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BAEL-102

Advanced Reading and Writing Skills

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

1st Year Examination, 2023 (June)

Time: 2 Hours] [Max. Marks: 35

Note: This paper is of Thirty Five (35) marks divided into two (02) Sections A and B. Attempt the questions contained in these sections according to the detailed instructions given therein. Candidates should limit their answer to the questions on the given answer sheet. No additional (B) answer sheet will be issued.

SECTION-A (Long Answer Type Questions)

Note: Section 'A' contains Five (05) long answer type questions of Nine and Half (9½) marks each. Learners are required to answer any Two (02) questions only.

(2×9½=19)

- 1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:
 - (a) Benefits of Yoga.
 - (b) Social Media-A Boon or Bane.

- **2.** (a) Assume that you have the required qualification and skills for the post of a Computer Engineer at Infosys for its Chandigarh office. Prepare a resume for the aforesaid post.
 - (b) Draft a job application for the above mentioned post. (Invent necessary details).
- **3.** What is a Report? Discuss the characteristics of a report.
- 4. Workwell Industries Limited has observed that a number of employees take leave on mega events like cricket matches, fashion shows, fests etc. organized by the company. You, as the Vice President of the company, feel that a wrong culture is being practiced among employees. Draft a memorandum to the defaulters contributing to such mass absenteeism. Mark a copy to the Head of Departments and the Director of the firm.
- **5.** What is business correspondence? Explain the principles of business correspondence.

SECTION-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Section 'B' contains Eight (08) short answer type questions of Four (04) marks each. Learners are required to answer any Four (04) questions only. (4×4=16)

- **1.** Write a report on "The Impact of 'Corona-Lockdown' in the World Economy."
- 2. Write a short note on Allegory with suitable examples
- **3.** What are Phrasal Verbs? Write any four phrasal verbs of your choice along with their meanings and frame sentences using those phrasal verbs.
- **4.** Write a letter to the Editor of a local Newspaper, informing him about the chaotic situation caused by the stray dogs in your locality.
- **5.** Write a note on Agenda and Minutes of a meeting.
- **6.** Write a note on "Sound Patterns" in English language.
- **7.** Explain Note Taking.
- **8.** Summarize the given passage:

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze -at that-first-panorama of the-Pacifie-Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.