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B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture (2019 Batch) (Sem.-1)

**COMPREHENSION & COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH**

Subject Code : BSAG-104-19

M.Code : 76927

Time : 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks : 60

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :**

1. SECTION-A is COMPULSORY consisting of TEN questions carrying TWO marks each.
2. SECTION-B contains FIVE questions carrying FIVE marks each and students have to attempt any FOUR questions.
3. SECTION-C contains THREE questions carrying TEN marks each and students have to attempt any TWO questions.

**SECTION-A****1. Write briefly :**

- a) What is meant by the sporting spirit?
- b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate word :  
A ..... mind gives ..... impression. (vacant/empty)
- c) Choose the correct synonym of "Complement" and use in a meaningful sentence: disapproval, praise, complaint, completion
- d) Give antonym of the following :  
Attractive, Acknowledge
- e) Give the meanings of the following words and use them in meaningful sentences :  
Accept, Except
- f) Who is a layman? What do we call a person who is not a layman?
- g) Give different meanings of the word "Grave" and use them in different meaningful sentences.
- h) Underline correct word :
  - i) What medicine did the doctor proscribe/prescribe for her?
  - ii) Milton's poetry is full of classical allusions/illusions?
- i) What according to Shaw are the advantages in learning to speak well?
- j) Pick correct choice as per subject-verb agreement:
  - i) The orator and statesman has/have arrived.
  - ii) The king with all his ministers was/were killed.

## SECTION-B

### 2. Draft a précis of the following passage. Suggest a suitable title :

We all know what we mean by a “good” man. The ideally good man does not drink or smoke, avoids bad language, converses in the presence of men only exactly as he would if there were ladies present, attends church regularly and holds the correct opinion on all subjects. He has a wholesome horror of wrong-doing and realizes that it is our painful duty to castigate sin. He has a still greater horror of wrong thinking, and considers it the business of the authorities to safeguard the young against those who question the wisdom of the views generally accepted by middle-aged successful citizens. Apart from his professional duties, at which he is assiduous, he spends much time in good works: he may encourage patriotism and military training; he may promote industry, sobriety and virtue among wage earners and their children by seeing to it that failures in these respects receive due punishment; he may be a trustee of a university and prevent an ill-judged respect for learning from allowing the employment of professors with subversive ideas. Above all, of course, his “morals” in the narrow sense must be irreproachable. (189 words)

### 3. Change from Direct to Indirect Speech :

- a) Ram said to me, “You are intelligent”.
- b) She said, “Honesty is the best policy”.
- c) The commander said to the soldiers, “Fight with full force”.
- d) Mukesh said to his brother, “Do not waste time”.
- e) They said to him, “Do you want a cup of tea”?

### 4. Write a note on “The Screening Interview”.

### 5. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on “Social Media”.

### 6. Discuss how to prepare for interviews effectively.

## SECTION-C

### 7. Draft a business letter placing an order of books required by your company. Imagine details.

**8. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

Delhi's odd-even plan for private cars has a measure of public support because it offers everyone a shot at responsible citizenship, but it is unlikely to alleviate Delhi's poor air quality. Upgrading fuel, keeping out trucks that transit through Delhi and ending the practice of burning crop residue in neighbouring areas will do more to check pollution than restricting the use of private cars. Delhi has so many private cars because a functional, predictable, integrated public transport system with efficient last mile connectivity is absent. If cars are disallowed while an expanded public transport is still not available, three-wheelers and cabs will ply all the more. Proper schedules for buses and metros that are displayed at bus stops and metro stations, and ensuring these are adhered to would make it possible for people to plan their trips. Every bus can be fitted with GPS and speed governors and its movement tracked, to make sure they neither race nor dawdle and stick to their schedule. Bus routes can be rationalised to ensure that bus services are not concentrated in certain areas. Seamless connectivity with the metro and circular rail network must be ensured. Instead of having differently priced buses, have a single class of buses and allow integrated, cardbased payments for all modes of transport in the city. Driving restrictions is not the silver bullet for reducing either traffic congestion or air pollution. If government is serious about addressing these then it must put forward a comprehensive transportation policy that uses technology and deft planning to deliver an improved bus system, integrated with the existing circular rail network and an expanding metro system, backed up by a feeder system integrating the different forms of public transport.

**Questions :**

- a) According to the passage, what can reduce the pollution of Delhi?
- b) What will be the suitable title of the above passage?
- c) What is reason behind traffic congestion in Delhi?
- d) According to the author, why there are many private vehicles in Delhi?
- e) Before implementing odd-even plan what should have been done for transportation of Delhi?

**9. Write an application for a job. Also draft your CV to be attached with the application.**

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