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GENERAL ENGLISH

(Arts and Commerce)

(For Repeaters)

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Write down the following sentence as instructed : 1×5=5

She makes dolls for a living.

- (a) Make it present continuous tense.
- (b) Make it past perfect continuous tense.
- (c) Make it simple future tense.

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(d) Make the sentence negative.

(e) Change the sentence into interrogative.

2. Rewrite the following sentences changing their voice : 1×5=5

(a) Do you not know him?

(b) Many plays had been written by Shakespeare.

(c) A way shall be found by us.

(d) I did not please my teacher.

(e) The boys were playing football.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals : 1×5=5

(a) We — not disobey his orders.

(b) You — speak the truth.

(c) He — to be an atheist but now he believes in God.

(d) — you live a long life!

(e) — I ask you a question?

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4. Underline the -ing words and mention whether they are gerunds or participles : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) A rolling stone gathers no moss.

(b) Do not wake the sleeping child.

(c) Laughing is good therapy.

(d) We enjoyed riding very much.

(e) He deserves a good beating.

5. Change the speech of the following sentences : $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) The wise man said, "Patience is a virtue."

(b) The general said to his men, "Are you ready to die for your country?"

(c) The teacher said that she would not take her class today.

(d) The fox exclaimed how clever he was.

(e) The waiter asked the customers whether they would like to order some drinks.

- (f) Grandma said, "It has been snowing since last night."
- (g) Mother said to me, "Your friend left an hour ago."
- (h) The teacher told the class that they would have a test on Monday.
- (i) "May you live long!" the people said to the king.
- (j) The master ordered his servant to go make him tea.

6. Write a précis of the following passage giving it a suitable title.

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With the advancement of technology, more and more changes are being brought about in the manner of communicating. Telephones, cellulers, pagers, facsimiles, e-mails—all give the sender the satisfaction that the communicator is 'plugged in'. Messages can reach from one corner of the world to the other almost immediately. However, these latest technological advancements do not have the advantage of face-to-face interaction.

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The most common and frequently used form of technological transmission of a message is the telephone. Messages are delivered and received immediately. However, there are certain factors that need to be kept in mind. While direct communication does not involve any cost, telephonic messages are cost-effective. Time is definitely another important factor to be kept in mind while formulating messages. What strategies should be adopted? How should messages be formulated are some queries that emerge. Many of the strategies are the same as are observed in face-to-face interaction but concentration needs to be higher as there is nothing apart from words and voice articulation to capture the attention of the receiver. In telephonic communication, there is no direct eye-to-eye contact and there are fewer chances of deciphering the message through body language.

Or

Write a short story on any one of the following topics :

- (a) Love conquers all
- (b) True beauty lies within

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7. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : 15

- (a) The role of youth in today's society
- (b) Advantages and disadvantages of the Internet
- (c) The most memorable event in your life

8. Write a letter of application to the CEO of a large departmental store for the post of Sales Manager. Include your full particulars including minimum salary expected by you in case you are selected and any other relevant information. Include a resume in your application. 10

Or

Write a letter to a friend congratulating and thanking him/her for their wedding invitation. Also express your regret that you will not be able to attend the wedding due to a prior engagement.

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

Many animals live in the Arctic including hares, foxes, lemmings, musk oxen, seals and walrus. The monarch of the Arctic animals is the polar bear.

Bears are the biggest of all meat-eating animals and the polar bear is one of the biggest kinds of bear. He is a huge, yellow-white creature and may weigh as much as one ton. He lives the life of a nomad, wandering from place to place. Usually he wanders alone.

The polar bear is at home on land or in the open sea. One has been seen swimming in open water more than one hundred miles from the nearest land. Polar bears have a favourite hunting ground. It is on the ice off the coast of lands where seals are plentiful. Bears stalk the seals with great patience. Any hunter might envy them their skill. A bear will advance, yard by yard, upon a place where a seal is basking in the sun. He will hide behind hummocks or lie still and almost invisible on the ice. A bear kills his victim with a single blow of his mighty paw.

Bears eat any food they may find as well as the food they have hunted. They eat the roots of plants sometimes found growing on the shore. Besides hunting seals, they hunt the eider duck. They drift in the water among the flocks of these birds and, suddenly, pounce on a victim. If a victim dives to escape, the bear will follow under water. Sometimes bears hunt seals in the water. One of their tricks is to plunge under the water and come up below an unsuspecting seal.

Polar bear cubs are born in winter. The mother makes a hollow in soft drifted snow, and there the cubs are born. They stay with their mother for two whole years. When they are quite small, they walk alone between her legs. If they find any food, the mother inspects it before she allows the cubs to eat it. Years ago, trappers killed bears by leaving poisoned blubber for them to find.

Polar bears are prized by Eskimos for their fur as well as for their meat. The fur makes a splendid coat. It is not only warm, but is

also waterproof. Eskimos use dogs to hunt bears. When they find a bear, the dogs form a circle round him. They yap and snarl at him. Sometimes they dart forward as if to attack. But they are not wise to venture too close. A single blow from the bear's paw may tear a dog in half.

Meanwhile, the hunters rush up and try to kill the bear from a distance with their weapons. Until recently, the Eskimos used bows and arrows, and spears. Today they use rifles. The man who kills the bear has a special reward. He is allowed to cut the first meat from the body, so he can choose the meat he likes best.

Bears usually keep away from men. Some people say they only attack men when they see them running. A story is told of a sailor who met a polar bear on the coast of Greenland. For many minutes, they stared at each other. The sailor had no weapon with him. He began to run away and, at once, the bear set off after him. In order to run faster,

the sailor threw off his jacket. The sound of the bear's footsteps stopped. The sailor looked back. He saw the bear examining the jacket carefully. The sailor ran on. A few minutes later, he heard the bear behind him again. At once, he tore off his jersey and flung it behind him. Again the bear stopped to inspect the jersey.

According to the story, the sailor got back to his ship in safety. As they saw him racing back, his shipmates ran to help him. The sailor was terrified and breathless, and he was not wearing a stitch of cloth!

- (a) Why is the polar bear referred to as the monarch of the ice? 1
- (b) What is the polar bear's favourite food? 1
- (c) Describe, in your own words, how a bear kills a seal. 3
- (d) Why do mother bears inspect food before allowing their cubs to eat it? 1

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- (e) How do Eskimos kill polar bears? What is so special about killing the bear? 2
- (f) What was the purpose of the sailor throwing off his jacket and then the rest of his clothes? 2

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