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

COURSE : FOUNDATION ENGLISH: GROUP C
PAPER : WRITING AND READING SKILLS – I
TIME : 2 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 50

I. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets.

(5x1=5)

1. Payal must _____ the work by now. (do)
2. Paul _____ when we reach home. (bath)
3. Life is so beautiful, and with each passing day it _____ better. (became)
4. When man _____ with the force above, self-purification happens. (connect)
5. The mechanic _____ the bike before its owner arrived. (repair)

(10x1=10)

The flight to Greece _____ (go) smoothly. However, we had some problems with the ferry in Athens! We _____ (book) a ferry crossing two weeks before we _____ (leave) and arrived at the port with our tickets in hand. Unfortunately, the ferry _____ (be) nowhere in sight! We rushed about the port _____ (try) to find the ferry, but no one _____ (ever hear) of the ferry lines! Finally, after we _____ (wait) for about four hours, a man _____ (tell) us that the ferry line _____ (change) owners and had a new name and kindly _____ (direct) us to the correct ferry. Well, we were pretty lucky as the ferry prepared to depart that very moment!

II. Choose the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. (10x1=10)

1. Two and two _____ four. (make/makes)
2. The lawyer's fees _____ been paid in time. (has/have)
3. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers _____ a musical film. (is/are)
4. Both the hill stations _____ simply great. (was/were)
5. A pair of scissors _____ lying on the table. (is/are)
6. Either Neetu or her brother _____ won the prize. (has/have)
7. Each one of us _____ equal in the eyes of God. (is/are)
8. A troop of soldiers _____ marching through the streets. (is/are)
9. Each of the boys _____ worked well. (has/have)
10. Thousand miles _____ a long distance. (is/are)

III. Write a short paragraph in about 100-150 words on any one of the following.
(1x15=15)

1. The government has sanctioned license to a chemical company to build its factory in your town. Discuss your concerns about environmental pollution.
2. What is a very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today? Choose **one** skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances/caste/religion. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

IV. Re-organize the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. The last word of each sentence has been indicated with a period following it.
(10x1=10)

1. soft./the/crush/until/potato/and/boil/is/it/then/it/
2. student/the/heart./answers/by/learnt/has/the/all
3. tired/felt/grandmother/she/as/stairs./up/the/climbed
4. happily./smiled/me/at/baby/little/the/very
5. surprised/nation/was/the/the/greatly/news./by
6. of the ocean/evaporate./the saline waters/drinking water./it is pure/and when the same falls/the above as rain/ again from
7. the power/connected with/mothers have/to stay/and take them/her children /in the right direction.
8. the/ability/leadership is/to win/situations./in unexpected
9. mobile phones/ school going/ for/ children/ are neither a/ comfort./nor a/ necessity
10. 'listen'/ the words/ made of/ are/ 'silent'/and/ alphabets./ the same

V. Study the given Metro Rail Map of Delhi and answer the following questions. Note that the trains traveling on Line 1, Line 2 and Line 3 travel only on the respective lines.

(5 marks)

1. Identify the two interchange stations. (1)
2. How would you travel from Jawahar Gate to Najafgarh Depot. Answer to be written in complete sentences. (2)
3. A person from Rithala will have to travel in 3 trains to reach IIT. True or False. (1)
4. Identify the depots on the Delhi Metro railway lines. (1)