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I SEMESTER B.S. DEGREE EXAMINATION - NOV. / DEC. 2016

SUBJECT: COMPOSITION (EN 111)

(BRANCH: COMMEN TO ALL)

Saturday, 17 December 2016

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

- ✓ Answer ANY FIVE full Questions.
- ✓ Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed

1. A. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

"Click!" That's the sound of safety. That's the sound of survival. That's the sound of a seat belt locking in place. Seat belts save lives and that's a fact. That's why I don't drive anywhere until mine is on tight. Choosing to wear your seat belt is as simple as choosing between life and death. Which one do you choose?

Think about it. When you're driving in a car, you may be going 60 MPH or faster. That car is zipping down the road. Then somebody ahead of you locks up his or her brakes. Your driver doesn't have time to stop. The car that you are in crashes. Your car was going 60 miles per hour. Now it has suddenly stopped. Your body, however, is still going 60 MPH. What's going to stop your body? Will it be the windshield or your seat belt? Every time that you get into a car you make that choice. I choose the seat belt.

Some people think that seat belts are uncool. They think that seat belts cramp their style, or that seat belts are uncomfortable. To them I say, what's more uncomfortable? Wearing a seat belt or flying through a car windshield? What's more uncool? Being safely anchored to a car, or skidding across the road in your jean shorts? Wearing a seat belt is both cooler and more comfortable than the alternatives.

Let's just take a closer look at your choices. If you are not wearing your seat belt, you can hop around the car and slide in and out of your seat easily. That sounds like a lot of fun. But, you are also more likely to die or suffer serious injuries. If you are wearing a seat belt, you have to stay in your seat. That's no fun. But, you are much more likely to walk away unharmed from a car accident. Hmmm... A small pleasure for a serious pain. That's a tough choice. I think that I'll avoid the serious pain. How about giving money away? Do you like to give your money away? Probably not. And when you don't wear your seat belt, you are begging to give your money away. That's because kids are required to wear seat belts in every state in America. If you're riding in a car, and you don't have a seat belt on, the police can give you or your driver a ticket. Then you will have to give money to the city. I'd rather keep my money, but you can spend yours how you want.

Wearing a seat belt does not make you invincible. You can still get hurt or killed while wearing your seat belt. But wearing them has proven to be safer than driving without them. You are much less likely to be killed in a car wreck if you are wearing a seat belt. You are much less likely to get seriously injured if you are wearing one. So why not take the safer way? Why not go the way that has been proven to result in fewer deaths? You do want to live, don't you?

- a. Quote a title that best expresses the main idea of this text?
- b. What is the author's main purpose in writing this text?
- c. Give a synonym that best defines the word *invincible* as it is used in the last paragraph?
- d. Do you believe that the author is more interested in being safe or being comfortable? Justify.
- e. Why does the author start the essay with the word *click*?
- f. Write a synonym that best defines the word *alternatives* as it is used in the third paragraph?
- g. Give one reason from the passage to support why people think that seat belts are uncool.
- h. What does the author compare choosing to wear a seat belt with?
- i. What inference do you draw from the second paragraph?
- j. "A small pleasure for a serious pain" explain the meaning of this phrase in one sentence. (paragraph 4)

1. B. Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary:

- a) The Magician did not like the invitation, but he cannot refuse to accept it.
- b) After the advance has begun in this manner, command will be given in accordance to the enemy's movements.
- c) Both his learning as well as his expression have been widely recognized.
- d) The government being unable to repay back its loans from the banks compelled the latter to suspend the conversion of their notes, which began to depreciate in value.
- e) My father and guardian have been informed by the school authorities about my poor academic performance.
- f) His official duty is to mark the game on the scoring card when the leader announce the result.
- g) I saved my document before the computer had crashed.
- h) Neither the people nor the government are serious about the issue.
- i) The fact that in our party itself there are many dissidents, who attempts to destabilize the government, is quite disheartening.
- j) Certainly you will be paid a honorarium, but only on hourly basis.

