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B.Sc., Sem.-III

AEC-235 : English  
(English for Excellence)  
(As per NEP 2020)

Time : 1:00 Hour]

[Max. Marks : 25

1. (A) Write brief answers of the following questions : (Any **two**) 6
- (1) Why did the old woman come back to the narrator ?
  - (2) Where did the village school master teach his school ?
  - (3) Who did the policeman meet in the doorway ?
1. (B) Write a short note on the following : (Any **one**) 4
- (1) The title of the story – *After Twenty Years*
  - (2) The talkative man
- OR**
1. (A) Write brief answers of the following questions : (Any **two**) 6
- (1) What actions was the policeman performing in the story *After Twenty Years* ?
  - (2) How did the narrator's 'friends' react to his haircut and shave ?
  - (3) Why did the school master's students laugh at all his joke ?
1. (B) Write a short note on the following : (Any **one**) 4
- (1) The skills of the village school master
  - (2) Theme of the story : *The Magic Beard*
2. (A) Change the voice of the following sentences : 5
- (1) Dhruv was writing letters.
  - (2) He will finish the work.
  - (3) Sapna and Saloni are watching the movie.
  - (4) They have completed the project.
  - (5) Abdullah had opened the door.
2. (B) Turn the following sentences into indirect speech of narration : 5
- (1) She said to her friend, "I am happy today."
  - (2) They said to us, "We will support you."
  - (3) Sadiya said to Sarah, "I am studying now."
  - (4) The team said to me, "We have completed the work."
  - (5) Khushboo said to Fatima, "She has finished the task."

**OR**

2. (A) Do as directed : 5
- (1) Shiva was flying a kite. (Change the voice)
  - (2) Miss Sandhya teaches us English. (Change the voice)
  - (3) She was cooking the food. (Change the voice)
  - (4) Dronacharya said to Arjun, "Shoot the fish's eye." (Change into indirect form of narration)
  - (5) The teacher said to Samir, "Why are you laughing ?" (Change into indirect form of narration)
2. (B) Do as directed : 5
- (1) What does the prefix 'un-' in 'unnatural' mean ?
  - (2) What does the suffix '-less' in 'tasteless' mean ?
  - (3) I could not see myself in a mirror without feeling a sort of **reverence** for my face. (Find the **synonym** of the underlined word.)
  - (4) The **vicinity** was one that kept early hours. (Find the **synonym** of the underlined word.)
  - (5) Full well they laugh'd, with **counterfeited** glee. (Find the **antonym** of the underlined word.)
3. Select the correct answer from the given options : (Any **five**) 5
- (1) Select the correct name of the writer of the story *After Twenty Years* from the options given below.
 

(a) R. K. Narayan	(b) Oliver Goldsmith
(c) O' Henry	(d) Flora Annie Steel
  - (2) Why did the narrator decide to shave off his beard ?
    - (a) His wife ordered him to do so
    - (b) His vow was fulfilled and he was earning money
    - (c) There was no magic in his beard
    - (d) None of the above
  - (3) What is referred to as a 'noisy mansion' in the poem ?
 

(a) The poet's village	(b) The school
(c) The village church	(d) The playground
  - (4) Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ where Abdullah is.
 

(a) knows	(b) knew
(c) know	(d) known
  - (5) The poem *The Village School Master* is an extract from one of his popular poems called
 

(a) Revenue Stamp	(b) The Deserted Village
(c) My Childhood	(d) Irish Tales
  - (6) Each of the boys \_\_\_\_\_ a new toy.
 

(a) have	(b) has
(c) are	(d) did