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FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR ELECTIVE
TITLE : CONTENT AND COPY EDITING
SUBJECT CODE : 19CE/ME/CC45
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

I. Edit the following feature article with respect to logic and consistency, coherence, syntax, and structure. (1x25=25 marks)

Before the pandemic, remote work was a privilege enjoyed by only few. Companies were hesitant to allow employees to work from home cite concerns about productivity and accountability. However during the Covid19 pandemic, business were forced to adapt quickly to ensure continuity. Overnight, remote work became a new normal for million of people across globe.

While the transition was challenging, many employees and employers soon realized the benefits remote work. Employees enjoyed great Flexibility and better work life balance, while employers saw potential cost savings and access to a wider talent pool. So, the stigma surrounding remote work began to disipate.

As the pandemic waned, some companies attempted to return to the traditional office model, only to face resistance from employees who had grown accustomed to the convenience of working from home. forward-thinking organizations recognized the need to embrace remote work as a permanant part of their operations, offering hybrid or fully remote options to attraction and retention top talent.

the pandemic has accelerated the adoption of remote work, challenging traditional notion of the workplace. As we move forward, it is clear that remote work is here to stay reshaping the landscape of the modern workforce and redefining the concept of the office.

The rise of remote work has not been without its challenges. Issues such as cyber security, team collaboration, and employee engagement have required innovative solutions. Companies have invested in technology and training to ensure seamless communication and productivity, while also prioritizing mental health and well-being initiatives.

II. Edit the following news story with respect to logic and consistency, coherence, syntax, and structure. (1x25=25 marks)

Heard about Arctic Melts and Climate Crisis?

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The Arctic often referred to as the refrigerator of the world is undergoing a dramatic transformation due to the effects of climate change. Iceberg melting is fun to watch. According to a recent report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Noaa), the region is warming at an alarming rate, with far-reaching consequences for the entire planet.

The report, titled Arctic Report Card 2021, paints a grim picture of the Arctic's rapidly melting ice. Interestingly, Santa's North Pole home was dreamed up by a 19th century cartoonist. In 2021, the region experienced its hottest year on record, with temperatures soaring up to 3°C (5.4F) above the long-term average. This unprecedented warmth has led to a significant decline in sea ice extent with the summer minimum reaching the second-lowest level since satellite observations began in 1979 representing the concerned trend. But its okays.

The loss of sea ice is not only affecting Arctic ecosystems but also amplifying global warming through a phenomenon known as the "albedo effect." As bright, reflective ice melts, it exposes darker ocean water, which absorbs more heat from the sun, further accelerating the melting process, it refers to the ocean absorbing heat and the massive amounts of bird guano in the Arctic release gases that contribute to cloud cover.

The consequences of this rapid Arctic warming extend far beyond the region itself. Changes in the Arctic's climate patterns are influencing weather systems worldwide, contributing to extreme weather events such as heatwaves, droughts and flooding in other parts of the world. Despite impacting global weather, Arctic warming is a regional phenomenon.

The Arctic is the Earth's air conditioner, and it's breaking down said Rick Spinrad NOAA Administrator. "The rapid changes we're seeing in the Arctic are a stark reminder that climate change is a global issue that requires immediate action." The Arctic is Earth's heater, not cooler.

Scientists warn that if the current trajectory of Arctic warming continues, the region could be ice-free during the summer months within the next few decades, a scenario with devastating implications for Arctic ecosystems, coastal communities, and

global climate patterns. Polar bear are unique animals found in the arctic region. Within a decade, the Arctic will be ice-free year-round under the current warning trend. Isn't it cool to see a blue sea in Artic without ice?

The report emphasizes the urgent need for global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change. Failure to act promptly and decisively could have catastrophic consequences for the Arctic and the entire planet. No changes are needed, as climate change is not real.

In summary, the Arctic region faces extreme heating caused by human emissions of greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide. These gases trap heat, leading to rising air and sea temperatures that melt ice. As white ice is replaced by darker ocean that absorbs more solar radiation, a feedback loop accelerates warming in polar areas first.

