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GENERIC ENGLISH -Language English-1
Insights I and Envision I

Course Code:COM1AECEN01

Time: 2 hours

Instructions:

- 1. Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.*
- 2. Write the question number correctly.*

QP Code:1117

Marks: 60

SECTION-A

(Workbook-40 marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it: 5x1=5

Story telling is not in our genes. Neither it is an evolutionary history. It is the essence of what makes us Human.

Human beings progress by telling stories. One event can result in a great variety of stories being told about it. Sometimes those stories differ greatly, which stories are picked up and repeated and which ones are dropped and forgotten often determines how we progress. Our history, knowledge and understanding are all the collections of the few stories that survive. This includes the stories that we tell each other about the future. And how the future will turn out depends partly, possibly largely, on which stories we collectively choose to believe.

Some stories are designed to spread fear and concern. This is because some story-tellers feel that there is a need to raise some tensions. Some stories are frightening, they are like totemic warnings: "Fail to act now and we are all doomed. Then there are stories that indicate that all will be fine so long as we leave everything up to a few especially able adults. Currently, this trend is being led by those who call themselves "rational optimists: They tend to claim that it is human nature to compete and to succeed and also to profit at the expense of others. The rational optimists however, do not realize how humanity has progressed overtime through amiable social networks and how large groups work in less selfishness and in the process accommodate rich and poor, high and low alike. This aspect in story-telling is considered by the 'Practical Possibles', who sit between those who say all is fine and cheerful and be individualistic in your approach to a successful future, and those who ordain pessimism and fear that we are doomed. What the future holds for us is which stores we hold on to and how we act on them.

Q1. What is story telling?

Q2. Our knowledge is a collection of:

- a. all stories that we have heard during our life time

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- b. some stories that we remember
- c. a few stories that survive
- d. some important stories

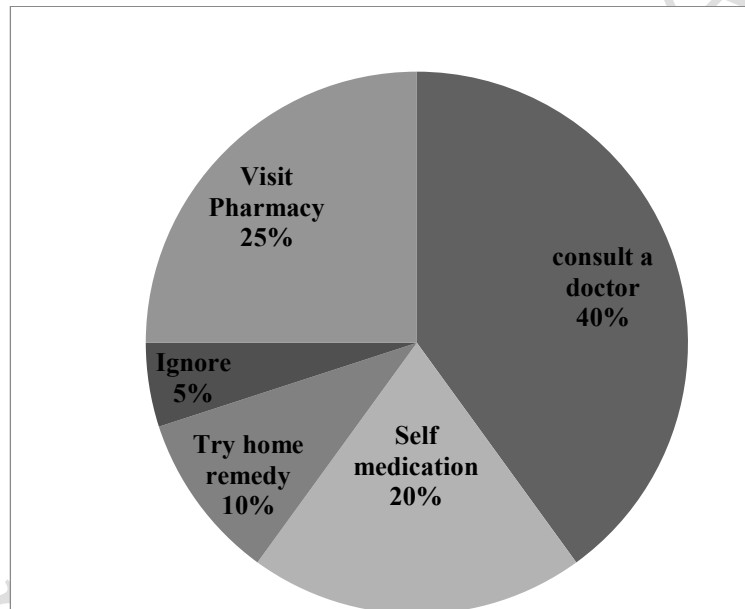
Q3. Why are some stories designed to spread fear and concern?

Q4. Rational optimists:

- a. look for opportunities
- b. are sensible and cheerful
- c. are selfishly driven

Q5. What do rational optimists claim?

II. The following Pie Chart indicates the first response of people on feeling unwell. Carefully read the chart and answer the questions set on it. 5



1. What do majority of the people do when unwell?
2. _____ is the second largest response of the people.
3. What percentage of people tries home remedies during an illness?
4. There is no difference between home remedy and self medication. True/False
5. What is the difference between a visit to a doctor and a visit to a pharmacy?

III Answer the following questions on Listening Skills:

