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**(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2017–18 and thereafter)**

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**B.Voc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022**  
**FOURTH SEMESTER**

**COURSE: FOUNDATION CORE**  
**PAPER: ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – IV**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**  
**MAX. MARKS: 100**

**SECTION A**

**I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (20 marks)**

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured the change out on the floor and counted carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big Red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention, but he was too busy at this moment.

Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally, she took a quarter from her jar and clanged it on the glass counter. That did it!

'And what do you want?' the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. 'I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages,' he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

'Well, I want to talk to you about my brother,' Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone.

'He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle.'

'I beg your pardon?' said the pharmacist.

'His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?'

'We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you,' the pharmacist said, softening a little. 'Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs.'

The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, 'What kind of a miracle does your brother need?'

'I don't know,' Tess replied with her eyes welling up. 'I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money.' 'How much do you have?' asked the man from Chicago. 'One dollar and eleven cents,' Tess answered *barely* audibly.

‘And it’s all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to.’

‘Well, what a coincidence,’ smiled the man. ‘A dollar and eleven cents—the exact price of a miracle for little brothers.’ He took her money in one hand and with the other hand; he grasped her mitten and said, ‘Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let’s see if I have the miracle you need.’

That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn’t long until Andrew was home again and doing well.

Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. ‘That surgery,’ her Mom whispered. ‘was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?’

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost.. one dollar and eleven cents....plus the faith of a little child.

- 1) Where was the glass jelly jar? What did it contain? (2)
- 2) What were the efforts made by Tess to attract the attention of the pharmacist? (2)
- 3) Who was the man from Chicago? (1)
- 4) What miracle did the man from Chicago perform and what was the cost? (3)
- 5) Why do you think the man from Chicago performed the miracle? (2)
- 6) Find the words from the passage for the meanings given below. (3)
  - a. a glove having one section for the thumb and a single section for the other fingers
  - b. a loud metallic sound
  - c. an occurrence of events that happen at the same time by chance
- 7) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B: (4 x 1 = 4)

Column A	Column B
i. scuffing	a. feeling angry or irritated
ii. closet	b. an unusual or wonderful event that is believed to be caused by the power of God
iii. annoyed	c. rubbing or scraping one’s foot over something
iv. miracle	d. a tall cupboard or wardrobe with a door, used for storage

- 8) Make sentences using any three of the words given below. Do not copy sentences from the story. (3 x 1 = 3)

disgusting    chance    whispered    slipped    faith    grasped

**II. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Once again we waited and waited, but heard nothing. Finally, we came to the conclusion that the burglars had fled when they heard footsteps. The chairs in the private office were neatly grouped around the radio. If the burglars had forced the door, there could be very serious problems. So Mr. Daan got up, pulled on his coat and pants, put on his hat and cautiously followed Father down the stairs, with Peter (armed with a heavy hammer, to be on the safe side) right behind him. The ladies (including Margot and me) waited in suspense until the men returned five minutes later and told us that there was no sign of any activity in the building.

Incidents like these are always accompanied by other disasters.

Well, the night had just begun, and we still weren't sure what to expect. We were sure that no burglar entered the building. It seemed that a burglar would not have forced a door so early in the evening when there were still people out on the streets. Besides, your imagination often plays tricks on you in moments of danger.

So we lay down on our beds, though not to sleep. Father and Mother were awake most of the night, and I'm not exaggerating when I say that I hardly got any sleep. This morning the men went downstairs to see if the outside door was still locked, but all was well!

1. What happens at the beginning of the passage? (2)
2. What is the mood and tone of the passage? (4)
3. What was the worry of the speaker and her family? (2)
4. What did the men tell the ladies after they checked downstairs? (2)
5. Why did the author think that burglars would not come early in the evening? (2)
6. Write sentences using any three of the words given below. Do not copy from the passage. (3)

force    imagination    suspense    incident    tricks

7. Match the following words with their meanings. (5 x 1 = 5)

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| 1. disaster     | a. carrying a weapon, especially a gun                           |
| 2. exaggeration | b. an event that has harmful or unfortunate results              |
| 3. armed        | c. saying something in a better or worse manner than the reality |
| 4. accompany    | d. thief   |
| 5. burglar      | e. go along with   |

**SECTION B****III. Write a review of a film or book that you enjoyed in about 350 words.**

(1 x 20 = 20)

**IV. Write an opinion piece on any one of the following in about 350 words.**

(1 x 20 = 20)

- a. A picnic you remember
- b. Your favourite snack

## SECTION C

**V. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (6 x1=6)**

1. *Antony and Cleopatra*----- (is/are) my favourite play.
2. The basketball team ----- (practise/practises) every day.
3. Statistics----- (is/are) a challenging subject.
4. Idli and chutney ----- (is/are) my favourite breakfast.
5. Sandra ----- (hasn't/haven't) completed her homework.
6. Sixty dollars----- (is/are) too much to pay for that dress.

**VI. Choose the correct options and fill in the blanks using third conditionals (4 x 1=4)**

7. \_\_\_\_\_, they would have met the doctor.
  - a. If they waited for another five minutes
  - b. If they can wait for another five minutes
  - c. If they had waited for another five minutes
8. If you had asked Deepa , \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. she will have helped you.
  - b. she will help.
  - c. she would have helped you.
9. If Martin had asked his brother, \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. he would have given him his bike.
  - b. he will give him his bike.
  - c. he may give him his bike.
10. \_\_\_\_\_,if they had practiced regularly.
  - a. The players will win the match
  - b. The players would have won the match
  - c. The players couldn't have won the match

**VII. Change the following sentences into active voice. (5 x 1=5)**

11. Chocolates are liked by Meera.
12. Let the door be opened.
13. A new dress is being stitched by Asif.
14. The offer had been rejected by Keerthi.
15. The axe was dropped by the man in the river.

**VIII Change the following sentences into passive voice. (5 x 1=5)**

16. My sister had drawn this portrait.
17. Seema found the key.
18. The boys have eaten the cake.
19. The children are playing hockey.
20. The old man will lock the gate by 10 p.m.

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