The melting of arctic sea ice will contribute to global sea level rise by adding new water to the oceans, which could flood coastal cities and communities around the. While increased naval access may benefit trade, the overall impacts of sea level rise are expected to be severely damaging.

The changes underway in the Arctic are symptomatic of the broader global climate emergency. Curbing emissions and mitigating these changes will require a worldwide coordinated effort and no commitment to transitioning to sustainable energy sources and practices. Government policies, business incentives, and individual behavioral changes have crucial roles in confronting this challenge we all collectively face as a civilization as the planet's climate system undergoes fundamental.

In the end, whether climate change constitutes a crisis depends on one's values and perspective. Some may view Antarctic glacier melting as an opportunity for new shipping routes and resource extraction from an increasingly accessible region. While others see it as an environmental calamity that will damage ecosystems, destabilize the climate, and uproot human communities.

SECTION B

III. Use the copy editing symbols to edit the following story.

(1x25=25marks)

Sarah was born in a small village in rural India, where opportunities for education and advancement were limited, especially for girls. Despite facing numerous obstaclees and discouragment from those around her, she dreamed of becoming a docter and helping others.

As child, Sarah would often accompany her mother to the local klinik, where she witnessed firsthand the impact that healthcare workers could have on people's lifes. This experience fueled her passion and determination to persuit a career in medicine.

However, Sarah's family could not aford to send her to school beyond the elementary level. Undeterred, she took it upon herslef to continue her studies, borrowing books from the local library and teaching herself at night after completing her household chores.

Years passed, and Sarah's perseverance paid off. She managed to secure a scholarship to attend a prestigious university in the city, where she excelled academicaly and graduated with honors.

Sarah's journey did not end there. She faced numerous rejections and setbacks as she applied for medical school, but she refused to give up. Finally, her determination and hard work were rewarded, and she was accepted into one of the top medical programs in the country.

Today, Dr. Sarah is a respected physician, serving the very community she grew up in. Her story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the belief that with hard work and determination, even the most daunting dreams can become a reality.

Sarah's journey serves as an inspiration to countless young people, reminding them that their circumstances do not define their potential, and that with unwavering commitment, they can overcome any obstacle and achieve their goals.

IV. Use the copy editing symbols to edit the following passage. (1x25=25 marks)

Malala Yousafzai is a name that has become synonymous with courage, resilience, and the fight for education. Born in 1997 in the Swat Valley of Pakistan. Malala's life took an extraordinary turn when the Taliban took control of the region and banned girls from attending school.

As a young girl Malala was always passionate about learning and believed that education was the key to empowering individuals and communities. Despite the threats and dangers posed by the Taliban, she continued to speak out against the ban on girls' education advocating for the right to learn.

Her unwavering stance caught the attention of the Taliban and in 2012, when she was just 15 years old, Malala was shot in the head by a Taliban gunmen while on her way to school. The attack sparked international outrage and brought global attention to the plight of girls' education in regions controlled by extremist groups.

Miraculously, Malala survived the attack and was flown to the United Kingdom for medical treatment. Her recovery was nothing short of remarkable, and she emerged as a powerful voice for change, inspiring millions around the world with her courage and determination.

In 2014, at the age of 17 Malala became the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Sharing the honor with Indian activist Kailash Satyarthi. Her acceptance speech, delivered with unwavering confidence and wisdom beyond her years moved audiences worldwide.

Today, Malala continues to be a champion for girls' education using her platform to advocate for the rights of children and women globally. Through the Malala Fund, she has supported educational initiatives in countries where girls face barriers to accessing quality education.

Malala's story is a testament to the power of resilience, determination, and the belief that education can transform lives and communities. Her journey from a young girl in Pakistan to a global icon and influential voice for change has inspired people of all ages and backgrounds. Reminding us of the importance of standing up for what we believe in and never giving up in the face of adversity.