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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019– 20 and thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/FC/EC43

B.A/B.S.W/B.Sc./B.V.A DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE

PAPER : ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - IV

TIME : 1 ½ HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 50

SECTION A

I. Read the following short story and answer the questions below:

(20 marks)

Perseus lived alone with his mother. His father had died when he was a baby. The King of the land was evil and nobody liked him. He wanted to marry Perseus' mother. However, Perseus told the King that it was not possible. The King was angry and thought of a plan to get rid of Perseus. 'Bring me the head of the monster Medusa' said the King, 'and I will not bother your mother again.'

Medusa and her sisters, the Gorgons, were terrifying indeed. Instead of hair, they had snakes coming out of their heads. If anyone looked at their faces, then they would become a stone.

Perseus needed help to defeat Medusa. He went to see a wise man. The man gave Perseus a shield, which was just like a mirror. Next, he gave him a crystal sword strong enough to cut off the monster's head. The wise man told Perseus that he would also need some flying sandals, a helmet to make him invisible and a silver bag to put Medusa's head in. The wise man said that Perseus should go and find the three witches that lived at Mount Atlas. They would give him the objects that he needed.

At first, the witches would not help Perseus. Then Perseus noticed that they only had one eye between them and he quickly grabbed it. He refused to give it back until they agreed to help him. The witches finally gave in; they got their eye back in exchange for the helmet, the sandals and the silver bag. Perseus strapped on the sandals and flew to the Gorgons cave. He put on his helmet and now he was invisible to the Gorgons. Medusa did not notice Perseus flying into the cave. Perseus drew his crystal sword and confronted Medusa. He remembered that he must not look at her because he would turn to stone. Therefore, he used his shield as a mirror and, guided by Athena (the goddess of war and wisdom) severed Medusa's head. Medusa was finally dead and Perseus had the head in the silver bag to prove it.

Perseus returned to the evil King. The King did not believe that Medusa was dead. 'Show me the head!' he demanded. Perseus took the head from the silver bag and the evil King was instantly turned into a stone! He had looked at the face of Medusa! Perseus, his mother and everyone in the land rejoiced.

1. How did the king plan to get rid of Perseus? (2 marks)
2. Who were the Gorgons? Describe them. (3 marks)
3. How did Perseus manage to get the items he needed to kill Medusa? (3 marks)
4. How did Perseus kill Medusa? (3 marks)
5. Why did the King turn to a stone? (1 mark)

6. Form sentences using any three of the words given below. Do not copy from the passage. (1x3=3 marks)

wise demanded grab noticed exchange remembered

7. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (1x5=5 marks)

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
a. confront	frightening
b. invisible	cut off
c. severed	delighted
d. terrifying	attack
e. rejoiced	unseen

SECTION B

II. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in 350 words. (1x20 = 20 marks)

- 8. An opinion piece on any traditional food.
- 9. A discursive essay comparing and contrasting city life and village life.

SECTION C

III. Rewrite the following sentences in active voice: (2x1=2 marks)

- 10. The violin is being played by Meenakshi.
- 11. The room has been cleaned by the boy.

IV. Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice : (2x1=2marks)

- 12. The police arrested the burglars.
- 13. I will wash my car tomorrow.

V. Choose the verb that agrees with the subject. (3 x1 =3 marks)

- 14. Cats and dogs _____ (do/does) not get along.
- 15. Neither the explorer nor his companion _____ (was/were) ever seen again.
- 16. There _____ (was/were) ten candies in that bag. Now there is only one left!

VI. Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks using third conditionals. (3x1=3marks)

17. _____, I would have participated in the contest.

- a. If I did not break my leg
- b. If I had not broken my leg
- c. If I had broken my leg

18. If you had spoken Tamil, _____.

- a. she will have understood.
- b. she will understand.
- c. she would have understood.

19. If Kabir had asked his brother, _____.

- a. he would have given his car.
- b. he will give his car.
- c. he may give his car.
