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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH

1A01 ENG : Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

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

Motor vehicles run on either petrol or diesel, both of which are produced by refining petroleum, the thick, dark oil taken out from the depths of the earth. Petroleum is called a fossil fuel as it comes from fossils. Fossils are the remains of animals and plants which lived on the earth millions of years ago and lie buried deep inside the earth. The store of fossil fuels — mainly petroleum and coal inside the earth is limited, since no more of these fuels is being produced now. Once the store is used up, we will not have any more petrol or diesel for our airplanes, cars, trucks and buses. Fossil fuels are therefore called non-renewable sources of energy. As the store of fossil fuels is being used up very fast, scientists have been looking for alternative sources of energy. Fortunately, they have been able to produce fuel for diesel and petrol engines from plant sources. Scientists have learnt to convert the oil extracted from the seeds of soya beans into a liquid fuel which has been given the name 'bio-diesel'. Bio-diesel is also extracted from groundnuts, rape-seed oil and oil from a plant called jatropha. Unlike petroleum, fuel extracted from plants is a renewable source of energy. Once a plant has been harvested, another plant can grow in its place. Plants get their energy mainly from the sun, which is an unending source of energy. It has been found that bio-diesel produces much less pollution than the fuels which are now being used in engines. It is generally mixed with diesel, in the ratio 1:4, but engines can be run on pure bio-diesel.

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Give short answers to **all** the following questions :

- 1.1) What are fossil fuels ?
- 1.2) What is bio-diesel ?
- 1.3) Why is fossil fuel called a non-renewable source of energy ?
- 1.4) Name the plants from which bio-diesel is extracted.
- 1.5) From where do plants get their energy ? (5×1=5)

Attempt **any two** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 1.6) What will happen once the store of fossil fuels is used up ?
- 1.7) What advantage does bio-diesel have over ordinary fuel ?
- 1.8) What kind of fuel is likely to be used by motor vehicles in future ? (2×2=4)

2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

Malayalam is the mother tongue of 35 million Malayalis, ninety per cent of whom live in Kerala. The remainder are scattered over different parts of India and the world, including Malaysia, Singapore, the countries surrounding the Persian Gulf, Africa, Europe and North America. Malayalis are well-known for their ability to adjust easily to their surroundings. Wherever a Malayali goes, from New Delhi to New York, he becomes a part of the local scene, though Kerala is always present in his heart. Like its speakers, the Malayalam language also has been open to foreign influences. Malayalam literature reflects this spirit of accommodation and has, over the centuries, developed a tradition which, although deeply rooted in the native soil of Kerala, is truly universal in spirit. It is remarkably free from the prejudices that have marred the literature of certain other parts of our country. To its basic Dravidian stock have been added elements borrowed or adopted from non-Dravidian languages such as Sanskrit, Arabic, French, Portuguese and English. The earliest of these associations was with Tamil, which, according to many linguists, is the root language from which Malayalam was born. Sanskrit, however, accounts for the largest of the 'foreign' influences, followed closely in recent times by English. This broad-based cosmopolitanism has indeed become a distinctive feature of Malayalam language and literature.



- 2.1) How many Malayalis live outside Kerala ?
- 2.2) What is the quality that is common to Malayalis as well as Malayalam language ?
- 2.3) What makes Malayalam literature different from the literature of some other parts of India ?
- 2.4) What is the relationship between Tamil and Malayalam ?
- 2.5) Which language has the greatest influence on Malayalam ? (5×1=5)

3. Answer **any fourteen** of the following :

- 3.1) Correct the following sentence.
Could you return back the library cards to me, please ?
- 3.2) Fill in the blank using the correct verb given in bracket.
Unicorns do not _____ (exist/existed)
- 3.3) Convert the following statement into a question.
They speak French.
- 3.4) Add a suitable question tag.
We are late for the movies.
- 3.5) Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
The woman _____ the car is my neighbour.
- 3.6) Read the following sentence and convert it into indirect speech.
My mother said to me, "you were wrong."
- 3.7) Read the following sentence and convert it into direct speech.
She asked me what time the train arrived.
- 3.8) Complete the table with the correct forms of the verb.

| Present Tense | Past Tense | Past Participle | Present Participle |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Carry | | | |

- 3.9) Identify the idioms in the following sentence and explain their meaning.
Would you cut me some slack ?
- 3.10) Convert the following sentence into active voice.
Football is played by them.
- 3.11) Convert the following into passive voice.
Is he teaching me ?



- 3.12) Select the appropriate antonym for the word from the following :
Arrogant
a) Humble b) Smog c) Bossy d) Pompous
- 3.13) Select the appropriate synonym for the word from the following :
Marvellous
a) Terrible b) Fantastic c) Ordinary d) Common
- 3.14) Fill in the blank using the antonym of the word given in Italics.
He pretended to be *innocent*. But he was found _____
- 3.15) Write down two different meanings of the following word.
Tear
- 3.16) Complete the following sentence by filling the blank with the correct word.
Francis wondered what _____ (advice/advise) the lawyers would have for him.
- 3.17) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct modal auxiliary.
He _____ have informed me before going there.
a) can b) should c) will d) must
- 3.18) Fill in the blanks with articles (a, an, the) wherever necessary.
a) My father is _____ accountant, my brother is _____ banker, and I am _____ artist.
b) _____ Koreans were against _____ policies of _____ USA. (14×1=14)
4. Answer **any one** of the following topics in **not** more than **two** pages.
- 4.1) Write an essay on whether Computers or Artificial Intelligence prove to be a threat to human beings in the coming decade.
- 4.2) Write an essay on Human Rights. (1×6=6)
5. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages.
- 5.1) Write a letter of complaint to the managing director of your car dealer about the bad after sales service.
- 5.2) Create a resume and a covering letter for the vacancy of a news reader in a popular news channel. (1×6=6)
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