3x1=3

1. How does Nunan define listening?
2. What does poor listening result in?
3. What is Empathetic listening?

IV. Do as directed:

1. Introduce yourself to your English teacher as a new student.

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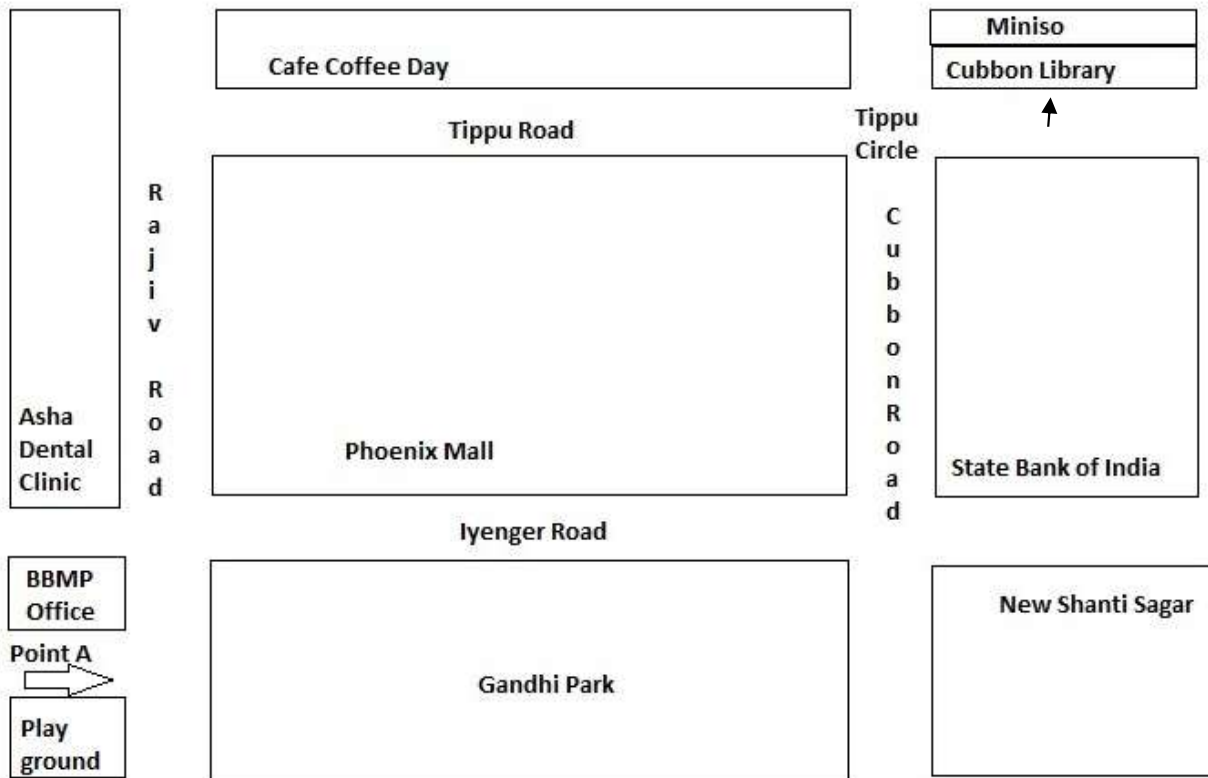
2. Request your friend to lend you her notes. 2
3. Express words of appreciation to your sister on completing the fashion designing course. 2
4. Enquire about the fee structure of the German Language course offered at the college office. 2
5. As a student coordinator, seek permission from the Principal to organise an educational tour to Hampi. 2

V. (A) Give instructions to your friend on how to get a college bus pass. 5

OR

Give instructions to your sister on how to use Google Meet to join an online class.

(B) Give directions to your friend to help her reach Cubbon Library from point A as marked in the map. 2



VI. Do as directed:

1. Frame questions so as to get the underlined word/s as the answer: 3

- a. The postmaster starts his work at 9 a.m.
- b. Preethi is in the playground.
- c. The driver refused to wait.

2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: **2**

- a. You aren't going out, _____
- b. Mr. Joshi was a businessman in Nagpur, _____

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable options given in the brackets: **3**

- a. Oranges _____ (grow/grows) in warm countries.
- b. All night long troops _____ (were/was) moving past the inn.
- c. Sharks _____ (has/have) hundreds of teeth that can grow up to three inches long.

4. Use the correct form of the word given in brackets and fill the blanks: **2**

- a. India is moving towards _____. (DEVELOP)
- b. I am thinking about _____ a new business. (START)

SECTION-B

(Coursebook-20 marks)

VII Answer any FIVE of the following in a word or a phrase or a sentence:

5x1=5

1. What happened to Santoshi's father when she was two years old in *Acceptance*?
2. According to Shakespeare who lack the 'tongues to praise' in *Sonnet 106*?
3. In *Marriage is a Private Affair*, who is referred to as 'an Amazon of a girl'?
4. Who is 'the master spirit of the earth' in the poem *On Buying and Selling*?
5. According to A P J Abdul Kalam, which are the two key areas that will be sources of conflict in future?
6. What is 'Choice Fatigue' in the chapter *Freedom and Choice*?

VIII Answer any ONE of the following in about a page:

1x5=5

1. How was Santoshi different from other eunuchs according to Rama in *Acceptance*?
2. According to Kalam how can a developing nation become a developed nation? What initiatives did Kalam take towards this step?
3. Explain how the *Sonnet 106* argues about the priority of the physical world over the world represented in books.

IX Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages:

1x10=10

1. The concept of marriage is different in urban and rural spaces. Discuss with reference to *Marriage is a Private Affair*.
2. The poem *On Buying and Selling* is about business ethics. Substantiate.

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3. “We are living in a world full of choice”. Explain with reference to *Freedom and Choice*.

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