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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

B.A. Part I Semester I (NEP)

AEC - Ability Enhancement Course

Enhancing Ability Disposition and Temperament – I

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: - All questions are compulsory

Q.1 (A) Attempt any THREE of the following questions in short: (3x4=12 Marks)

- i. Why did Hazlitt's son complain against his school fellows?
- ii. How does Murthy define professionalism and how does it differ between Western and Indian cultures?
- iii. What did Hazlitt mean by saying 'there are other people in the world besides yourself'?
- iv. According to Murthy how can educational system in India encourage critical thinking and intellectual independence?
- v. Why did Hazlitt write a letter to his son?

(B) Attempt any EIGHT questions in one or two sentences each: (8x1=8 Marks)

- i. Why did Hazlitt wish to leave some advice for his son?
- ii. Where was Hazlitt's son taking his first entrance into the world?
- iii. Who were the 'stupid and disagreeable' people according to Hazlitt's son?
- iv. Who were strangers to Hazlitt's son?
- v. Why did Hazlitt say that it was a bad habit to speak disrespectfully of others?
- vi. The author uses the example of water grids and power plants. What point are they trying to make?
- vii. What is the example used to show how some Indian students don't fulfil their scholarship obligations?
- viii. What is the impact of the Indian approach to punctuality on professional interactions?
- ix. How does the upbringing of children in Western cultures differ from India, according to the text?
- x. How does the passage connect the concept of rights and duties of citizens?

Q. 2(A) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:

(Any five out of eight)

(5x1=5 Marks)

- i. The Chairman _____ at them thoughtfully. (look)
- ii. The engineer _____ the construction site tomorrow. (visit)
- iii. Did you see the man who _____ the procession? He is the new Chief Minister. (lead)
- iv. Every morning, Banu _____ her prayers before leaving for work. (say)
- v. The boy hid behind a tree when he saw the headmaster _____. (approach)
- vi. I _____ the morning flight to Delhi the day after tomorrow. (take)
- vii. The sun _____ in the east. (rise)
- viii. The principal of the college _____ the students who topped the merit list. (felicitate)

(B) Rewrite the following sentences by changing the underlined part of speech to the one mentioned in the bracket. You may need to change the sentence structure as well.

(Parts of speech)

(5x1=5 Marks)

- i. In all probability, he will be successful in his business this year. (adverb)
- ii. My grandfather gave me some advice. (verb)
- iii. Geeta's friends joined her with enthusiasm. (adverb)
- iv. An invitation was sent to the girl's father. (verb)
- v. The Club Secretary rejected all we proposed. (noun)

(C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from those given in the brackets.

Vocabulary (Homophones, Homonyms)

(5x1=5 Marks)

1. Your answer is _____; you solved the math problem. (right/rite)
2. The quiet garden provided a lot of _____ (piece/peace).
3. The keys are _____, on the kitchen counter. (there/they're)
4. There is a _____ in my pocket. (whole/hole)
5. The price of petrol is very _____. (deer/dear)

Q.3 (A) Skill-based personal response questions.

(Any one to be attempted in about 100 words).

(10x1=10 Marks)

- i. Write a short paragraph expressing your opinion on the following. Consider both perspectives.

“Some people believe that the key to one's success in life is the ability to adapt. Others argue that it is better to focus on one's passion and strengths.”

- ii. Write a short paragraph on – “The role of social media in cross-cultural exchange”.

(B) Read the Passage carefully for comprehension and answer Any FIVE of the questions that follow.

(5x1=5 Marks)

An excerpt from "Joy" by Anton Chekhov

It was twelve o'clock at night.

Mitya Kuldarov, with excited face and ruffled hair, flew into his parents' flat, and hurriedly ran through all the rooms. His parents had already gone to bed. His sister was in bed, finishing the last page of a novel. His schoolboy brothers were asleep.

"Where have you come from?" cried his parents in amazement. "What is the matter with you?"

"Oh, don't ask! I never expected it; no, I never expected it! It's . . . it's positively incredible!"

Mitya laughed and sank into an armchair, so overcome by happiness that he could not stand on his legs.

"It's incredible! You can't imagine! Look!"

His sister jumped out of bed and, throwing a quilt round her, went in to her brother. The schoolboys woke up.

"What's the matter? You don't look like yourself!"

"It's because I am so delighted, Mamma! Do you know, now all Russia knows of me! All Russia! Till now only you knew that there was a registration clerk called Dmitry Kuldarov, and now all Russia knows it! Mamma! Oh, Lord!"

Mitya jumped up, ran up and down all the rooms, and then sat down again.

"Why, what has happened? Tell us sensibly!"

"You live like wild beasts, you don't read the newspapers and take no notice of what's published, and there's so much that is interesting in the papers. If anything happens it's all known at once, nothing is hidden! How happy I am! Oh, Lord! You know it's only celebrated people whose names are published in the papers, and now they have gone and published mine!"

"What do you mean? Where?"

The papa turned pale. The mamma glanced at the holy image and crossed herself. The schoolboys jumped out of bed and, just as they were, in short nightshirts, went up to their brother.

"Yes! My name has been published! Now all Russia knows of me! Keep the paper, mamma, in memory of it! We will read it sometimes! Look!"

Mitya pulled out of his pocket a copy of the paper, gave it to his father, and pointed with his finger to a passage marked with blue pencil.

"Read it!"

The father put on his spectacles.

"Do read it!"

The mamma glanced at the holy image and crossed herself. The papa cleared his throat and began to read: "At eleven o'clock on the evening of the 29th of December, a registration clerk of the name of Dmitry Kuldarov..."

"You see, you see! Go on!"

"...a registration clerk of the name of Dmitry Kuldarov, coming from the beershop in Kozihin's buildings in Little Bronnaia in an intoxicated condition..."

"That's me and Semyon Petrovitch.... It's all described exactly! Go on! Listen!"

"... intoxicated condition, slipped and fell under a horse belonging to a sledge-driver, a peasant of the village of Durikino in the Yuhnovsky district, called Ivan Drotov. The frightened horse, stepping over Kuldarov and drawing the sledge over him, together with a Moscow merchant of the second guild called Stepan Lukov, who was in it, dashed along the street and was caught by some house-porters. Kuldarov, at first in an unconscious condition, was taken to the police station and there examined by the doctor. The blow he had received on the back of his head"

"It was from the shaft, papa. Go on! Read the rest!"

". . . he had received on the back of his head turned out not to be serious. The incident was duly reported. Medical aid was given to the injured man"

"They told me to foment the back of my head with cold water. You have read it now? Ah! So you see. Now it's all over Russia! Give it here!"

Mitya seized the paper, folded it up and put it into his pocket.

"I'll run round to the Makarovs and show it to them I must show it to the Ivanitskys too, Natasya Ivanovna, and Anisim Vassilyitch.... I'll run! Good-bye!"

Mitya put on his cap with its cockade and, joyful and triumphant, ran into the street.

Questions:-

- 1) Who was Mitya?
- 2) What made him happy and excited?
- 3) When did Mitya arrive at his parents' flat? What were the family members doing then?
- 4) Write in your own words what was written in the paper.
- 5) At the end of the story, why did Mitya run into the street?

6) Give synonyms of words from the passage:

- a) Ruffled b) Incredible

7) Find out antonyms of the following words from the passage:

- a) excited b) delighted
