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B.Sc. (Home Science) Examination, September 2022
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)
L2 GENERIC ENGLISH (As per NEP 2020)
(Batches Commencing from 2021-22 Batch Onwards)**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

- I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

One could be struck in awe if they could relive the earth's geological past. Huge beasts such as the dinosaur have never really become extinct. Mothra, a giant caterpillar who later becomes a moth, destroys Tokyo and stars in the 1962 Japanese film named after him. The famous Japanese cult Mothra is born, dies and reborn regularly on classic movie channels. In Japan, Mothra is one of the most popular films ever made. Mothra has survived the creation of more current scary creatures such as giant apes, extra-terrestrial beings and swamp creatures. More than 30 years after his creation, Mothra still lives. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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- II. Do as directed :

- 1) Choose the right synonym from the above passage for the underlined word in the sentence :

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The present situation in Taiwan is fragile.

- 2) Fill in the blank with appropriate antonym of the word underlined :

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_____ and destruction are nature's ways of balancing life.

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- 3) i) Fill in the blank with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1
She shifted to Singapore shortly after walking down the _____.
(isle/aisle)
- ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1
a) The advocate was asked to file a _____ against the rioters.
b) He was wearing an ill-fitting _____.
- 4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix : (2×1=2)
a) Aditya's personality is a _____ of intelligence and wit. (combine)
b) Students tend to _____ matters of urgency. (look)
- 5) i) Match the word in Column A with the correct collocation given in Column B : 1
- | A | B |
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| a) Draw | i) a frame |
| | ii) a conclusion |
| | iii) a picture |
- ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternative given in brackets : 1
The Cheetah darted at _____ speed. (lightening/lightning)
- III. Read the above passage and pick two words that are related to central theme of the passage. (2×½=1)
a)
b)

UNIT – II

- IV. Do as directed :
- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech : (3×1=3)
a) 'The girl in blue is a fabulous singer', said Amandeep.
b) The President of the organization said, 'Let us meet on the first of every month to report the progress'.
c) The little girl said to the passerby, 'Will you give me a plate of rice to feed my sick brother' ?
- 2) Write a dialogue in ten to twelve sentences on **any one** of the following situations : (1×3=3)
a) Two students discussing their intended tour to New Delhi.
b) A mother and her daughter discussing the job opportunities available to them after relocating to Mumbai.

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- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is **one-third** of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary. **3**

Whales are the largest and most powerful creatures on earth. They live in all of the oceans of the world. Whales are mammals. They are warm-blooded. They are called Cetaceans. Whales are social creatures. They travel in groups called pods or schools. They breathe through their nostrils, called blowholes. They must surface above the water to breathe. The blowhole is on top of the whale's head. When whales breathe out, this vapor looks like a fountain. The blowhole is closed when the whale dives below the ocean. Some whales can stay under the water for up to an hour.

Sperm whales are the largest of the toothed whales. They have a huge square snout. These snouts contain almost a ton of oil. Early whale hunters went after the sperm whales. They live off the coast of North America and sometimes move to the polar seas. A whale's flippers balance and steer the creature. The two parts of its tail are called flukes. They move up and down and push the whale through the water. The mother whale is called a cow. Her baby is born under water. She pushes it up to the surface for its first breath. The baby calf can swim immediately.

Whales make many different sounds. The humpback whale sings. It may emit high-pitched screams or low throbs for up to fifteen minutes. Their songs have been recorded. They seem to be able to sing six different songs. Gray whales talk in grunts, cracking sounds and whistles. Beluga whales are called canaries because of their singing. Whales are very intelligent. The U.S. Navy has trained small whales for secret work. Whales can be trained for rewards of fish and attention. **(283 words)**

- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the following topics : **3**

- a) Your college is hosting an inter-collegiate English literary festival. It will be inaugurated by the noted novelist Arundathi Roy. Prepare a welcome speech for the inaugural event.
- b) Your college has invited Madhuri Dixit, acclaimed film personality, to address the students on International Women's Day. Write a short speech to introduce her.
- c) Write an argumentative speech that is for or against reservation of seats for women in public transport.

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- 5) Write an essay in about 200 words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay : **8**
- a) Perils of watching too much television :
(Watching TV a ubiquitous practice – content of TV programme often questionable – effect on younger generation – gender stereotyping – waste of time – loss of reading habit – lack of physical activity – effects on children and intellectual development – need to emphasise positive uses of TV).
- b) Road safety :
(Are roads safe for pedestrians and motorists ? – recent data on road accidents – its implications – major causes of accidents – inefficiency of emergency handling system – government's efforts – road regulations and their effectiveness – citizen's responsibility to ensure safety)

UNIT – III

- V. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Highlight the atrocities inflicted by humans on nature as depicted in the poem 'Earth Never Dies'.
 - 2) How does the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' trace the growth of friendship from childhood to adulthood ?
- VI. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- 1) How does Holmes solve the case of Mr. Hilton Soames ?
 - 2) How does the story 'A Corpse in the Well' bring out the theme of oppression ?
 - 3) Bring out the pathos in the story 'Refugees'.
- VII. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **100** words **each**. **(2×5=10)**
- 1) Why does Bannister try to protect Gilchrist ?
 - 2) Briefly highlight Tabish's arguments to prove that books are more reliable than the internet.
 - 3) Elaborate on how Tcherviakov irks General Brizaloff.
 - 4) Why were the city dwellers unhappy about the influx of the refugees ?
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