

2ND SEM ./COMMON/2023(S) NEW

TH1-A COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks: 80

Time :03 hours

Answer all Questions

Figures in the Right hand margin indicate marks

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Q.1.

Read the following passage carefully and do as directed.

My grandmother, like everybody's grandmother, was an old woman. She had been old and wrinkled for the twenty years that I had known her. People said that she had once been young and pretty and had even had a husband, but that was hard to believe. My grandfather's portrait hung above the mantelpiece in the drawing -room. He wore a big turban and loose-fitting clothes. His long white beard covered the best part of his chest and he looked at least a hundred years old. He did not look the sort of person who would have a wife or children. He looked as if he could only have lots and lots of grandchildren. As for my grandmother being young and pretty, the thought was almost revolting. She often told us of the games she used to play as a child. That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part and we treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us. She had always been short and fat and slightly bent. Her face was a criss-cross of wrinkles running from everywhere to everywhere. No, we were certain she had always been, as we had known her. Old, so terribly old that she could not have grown older, and had stayed at the same age for twenty years. She could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful. She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of the rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

A Answer the following briefly:

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| i. | How did the grandfather appear in his portrait? | 02 |
| ii. | What sort of a person did he look in his portrait? | 02 |
| iii. | How does the author portray his grandmother? | 02 |
| iv. | Why does he say, "the thought was almost revolting?" | 02 |

B. Find the words from the passage which have the following meanings:

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| i | shelf | 02 |
| ii | not respectable | 02 |

C. Make sentences using the following words on your own (any one):

Seem, treat

D. Supply single word substitute to:

Something which is not logical and sensible

E Make a note of the above passage

Q.2.

Answer any five of the following:

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| i. | What in your opinion was the best lesson that the street taught to the narrator? | 05×02 |
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- ii. Explain the expression 'triumphant hatred'.
- iii. What is the difference between criticizing an idea and criticizing an individual?
- iv. What is crab mentality?
- v. Why did Ralph do the wicked act?
- vi. What does the poet pray for?
- Q.3. Do as directed.
- A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate choices given in the brackets.
- i. It -----rain tonight. (may, can) 02
- ii. He is ---- M.A. in English. (a, an) 02
- iii. There is ----water in the jug. (little, few) 02
- B. Change the voice
- i. He reads a newspaper every day. 02
- ii. Shut the door. 02
- Q.4. Write a paragraph in about 120 words on any one of the following topics:
Your college library **or** Online classes 05×01
- Q.5. **Answer any of the following.** 05×01
- You are the secretary of students' union. Draft a notice regarding the students' picnic to Puri and Konark for information of students.
- Or
- Write a report on the Blood Donation Camp conducted in your college.
- Q.6. A. **Answer any two of the following:** 05×02
- i. Your best friend has won the first prize in the state level debate competition. Write a letter to him/her congratulating him/her on his/her success.
- ii. You are the owner of Popular Books Corner, Grand Road, Puri. You have received a packet of Engineering Mathematics textbooks instead of Communicative English books from your distributor M/S Padmalaya Books, Satya Nagar, Bhubaneswar. Draft a letter of complaint.
- iii. You are staying in your college hostel. You are facing a lot of difficulties as there are no facilities for drinking water there. Write an application to the superintendent of your hostel requesting him/her to take necessary steps for installing a water purifier in your hostel.
- B. Tata Steel, Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur has invited applications for the post of Junior Engineer from diploma holders in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. 10
- (i) Apply for the post (ii) enclose your Resume' or C.V.
- Q.7. **Answer any two of the following:** 05×02
- i. Write a short note on body language.
- ii. Discuss the types of formal communication in detail.
- iii. Communication is a circular process. Justify it.