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First Semester FYUGP English Examination
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KU1AECENG101 (ENHANCING ENGLISH)
(EXAM DATE : 25-11-2024)

Time : 90 min Maximum Marks : 35

Part A (Answer any 3 questions. Each carries 3 marks)

1. What is interpretive listening? 3

2. Mark the sentences to identify whether these situations require interpretive listening or not.
   • Calling a customer service hotline and navigating through an automated menu to select the desired option.
   • Enjoying a playlist of favourite songs where the focus is on the melody, rhythm, and lyrics rather than interpreting spoken language.
   • Following directions provided by GPS navigation while driving to a destination. 3

3. What is stress? 3

4. How does the structure of a presentation impact its effectiveness? 3

Part B (Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 6 marks)

5. What are the main sections of a scientific paper? Explain briefly each section 6

6. Write an article for a scientific journal on the topic carbon emission and environmental pollution 6

7. Prepare a persuasive essay on the topic Gender Discrimination in our society. 6

Part C (Answer any 1 question(s). Each carries 14 marks)

8. • Close-read the passage and answer the following
   The Joy of Helping Others
   There is a special kind of joy that comes from helping others. It's not always about grand gestures or large amounts of money; sometimes, the smallest acts can make the biggest difference. Helping a friend through a tough time, volunteering at a local shelter, or even just lending an ear to someone in need can profoundly impact both the giver and the receiver. The act of helping fosters a sense of community and compassion. It reminds us that we are all connected and that in making a difference in someone else's life, we enrich our own lives as well.

   1.What is the main idea of the passage?
   2.How does the passage describe the joy that comes from helping others?

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3.What examples of small acts of kindness are mentioned in the passage?
4.According to the passage, how do both the giver and receiver benefit from acts of kindness?
5. According to the author, how does helping others foster a sense of community?
6. What does the passage suggest about the connection between people through acts of kindness?
7.Have you ever experienced the joy of helping someone? How does it compare to what the passage describes? 7

- Read the passage below and make notes using linear method:

Water is one of the most essential resources on Earth. It is necessary for drinking, agriculture, industry, and the environment. However, fresh water is becoming increasingly scarce due to overuse, pollution, and climate change. Many areas of the world are facing water shortages, and millions of people lack access to clean drinking water. To address this issue, it is crucial to practice water conservation in our daily lives. Simple actions like reducing water waste, fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and practicing sustainable farming techniques can significantly help conserve water. Governments and organizations also play a vital role by implementing policies and educating the public about the importance of saving water. As populations grow and climate change continues, it will be more important than ever to protect and conserve our water resources for future generations. 7

9. - Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe. I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on— simply exhausting myself Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike

and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

1) Why has living on the edge become popular?
2) Through what example does the author explain the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives?
3)What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
4)What does the author mean when he says, "to get our lives in order"?
5) What is the writer intending to do through this write-up?
6) What does the phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refer to?

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- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Alternative Fuel

At a time when the use of fossil fuels to power vehicles is making environmentalists angry, an alternative source of fuel-the bio-diesel-has emerged as a useful solution. Additionally, its use solves a disposal problem. The fuel is nothing but vegetable oil which has been tested satisfactorily. It has made a vehicle called the Veggie Van (a motor home) run more than 16,000 km across the United States. Also it has visited 20 major cities causing absolutely no harm to the environment. Vegetable oil from various restaurants in America was all that was used along the entire journey. The novel experiment was started as a college project by two students Joshna and Kaia. It eventually ended in a massive public awareness programme.

The idea of using vegetable oil as a fuel for a diesel engine first occurred to them when they visited a traditional farm in the picturesque southern Germany where vehicles fuelled by vegetable oil were in use. While studying agriculture and living on these farms they noticed that farmers. were always filling tanks of yellow liquid. "This fuel comes from the canola plants which grow on our farms and nearby areas. We put in diesel and it smells good" farmers said.

The process of converting vegetable oil into bio-diesel fuel is cheap and easy to find. Any vegetable oil such as used cooking oil, methanol or clear alcohol can be used as fuel. The diesel engine which is being used, however, can run on altered vegetable oil or bio-diesel without any modification. Not only does bio-diesel require zero modifications to the engine, this fuel works either by itself or blended with petroleum diesel. Bio-diesel has since been recognised as an official alternative fuel in the US. Its use by the bus and truck fleet has soared by more than 1000 per cent.

Give short answers to all the following questions.
a) Which is the alternative fuel suggested in the passage?
b) What is the name given to the vehicle that first used this fuel?
c) How is the alternative fuel made?
d) In which country did the idea of the alternative fuel originate?
e) Which all are the vegetable oils being used as fuel?
Attempt any one of the following questions in two or three sentences
f) What are the advantages of alternative fuel over petroleum diesel?
g) In what way did the college project end up as a massive public awareness programme?

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