

IMSC IT DD (NEP) Sem.-5 Examination
SEC 356

English Language Comprehension

Time : 1.00 Hour]

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[Max.Marks : 25

Instructions:

- **Each question carries marks on the right-side.**
- **Do not write anything on the question paper.**

Q.1 What message does Arun Joshi convey about family, identity, and cultural values through his story, "The Only American from Our Village" 10

OR

What message or moral does Hemingway convey through his story Old Man at the Bridge?

Q.2 Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing India today. Rising temperatures, irregular rainfall, and extreme weather events like floods and droughts are affecting agriculture, water resources, and human health. Farmers are especially vulnerable, as changing weather patterns can reduce crop yields and income. 10

Urban areas are also affected, with heat waves, air pollution, and water shortages becoming more common. To address these problems, the government and communities are working on solutions such as planting more trees, promoting renewable energy, and raising awareness about sustainable practices.

Although progress is being made, climate change remains a serious issue that requires action from everyone.

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1. What are some effects of climate change in India?
2. Who is most affected by changes in weather patterns?
3. Name one problem that cities face because of climate change.
4. What are some solutions to fight climate change mentioned in the passage?
5. Why is it important for everyone to take action against climate change?

OR

Urbanization, the rapid growth of cities, has transformed the social and economic landscape of India. Cities offer better job opportunities, education, and healthcare, attracting people from rural areas. However, this rapid expansion has also created significant challenges. Overcrowding, traffic congestion, pollution, and inadequate housing are common problems in many urban centers.

Moreover, the pressure on infrastructure often leads to unequal access to resources, with marginalized communities suffering the most. Sustainable urban planning, improved public transport, and environmental regulations are essential to address these issues. Understanding both the benefits and drawbacks of urbanization is crucial for creating cities that are livable, efficient, and equitable for all residents.

1. What are the main reasons people move to cities in India?
2. Name two problems caused by rapid urbanization.
3. Which groups are most affected by the challenges of urban growth?
4. Mention two solutions suggested in the passage to deal with urban problems.
5. Why is it important to understand both the advantages and disadvantages of urbanization?

Q 3 **Attempt any 5 questions out of the**

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1. Fill in the blank with 'a', 'an', or 'the':

She bought ____ umbrella from the market.

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2. How many oranges does the boy have in the story?
3. What war is the background of the story, *Old Man at the Bridge*?
 - a) World War I
 - b) Spanish Civil War
 - c) Vietnam War
 - d) World War II
4. What cultural element is seen in Tutuola's writing?
 - a) African oral storytelling
 - b) European myths
 - c) Modern science
 - d) Urban realism
5. What is the main conflict in the story *The Only American from Our Village*?
 - a) Man vs. nature
 - b) Cultural identity vs. foreign influence
 - c) Wealth vs. poverty
 - d) Youth vs. age
6. Choose the correct verb:
The dogs _____ the ball. (chase/chases)
7. What is the moral lesson in *Don't Pay Bad for Bad*?
 - a) Do not repay evil with evil
 - b) Always take revenge
 - c) Greed brings success
 - d) Truth is bitter



