

**1 SEM TDC ENG G 1**

**2021**

( Held in January/February, 2022 )

**ENGLISH**

( General )

Course : 101

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The pursuit of a hobby offers enjoyment, education, companionship with others of similar interests, releasing diversion, and very often moderate monetary gain. Stamp-collecting, a mania in the 1840s, has grown into one of the world's most popular hobbies, a science and a business activity today.

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Stamp collecting began immediately after the world saw the first postage stamp in 1840 issued by Great Britain. An educator named Rowland Hill of England is considered the father of philately. In 1837, he advocated prepayment of postage (under the old system the addressee paid the postage) and uniform domestic rates by weight (previously distance was a factor too). He devised a prepaid envelope (the Mulready envelope) and the adhesive postage stamp. The stamp picturing Queen Victoria was issued on May 1, 1840 and was in use from May 6. Two years later stamps were used by a private postal service in New York. Brazil and two Swiss cantons (Zurich and Geneva) were the next to issue stamps. The US used its first stamps on July 1, 1847 : one (5c) had Benjamin Franklin on it and the other (10c) had George Washington.

The bits of coloured paper were a curiosity and used specimens were retained by some people. When several countries began to issue stamps the idea of exchanging stamps came into existence and collecting became more interesting. Thus the hobby was born.

*Questions :*

- (a) What, according to the passage, are the benefits of pursuing a hobby? 2

- (b) When and where was the world's first postage stamp launched? 2
- (c) Who is considered the father of philately? 1
- (d) How did philately begin? 2
- (e) Which word in the passage means 'an excessive enthusiasm' or 'desire'? 1
- (f) Which countries of the world have been mentioned in the passage as those to have used postal stamps? 2

2. Make a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it : 10

The traditional business environment is fast changing as a result of globalization and the new challenges it faces. The speed of change is ever increasing and corporations around the world seek to revitalise, reinvent, resize in an effort to position and sustain themselves through the 21st century. The challenge is to respond to new customer needs and seize market opportunities as they arise. Successful modern companies recognise that a high level of interaction and coordination along the supply chain are

the key ingredient to their continued success. Hence enterprises are ceaselessly striving to improve themselves in the area of quality, timely marketing, customer satisfaction, performance and profitability. Surely, tomorrow's business victory story will be of those who can most effectively gather vital information and quickly act upon it—to get an edge in the competition.

## UNIT—II

3. (a) You are Shyamal/Shyamali. Write a letter to the Customer Care Manager of XYZ, Mobile Operator Company, describing the problems faced by your locality due to the poor network service.

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Or

Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily, drawing the attention of concerned authority to the absence of a playground in your locality. (Do not mention the name of your college or your name anywhere in the letter.)

- (b) You are the President of ABC Gaon Panchayat. Write an application to the Director of Health Services, Assam, to construct a hospital in your Gaon Panchayat. (Do not mention the name of your college or your name anywhere in the letter.)

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Or

A Senior Secondary School in Guwahati has published an advertisement in 'The Sentinel' for appointment of a Post-Graduate Teacher of English. Write an application for the post with your complete Curriculum Vitae (CV) to the Principal of the school. (Do not mention the name of your college or your name anywhere in the letter.)

## UNIT—III

4. (a) What is note-making? Discuss the features of a good note. 3+7=10

Or

- (b) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Who on earth is free from disease. Theoretically none. But practically all



can be. That is what the science of medicine is all about. The world is endowed with many systems of medicine : Allopathy, Homeopathy, Ayurveda, the Arabic, the Egyptian, the Graeco-Roman etc. While the Western system has entrenched itself with multiferous growth, there is a growing awareness of the distinctive efficacy of Eastern systems like Ayurveda.

All ancient civilizations—Egyptian, Babylonian, Indian and Chinese—developed their own systems of medicine. Egypt seems to have been the first and the best in the field. It had a fully developed medical system by the third millennium BC.

We know very little of the Babylonian system and much less, almost nothing, of the Indus Valley system. The Indian system as we know it, starts with the Rigveda (2000 BC). The earliest known medical treatise in China appeared around 450 BC.

The Egyptian system, like all other ancient systems, laboured under a

heavy load of superstition and magic. Yet it developed many cures that have stood the test of time. Pain killing drugs and sedatives were well-known to Egyptians. Onion as a cure for scurvy and also as a cure for intestinal disorders is an old Egyptian prescription.

Questions :

- (i) Make notes from the passage using headings, sub-headings and recognizable abbreviations. 5
- (ii) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. 5

#### UNIT—IV

- 5. (a) Write a paragraph using the outlines given below : 4

Solar energy—energy that we get from the sun—converted into thermal or electrical energy—renewable—pollution free—low maintenance cost—saves environment.

- (b) Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics :

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(i) Uses of a College Library

(ii) Sound Pollution

(iii) Importance of using Public Transport

- (c) What is a report? Discuss the types of report. 2+5=7

Or

Write a press report on how the use of plastic is posing a threat to the environment. (Do not mention the name of your college or your name anywhere in the report.)

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6. (a) The table below shows the number of events won by the Indian Men's National Field Hockey Team along with positions in different events. Write

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- a paragraph collecting information from the table :

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Events	1st	2nd	3rd
Olympic Games	8	1	3
World Cup	1	1	1
Asian Games	3	9	3
Asia Cup	3	5	1
World League	0	0	2
Champions Trophy	0	2	1
Asian Champions Trophy	3	1	0
Commonwealth Games	0	2	0
Total	18	21	11

- (b) The table below shows the literacy rates in some States of India in 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow :

State	2011	2001	1991	1981	1971
Andhra Pradesh	67.7	60.5	44.1	35.7	24.6
Bihar	63.8	47.0	37.5	32.3	23.2
Gujarat	79.3	69.1	61.3	44.9	37.0
Haryana	76.6	67.9	55.9	37.1	25.7
Kerala	93.9	90.9	89.8	78.9	69.8

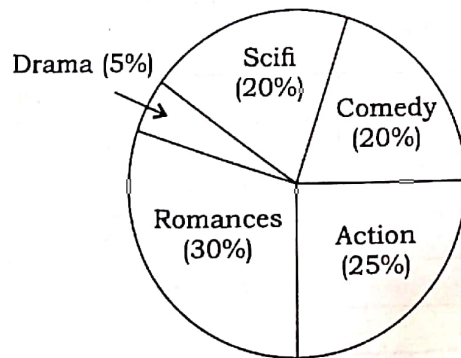
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Questions :

- (i) Which State had the lowest literacy rate in 1971? 1
- (ii) Which State had the highest literacy rate in 1981? 1
- (iii) Which State had the highest literacy rate since 1971 to 2011? 1
- (iv) What was the literacy rate of Bihar in 1991? 1
- (v) Was there an increase in literacy rate of Kerala from 2001 to 2011? 1

- (c) The pie chart below shows the percentage of favourite type of movies as revealed in a study. Study the chart and write a few sentences collecting information provided therein : 5



- (d) Look at the picture below and write a paragraph on it : 4



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