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(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2004–05 & thereafter)

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B. A. /B.Sc./B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2008
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION ENGLISH
PAPER : LEVEL ONE –BASIC- PAPER-IV
TIME : 2 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 50

1. Write essays in about 250 words each on any two of the following: (2x10=20)

- a) Swami's interests and pastimes.
- b) The relationship between Swami and his friends.
- c) Schooling in pre-independence India.
- d) Swami's relationship with different members of his family.

2. Study the table given below and answer the questions that follow: (2x5=10)

The table below reflects the preferences of children who watch different types of TV programmes, as found by a survey of a residential neighbourhood in which all the children participated.

SECOND PREFERENCE →

↑ FIRST PREFERENCE		Cartoons	Sports	Movies	Games	Quiz	Horror	Music	News
	Cartoons	760	525	311	440	590	200	370	68
	Sports	892	214	118	128	214	79	43	74
	Movies	222	498	152	76	112	61	53	118
	Games	151	232	214	112	286	74	53	63
	Quiz	127	109	102	144	112	43	68	69
	Horror	63	129	112	108	123	72	59	132
	Music	132	118	121	107	69	91	83	74
	News	59	88	53	48	68	31	29	23

The number in each cell represents the number of children who prefer different types of programmes. The programme in the row represents the first preference and the programme in the column represents the second preference. Ex. Row 1, Column 1 = 760 means that there are 760 children whose first and only preference is cartoons. Row 1, Column 2 = 525 means that there are 525 children whose first preference is cartoons and the second preference is Sports.

1. What are the two deciding factors for the popularity of a programme?
2. Identify the programme that gets second preference by approximately half the number of children whose first preference is cartoons.
3. 'Sports' gets first preference by the same number of children in two different cells. Mention the second preference of these two groups.
4. Which is the least popular programme?
5. Comment on the general trend seen among children who watch different types of T.V. programmes.

3. Answer any one of the following:**(10 marks)****(a) Read the following report and write an essay on the ongoing political crisis in Pakistan.**

Two near simultaneous suicide attacks ripped through Lahore on Tuesday morning, killing 24 people and wounding 170.

The incidents have deepened anxiety about the enormity of the security challenge to Pakistan and its new government that is still in the making.

Ending speculation of when he would convene the newly elected national Assembly to pave way for government formation, President Musharraf announced that he had set the first session for March 17. He said, during a convocation address, that the two most important challenges facing the new government were terrorism and economic development.

Tuesday's first suicide attack took place around 9:15 a.m. at the seven storeyed Punjab headquarters of the Federal Investigation Agency off the main Mall Road in Lahore.

The second blast took place minutes later at the other end of Lahore, in the Model Town residential area, where two men drove an explosive-laden car into a house rented by an advertising agency and set it off.

Angered by the attacks, people in some parts of the city took to the streets raising slogans against President Musharraf

OR**b) Read the following report and write an essay on the concern regarding the safety of tourists in India.**

Expressing lack of faith in the Goa police over their role in the mysterious death of British teenager Scarlett Keeling, her family on Monday demanded that the investigation be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The 16 year old girl, who was on holiday with her family, was found dead on north Goa's Anjuna beach on February 18th.

The police, relying on the first autopsy report, had declared the case as death by drowning. They revived the investigations only after a doctors' panel recommended that the police investigate the death as 'homicidal'.

The family had accused the police of trying to hush up the case. Their suspicion of foul play was partially confirmed in the second autopsy conducted on Scarlett.

4. Complete the following sentences. Choose the most suitable from the options given below and make it a relative clause. (3 marks)

Example: The civilian nuclear deal _____ is a way to bring India within the non-proliferation framework.
It will be signed by President Bush and PM Manmohan Singh.

Answer: The civilian nuclear deal, which will be signed by President Bush and PM Manmohan Singh, is a way to bring India within the non-proliferation framework.

1. The mapping of storm water drains in Chennai _____ will help officials in managing floods.
2. Rekha _____ is a sought-after speaker at public meetings.
3. Twenty-four cricketers will participate in the camp _____.

Options:

- The camp will be conducted by Greg Chappell.
- It has been done using the global positioning system.
- She will soon get a promotion as IT inspector.

5. Change the verb given in brackets into the correct form. (3 marks)

Example: If the BSNL subscribers _____(find) the plan beneficial, they _____(opt) for it.

Answer: If the BSNL subscribers find the plan beneficial, they will opt for it.

1. If an honest appraisal of errors _____(be) done it _____(help) identify the areas that need improvement.
2. If the Chennai airport _____(be) to maintain its impressive growth, it urgently _____(require) an injection of rapid investment and improvement.
3. If the farmers _____(take) the advice of the Animal Husbandry Minister they _____(not have) faced such losses.

6. Change the voice in the following sentences making the active into passive and the passive into active. (4 marks)

1. The governor invited Dr. Lapang to form the government.
2. He was given ten days to prove his majority on the floor of the Assembly.
3. Dr. Lapang was elected the leader of the House by the Legislators.
4. A delegation of ministers submitted to the governor a letter of support of the BJP legislator.

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