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**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES**  
(Manipal University)  
**I SEMESTER B.S. DEGREE EXAMINATION – NOV. 2017**  
**SUBJECT: COMPOSITION (EN 111)**  
**Friday, 24 November 2017**

**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:**

Did you know that some people don't do their reading assignments? It's shocking, but it's true. Some students don't even read short texts that they are assigned in class. There are many reasons for this. They may be distracted or bored. They may be unwilling to focus. They may be unconfident readers. Whatever the reason, it has to stop today. Here's why.

Reading stimulates your mind. It is like a workout for your brain. When people get old, their muscles begin to deteriorate. They get weaker and their strength leaves them. Exercise can prevent this loss. The same thing happens to people's brains when they get older. Brain power and speed decline with age. Reading strengthens your brain and prevents these declines.

You can benefit from reading in the near-term too. Reading provides knowledge. Knowledge is power. Therefore, reading can make you a more powerful person. You can learn to do new things by reading. Do you want to make video games? Do you want to design clothing? Reading can teach you all this and more. But you have to get good at reading, and the only way to get good at something is to practice.

Read everything that you can at school, regardless of whether you find it interesting. Reading expands your vocabulary. Even a "boring" text can teach you new words. Having a larger vocabulary will help you better express yourself. You will be able to speak, write, and think more intelligently. What's boring about that?

Do not just discount a text because it is unfamiliar to you. Each time you read, you are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading can change the way that you understand the world. It can give you a broader perspective on things. It can make you worldlier. You can learn how people live in faraway places. You can learn about cultures different from your own.

Reading is good for your state of mind. It has a calming effect. It can lower your stress levels and help you relax. You can escape from your troubles for a moment when you read, and it's a positive escape. The benefits of reading far outweigh those of acting like a doofus. So do yourself a favor: the next time you get a reading assignment, take as much as you can from it. Squeeze it for every drop of knowledge that it contains. Then move on to the next one.

- i. Why does the author believe that reading unfamiliar books can be helpful for the readers? Justify
- ii. Why does the author think that one should read books that are boring? Mention any one reason.
- iii. Give any one reason listed by the author to support why students fail to complete reading assignments?
- iv. What is the author's main purpose in writing this text?
- v. Give a synonym that best defines the word *doofus* as it is used in the last paragraph?
- vi. What inference do you draw from the second paragraph?
- vii. Quote a title that best expresses the main idea of this text?
- viii. "Reading can make you worldlier" explain the meaning of this phrase in one sentence. (paragraph 5)
- ix. Why does the author believe that reading is good for your mind?
- x. Why does the author describe reading as a "positive escape"? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

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

- i. I had visited Kashmir last summer.
- ii. Both Diya and Jiya have not completed their assignment.
- iii. My boss and father-in law are annoyingly curious about my personal affairs.
- iv. Neither of my brothers live at our home any more.
- v. The government as well as the opposition parties are to blamed for this state of affairs.
- vi. On the train, I realized that I left home without any money in my pocket.
- vii. The speakers announced that the students can join their clubs after the examination.
- viii. Can you cope up with the workload in your new job?
- ix. He has a B.E., a MBA and an M.Tech degree.
- x. All the gates of our university remain closed between 9 pm to 7 am.

**(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 studies in that university. Prepare a statement of purpose (SOP) of about 300-350 words stating why you deserve to be selected.

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

i. Allusion/Illusion  
iv. Fain/Feign

ii. Bridal/ Bridle  
v. Emigrate/Immigrate

iii. Ingenuous/Ingenuous

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

**(5+15)**

4. Read the following passage:

Peace are the time without any fights or wars. In a larger sense, peace (or peacefulness) could mean a state of harmony, quite or calm that is not disturbed from anything at all, like a still pond with no dogs.

Peace within and among states are a goal of many people and organizations. One organization who was set of to bring peace between the nations and try to makes war a thing of the past was the League of Nations after World War I. When they failed to stop World War II, it was replaced by United Nations which try to make the world peacefull. These means that if any member has been attacked or invaded by another country without attacking that country first, the other members would comes to help the country that had been attacked first. This idea was used by United Nations to defend both South Korea and Kuwait when they was attacked.

Martin Luther King Jr. writes in a letter he sent through the Birmingham jail that, "True peace was not merely the absence of tension: it is a presence of justice." In other words, Real peace is much more than just problems being gone: there must be fairness to have peace.

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

(There are no punctuation errors.)

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

C. Punctuate the following:

Scientists have discovered a hole five times the size of germany in the ozone layer above the arctic allowing harmful ultraviolet radiation to hit northern canada europe and russia this spring. the 2 million square kilometre arctic hole is similar to the hole over the antarctic researchers write in the journal nature, released yesterday. they say 80 per cent of the ozone was lost about 20km 13 miles above the arctic and that a prolonged spell of cold weather when chlorine chemicals which destroy ozone are at their most active was to blame Why all this occurred will take years of detailed study said michelle santee from nasa's jet propulsion laboratory, part of the group that monitored the hole from space using satellites It was continuously cold from december through april, and that has never happened before in the Arctic It is thought global warming could be responsible for some of the damage because greenhouse gases trap energy at lower altitude, heating up the atmosphere nearer the ground but cooling the stratosphere creating conditions for the formation of chemicals that break apart oxygen molecules of ozone

4D. Write a paragraph on "This Too Shall Pass".

(5+5+5+5)

5. Answer ANY TWO of the following:

A. How do events in Atlas Shrugged support Ayn Rand's view that capitalism is the only moral economic system?

B. According to Ayn Rand, selfishness is a moral and practical good. What does Rand mean by selfishness?

C. Attempt a critical analysis of the novel Atlas Shrugged.

(10+10)

6. Answer ANY TWO of the following:

- A. Which is worse: mind control or physical control? In what sense are they one and the same?
- B. “1984” is full of images and ideas that do not directly affect the plot, but nevertheless attain thematic importance. What are some of these symbols and motifs, how does Orwell use them?
- C. Explain the role of technology and how it makes the overall theme of this book? In what ways does the Party employ technology.

**(10+10)**

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

- A. Institution of marriage has become obsolete in the contemporary age.
- B. Creating an appealing image has become more important than stating the reality behind that image.

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

- A. Advantages and Disadvantages of studying abroad.
- B. Role of peer pressure in a student’s life.

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