(10+10)

2. A well-known American university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. Prepare a statement of purpose (SOP) of about 300-350 words stating why you deserve to be selected. (20 marks)

3. A. Frame sentences using the following pairs of words so as to distinguish between the meanings.

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| a. device/devise | b. eminent/imminent | c. pastor/pasture |
| d. statue/statute | e. confident/confidant | |

3. B. A well-known American university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. Prepare a Resume/CV to be submitted along with your SOP. The resume should include your personal details and other details. (05+15)

4. Read the following passage :

Female foeticide is an illegal practice of killing a foetus who is determined as a female. Female foeticide is prevalent in our country as a major social evil. The patriarchal social structure of India give a secondary position to women. Social belief goes that the family run through a male and hence the birth of a male child in the family is eminent to the carrying forward of their generation.

Even some medical practitioners are making high incomes for determining pre-natal sex of the child and aborting foetus on the will of the parents. The practise is unlawful and demand strict punishment in the form of fine or jail to the person requesting abortion of the unborn girl child as well as to the practitioner who get the sex determined.

Some kind of complications in pregnancy could also demand surgical termination of pregnancy after eight weeks of conception. This is where the termination or abortion is legal and doctors might have to suggest and opt to discontinuance of pregnancy for the sake of the mother's health carrying the unborn child.

However, the technique of surgical termination was misused by some people in getting rid of the female foetus. Some people intentionally get the sex determined of the unborn child by using the technique of ultrasound and if it is determined as female foetus, we get removal done by surgery. Many societies in India face the problem of skewed male-female sex ratio which is unhealthy to any society. But the reckless practice is still on without realizing an ill effects and drastic consequences of the practice. Some women themselves are in favour of getting their female foetus aborting through surgery who is a shameful act and must be condemned. Some do it willfully while others are forced by family or are fearful of the social outcomes of bearing a girl child.

Abortion of female foetus is a act of murder. God is an author of life and nobody should have the right to take it. A female had a right to take birth as she would be a daughter today and a wife and a future mother in the time to come. (361 words)

4. A. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors and underline the corrections made.

(There are no punctuation errors.)

4. B. Write a summary of the given passage (around 1/3 of its length)

4. C. Punctuate the following:

unicef along with various other child right activists, has raised concerns about the provision in the child labour amendment bill 2016 passed in Parliament on tuesday allowing a child to help out in family enterprises after school hours the UN agency believes the provision will impact children from poorer families and legitimise family work thus causing further disadvantage to them as there is a lot of outsourced work carried out from home the bill makes employing a child below 14 years of age in any occupation or process except where the child helps his or her family punishable by a jail term of up to two years and even provides for a penalty for parents under the new child labour act the more invisible forms of child labour and exploitation may go unseen and the most vulnerable and marginalised children may end up with irregular school attendance lower levels of learning said euphrates gobina, unicef chief of Education in India.

4. D. Write a paragraph on “As you sow, so shall you reap.”

(5+5+5+5)

5. Answer ANY TWO of the following:

A. What role does Big Brother or Emmanuel Goldstein have in the novel “1984”? How do they affect Winston?

B. What role does technology play in this novel? In what ways does the Party employ technology?

C. Explain the role of the four ministries in the novel “1984’. (10+10)

6. Answer ANY TWO of the following:

- A. How do the events in the novel “Atlas Shrugged” support Ayn Rand’s view that capitalism is the only moral economic system?**
- B. “Selfishness is a moral and practical good.” How is this idea represented in this novel?**
- C. In the novel ‘Atlas Shrugged’ Ayn Rand intended to validate her philosophy of Objectivism in action. How relevant is this philosophy in the real world at present?**

(10+10)

7. Write an argumentative essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.

- A. There has recently been much discussion about violence in music, film, and television that children enjoy. The violence that the youngsters hear and see through TV, film, and music leads them to behave in violent ways. Some experts argue that the media is to be blamed for this.**
- B. E-rickshaws have become more of a menace than convenience.**

(20 marks)

8. Write an expository essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.

- A. Fine arts (music, art, drama, dance etc.,) and sports have important effects on people's lives. Explain how fine arts could shape a person and influence one's life if begun when one is young.**
- B. Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. What are the qualities of a good leader?**

(20 marks)

