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B.Com./BBA./BDA/AF/B.Voc. R.M. – I Semester

GENERIC ENGLISH – Language English-I
(Insights-I and Envision-I)

Course Code: COM1AECEN01
Time-2 ½ hours

QP Code: 1117
Max. Marks-60

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

SECTION-A

(Workbook- 40 marks)

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

Airplanes have the reputation of being dangerous and even hardened travelers are intimidated by them. They also have the grave disadvantage of being the most expensive form of transport but nothing can match them for speed and comfort, travelling at a height of 30,000 feet, far above the clouds, and at over 500 miles an hour is an exhilarating experience. You do not have to devise ways of taking your mind off the journey, for an airplane gets you to your destination rapidly.

For a few hours, you settle back in a deep armchair to enjoy the flight. The real escapist can watch a free film show and sip a hot or cold drink on some services. But even when such refreshments are not available, there is plenty to keep you occupied. An airplane offers you an unusual breathtaking view of the world. You soar effortlessly over high mountains and deep valleys. You really see the shape of the land.

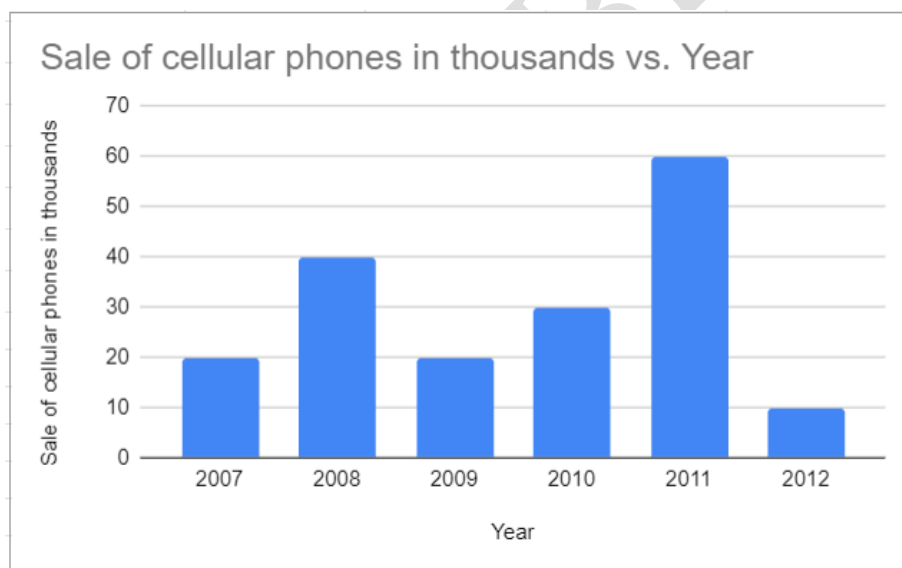
If the landscape is hidden from view, you can enjoy the extraordinary sight of unbroken clouds, plains that stretch out for miles before you, while the sun shines brilliantly in a clear sky. The journey is so smooth that there is nothing to prevent you from reading or sleeping. However you decide to spend your time, one thing is certain: you will arrive at your destination fresh and uncrumpled. You will not have to spend the next few days recovering from a long and arduous journey.

1. The main disadvantage of an air journey is that:
(a) it is very dangerous
(b) it is very expensive

- (c) it is very boring
- (d) it is a fearsome experience

2. How can one keep oneself busy during air journey?
3. Pick out the incorrect statement.
 - (a) an airplane moves at more than 500 miles an hour speed
 - (b) one can easily read or sleep during air journey
 - (c) one can see the shape of land from an aeroplane
 - (d) one arrives crumpled at the destination after air journey
4. What is the exhilarating experience that the author talks about in the passage?
5. Suggest a suitable title for the above passage.

II. The following bar graph shows the sales of cellular phones in thousands different units for five consecutive years. Carefully understand and answer the questions. (5x1=5)



1. What percentage of sales has increased from 2007 to 2008?
a) half b) double c) triple d) quarter
2. Which years have the same number of sales of cellular phones?
3. The sales of cellular phones have constantly increased from the year 2007 to 2012. True/False.
4. What is the difference in the sales of cellular phones for the years 2007 and 2010?
5. Which year sales is the maximum among the available data?

