two great masters of language, William Shakespeare and James Joyce, wrote sentences which were almost childlike when their subjects were most profound.
6. Unleashed dogs on city streets are a dangerous nuisance.
7. Students cheat for many different reasons.
8. Dogs can scare cyclists and pedestrians.
9. The stray dogs can step on flowers and vegetables.
10. While good business leaders share certain traits that are essential to success, including curiosity, courage, and perseverance, they also need learnable skills, such as communication, negotiation, and conflict resolution, that are only developed through practice.

(Q3) CLO1 [Estimated Time: 30 minutes]

- a) Rewrite the following sentences in your answer copy after making them fragment free. [5]**
1. Gathering speed with enormous force. The plane was suddenly in the air. Then it began to climb sharply. And several minutes’ later leveled off.
 2. Before my neighbors went on vacation. They asked me to watch their house. I agreed to check the premises once a day. Also, to take in their mail.
 3. Running untouched into the end zone. The halfback raised his arms in triumph. Then he slammed the football to the ground. And did a little victory dance.
 4. It is hard to keep up with bills. Such as the telephone, gas, and electricity. After you finally mail the checks. New bills seem to arrive a day or two later.

5. Sweet grass basket making is a historic craft. Which dates back to the late 1600s in this country. When slaves from West Africa were brought to South Carolina. They brought their skills in cultivating rice.

b) Rewrite the following sentences in your answer copy to eliminate the run-ons (fused sentences and/or comma splice) by using one of the following methods. [4]

a. Coordination

b. Subordination

1. The dog raced into the house it was happy to be among people. Its owner bent down to pet it he drew back in disgust. The dog had rolled in something with a horrible smell.
2. Davie insisted on dressing himself for nursery school. It was a cold winter day, he put on shorts and tank top. He also put on cowboy boots over his bare feet. He liked his image in the mirror his mother made him change.

c) Choose the right option for the underlined part of the following sentences. [5]

1. I will be so upset if she decides not to visit me.
 - a. Independent
 - b. Dependent
2. While I enjoy eating any type of food, my friend will only eat vegetarian.
 - a. Independent
 - b. Dependent
3. Please let me know when you arrive.
 - a. Independent
 - b. Dependent
4. Although I know he's a famous actor, I can't remember his name.
 - a. Independent
 - b. Dependent
5. My sister, who is in the police force, has always been very outgoing and confident.
 - a. Independent
 - b. Dependent

d) In the following sentences, choose and insert conjunctions from the given option with each part that best fill the gaps. Write a one-word answer only in your copy against the accurate number as given in the paragraph [4]

Likewise, But, Therefore, Before

Kelly's roommate, Joana, decided to drive to work; (1) _____, Kelly rode into the city with her. They needed to turn left on 140th Street, (2) _____ that street was under construction. (3) _____ Kelly could say anything; Joana had already found an alternate route. (4) _____, many other people were also headed towards the same alternate route, which led to a long traffic jam.

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