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SUBJECT: ENGLISH COMPOSITION (ENG-101)

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Time: 9.00 to 12.00 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Instructions:

- Answer any *FIVE* of the following questions.
- All the sections of the question you choose have to be attempted. Each question carries equal marks.

Q.1 Read the following paragraphs and answers the questions:

(a). I am a movie Fanatic. My friends count on me to know movie trivia (who was the pigtailed little girl in E.T. The Extra Terrestrial? Drew Barrymore) and to remember every big Oscar awarded since I was in grade school (Best Picture, 1994? Forest Gump). My friends, though, have stopped asking me if I want to go out to the movies. While I love movies as much as ever, the inconvenience of going out, the temptation of the concession stand, and the behavior of some patterns are reasons for me to wait and rent the DVD.

i. In this introductory paragraph which sentence or sentences are used to attract the readers' interest?

- a. First sentence. (2)
- b. First two sentences.
- c. First three sentences.

ii. In which sentence is the thesis of the essay presented? (2)

- a. Third sentence.
- b. Fourth sentence.

iii. Write the words in the thesis that announce the three major supporting points in the essay:

- a. _____ (2)
- b. _____ (2)
- c. _____ (2)

Q1. (b). To begin with, I just don't enjoy the general hassle of the evening. Since small local movie theaters are a thing of the past, I have to drive for fifteen minutes to get to the nearest multiplex. The parking lot is shared with several restaurants and a super market, so it's always jammed. I have to drive around out a snails pace until I spot another driver backing out. Then its time to stand in an endless line, with the constant threat that tickets for the show I want will sell out. If we do get tickets, the theater will be so crowded that I won't be able to sit with my friends, or we will have to sit in a front row gapping up giants screen. I have to shell out a ridicules amount of money – up to \$11 – for a ticket. That entitles me to sit while my shoes seal themselves to a sticky floor coated with spilt soda, bubble gum, and crushed nuts.

i. What is the topic sentence for the supporting paragraph? (2.5)

ii. The first topic sentence is then supported by the following details.

- a. have to drive 15 minutes
- b. _____ (1.5)
- c. _____ (1.5)
- d. _____ (1.5)
- e. _____ (1.5)
- f. _____ (1.5)

Q2. (a). Identifying transitions and other connecting words. The connecting words you are to identify are set off in italics. Write T for transition, S for synonym, P for pronoun. (5*2=10)

1. Kate wears a puffy, quilted, down-filled jacket. In this *garment*, she resembles a stack of inflated inner tubes.
2. Plants like poinsettias and mistletoe are pretty. *They* are also poisonous.
3. A strip of storm cloth can be used as an emergency fan-belt replacement. *In addition*, a role of duct tape can be used to patch a leaky hose temporarily.
4. I am always losing my soft contact lenses, which resemble little circles of thick Saran Wrap. One day I dropped both of *them* into a cup of hot tea.
5. Clothing intended just for children seems to have vanished. *Instead*, children wear scaled- down versions of everything adults wear.

(b) Change verbs from the passive to the active voice. (5*2=10)

1. The pizza restaurant was closed by the health inspector.
2. Huge stacks of donated books were sorted by the workers in the library.
3. My computer was infected by a virus
4. Gasoline prices will not be increased by oil companies this winter.
5. The community center was damaged by a group of vandals.

Q3. Write down an essay which defines "Family." (20)

Q4. You would like to live in a big city and your parents or spouse refuses to budge from the suburbs. Write him or her letter in which you argue the advantages of city life. (20)

Q5. (a) Choose the correct words in the parentheses: (10)

1. I (know, no) that several of the tenants have decided (to, too, two) take (their, there, they're) case to court.
2. (Whose, who's) the author of that book about the (effects, affects) of eating too much protein?

(b) Write short sentences that use the form requested for the following verbs. (5*2=10)

1. Past of know.
2. Past participle of give
3. Past of talk
4. Present of drive
5. Past participle of write

Q6. (a) At the appropriate spot, place a punctuation mark shown in the margin. (5*2=10)

1. Ben Franklin once wrote, to lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals. (",")
2. The journalist pleaded "Just one more question" (,)
3. The store will close at noon on the following dates Nov 25, December 27, and December 31. (:)
4. Maya's children are named Melantha, which means "black flower", Yonina, which means "Dove" and Cynthia, which means "Moon goddess." (:)
5. My grand mother who will be ninety in May says that hard work and a glass of wine everyday are the secrets of a long life. (())

(b) Correct Run Ons and rewrite: (3*2=6)

1. My favourite Mediterranean spread is hummus it is very garlicky.
2. I go to school my brother stays home.

Correct fragment and rewrite:

3. Because his car was in the shop, John took the bus.

(c) The bold pronouns in the sentences refer which words: (2+2=4)

1. During early rehearsals, an actor may forget **his** lines.
2. A number of people had lost **their** luggage on the flight.

Q7. Imagine that you are in a town 50 miles from home that your car has broken down several miles from a gas station, and that you are carrying no money. You are afraid you are going to have a terrible time, but the friendly people who helped you turned your experience into a positive one. It is such a good day, in fact, that you don't want to forget what happened. Write a narrative essay on it. (20)