III. Answer the following questions on Listening Skills: (3x1=3)

1. What is Hearing?

2. What is Appreciative Listening?
3. Give an example for Analytical Listening.

IV. Do as directed:

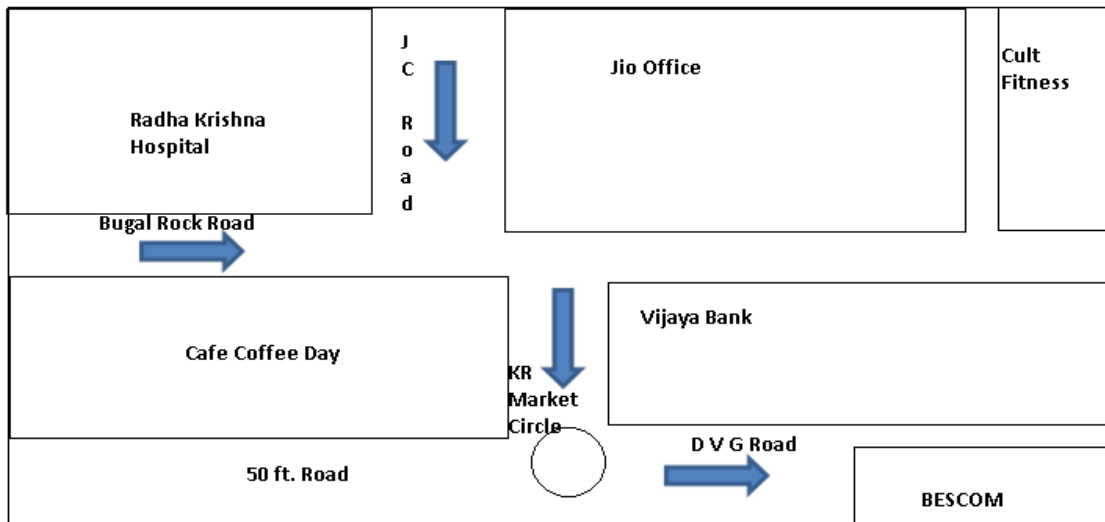
1. Introduce yourself to your college senior as a fresher. (2)
2. Request your NSS officer to consider you as a volunteer for Environmental day. (2)
3. Express words of appreciation to your sister on completing PUC with first class. (2)
4. Make an enquiry at Bangalore One regarding the last day to pay water bill. (2)
5. As a Sports President seek permission from the Principal to conduct Zeal sports meet. (2)

V. (A) Give instructions to your sister on how to get a new membership card from the YHAI office.

OR

Give instructions to your brother on how to deposit cheque in the bank. (5)

(B) How would you give directions to your friend to reach BESCOM from Radhakrishna hospital. Look at the map given and give directions.



VI. Do as directed:

1. Frame questions so as to get the underlined word/s as the answer (3)
 - a. Shashi Rekha spends her weekend with her family.
 - b. There were seven members in the commissioners' office.
 - c. The big city was situated in the valley of a mountain.

2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: (2)

- a. It is raining outside, _____
- b. Ravi has not called me since two weeks, _____

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

- a. Krishna and Rama usually _____ (play/plays) together.
- b. Mysore _____ (has /have) a beautiful country side.
- c. Abhi _____ (want/wants) to know the results of the examination.

4. Use the correct form of the word given in brackets and fill the blank: (2)

- a. The Prime Minister _____ the people on the television yesterday (ADDRESS)
- b. You look so happy, you seem to be _____ the party. (ENJOY)

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 is Jallikattu in the short story *Acceptance*?
2. What does Chronicles of wasted time refer to in *Sonnet 106*?
3. Why does Nene send a letter to Nnaemeks's father in *Marriage is a Private Affair*?
4. Who are the toilers of the sea and fields, according the prophet in *On Buying and Selling*?
5. Which were two conference held at Rashtrapati Bhavan according to A.P.J Abdul Kalam?
6. What is choice fatigue in *Freedom and Choice*?

VIII. Answer any ONE of the following in about a page: (1x5=5)

1. How should an ideal wife be according to Okeke in *Marriage is a Private Affair*?
2. What instructions does the prophet give to the traders in the poem *On Buying and Selling* with regard to righteous trade?
3. How does *Freedom and Choice* explore various career opportunities for youngsters in the present times?

IX. Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages: (1x10=10)

1. Trace the change in the attitude of Ashoke towards Santoshi in *Acceptance*.

2. A.P.J Abdul Kalam focuses on three key areas for the development of the nation. Explain with the reference to *Towards the Competitive Nation*.
3. *Sonnet 106* explores the themes of time and beauty. Comment.

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