

GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR
 Course: Communicative English
 Semester-I (Batch: 2018-23)

End Semester Examination: Oct-Nov. 2018

Date: 19th October, 2018

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 50

Instructions:

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write anything on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Part-A

Marks

Q.1 Answer **any three** of the following:

(3x5=
15)

- (a) Discuss the various barriers to communication. How can they be overcome?
- (b) Describe and illustrate Ferdinand Saussure's dyadic model of signification.
- (c) Explain with illustrations Charles Sanders Peirce's triadic model of semiosis.
- (d) What does Jacques Derrida mean by '*differance*'? Explain.

Part-B

Answer either Q.2 or Q.3

Q.2 Transcribe the following passage from ordinary orthography to the IPA.

(05)

Prevention is better than cure. It is recognized that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitos that cause it. Malaria is often associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp, but because the static water is the breeding place of the mosquitos, which begin their life as a larvae in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitos is to prevent their breeding in static water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools and keeping them covered in the breeding season with a film of kerosene oil which by depriving the larvae with air, kills them.

Q.3 Put stress marks on appropriate syllables in the following sentences:

(05)

- (a) Desperate times call for desperate measures!
- (b) Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears.
- (c) All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.
- (d) Ah Faustus! Now hast thou but one bare hour to live.
- (e) There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

Part-CAnswer **any two** questions

- Q.4 Write the following report in the style that is most appropriate for such a report. Write the main body of the report only. Express the recommendations of the committee clearly and firmly. (07)

The Department of Culture, Government of Gujarat wishes to undertake a feasibility study into the launching of an annual live music festival (folk and classical) at Sanskriti Kunj in Gandhinagar. The Department therefore appoints a team of three people headed by Under Secretary, Banshi Sharma to look into the nature, structure, timing, location, management, budget, underlying principles and purpose of such a festival. The team consulted a wide range of stakeholders to investigate the viability of holding such a festival and submitted a report to the Chief Secretary of the Department. Write this report on behalf of the team led by Banshi Sharma. Write only the main body of the report.

- Q.5 The National Institute of Standards and Technology, New Delhi, had its quarterly meeting on 19 October 2018 at 11 a.m. in its office premises. Seven agenda items were discussed. One of the agenda items was the resignation of two of its senior officers. Every agenda item involved intense discussion. Several opinions were expressed. Voting was held on two agenda items. Tasks were assigned to two members. The secretary of the committee was Kamal Verma. Write the minutes of this meeting on behalf of the secretary. (07)

- Q.6 Read the following passage carefully and make a précis of the passage. Reduce it to one-third of its length and give it a suitable title. (07)

There is a fatal imbalance between what man is and what he wishes to be. This discord is responsible for our unrest. We talk like wise men but act like lunatics. We cannot prepare for war and at the same time for a world community. We are tormented by inner uneasiness and pangs of conscience. The warring sides of our nature require to be reconciled. If we are to defeat fratricidal tendencies in us, we must break our self-will, the pride of egoism which is widespread in all sides of our life. In man there is always an urge to self-transcendence, but until it becomes absolute unselfishness, narrow loyalties and destructive rivalries will prevail. The unrest in the world is a reflection of our inner disharmony.

A people are saved not by their military leaders or industrial magnates, or by their priests and politicians, but by their saints of impeccable integrity. Religion is discipline by which we are helped to overcome the discord in our nature and integrate our personality. If we reflect on the history of religious development, we will be surprised at the amount of intellectual ingenuity, passion and zeal spent on the task of defining the Supreme to which silence or poetry would seem to be the most appropriate response. Self-righteousness breeds fanaticism. None but fools and fanatics are quite certain of their views of God. With crusaders there is no arguing.

Before God there is neither Greek nor barbarian, neither rich nor poor, neither master nor slave. They are all citizens of the one commonwealth, members of one family. A truly religious person cannot hold back but should lead, he cannot remain silent when he should speak up. He should not compromise when he should stand fast on ethical values. We must face up to the ugly facts of sin, pride and greed. Human nature is essentially good and it is opposed to tyranny, injustice and authoritarianism. (408 Words)

Part-D
Answer either Q.7 or Q.8

Q.7 Memo

(06)

A supervisor, M.S. Shah, sends a memo to an employee, Raj Narayan, who has joined the Bulla & Bulla Law Firm a month ago as a Junior Legal Apprentice. The supervisor gives the employee an appraisal of his performance in the past month. He also explains what is expected of the new employee in terms of attitude and commitment. He explains the criteria of assessment followed for all employees of the firm, as well as, the facilities that are provided to improve their efficiency and performance. He also warns of consequences in case of dereliction of duty. He also informs him that his next appraisal will take place two months from today. Write the memo on behalf of the supervisor.

Q.8 Write the following letter in the contemporary style as discussed in class:

(06)

You are a retailer in kitchen appliances. Your name is Bhavesh Mehta. The name of your shop is Arihant Kitchen Appliances. It is situated in Ahmedabad. A customer has complained to you about problems in the functioning of a premium kitchen gas burner that you have supplied. She insists that it should be replaced because the guarantee period is not yet over. Reply saying that you will arrange for the necessary inspection and repairs and if the customer is still not satisfied with its working, then you will immediately replace it.

Part-E

Q.9 Critically analyze and present your response to any two of the following:

(10)

- (a) The voyage of the Mariner is symbolic of mental, moral or spiritual adventure. Discuss this statement based on your understanding of the 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.
- (b) How is the blessing of the sea creatures crucial to the Mariner's tale of suffering? Explain.
- (c) Is the poem 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' an allegory of sin and retribution/redemption? Discuss.
