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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
1A01 ENG : Communicative English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

'No wonder Alan was excited ! Today was match day !

On his way to the sports ground Alan had to pass the little three-cornered meadow, and as he reached it, he saw a very old man leaning heavily on his stick. As Alan passed, he called out to him.

'Can I help you?' asked Alan kindly, going to him.

'Perhaps, you will let me take your arm, little boy', said the old man in a thin, cracked voice.

'This road is so hilly, and the wind is almost too much for me.'

'Rather!', said Alan, for he knew he could easily make up what time he had lost by running when he left the old man.

But the poor old gentleman leaned heavily on Alan's sturdy shoulder, and tottered along like a baby. So slowly did he walk that five minutes had gone before they were halfway up the road. Alan explained to the old man that he was on his way to a cricket match, and that he must not be late, but he' seemed not to hear him.

'Where do you live, sir?' called Alan at last in the old man's ear.

'Up the road and some way round the corner', he answered in his thin, weak voice. 'I should be so much obliged if you could see me home. You look a very kind little boy'. See him home? And they were still a long way off ! If only he could walk a little faster. Why, the teams would be on the field, and the captain would be wondering why he did not come.

Suddenly the old man stumbled over a loose stone, and fell heavily on the ground.

'don't leave me, little boy' , murmured the old man.

'Now I will stay here', said Alan and he sat down beside him, for he felt sure that someone would come that way soon.

P.T.O.



Alan stared anxiously up and down then road during the minutes that followed. The minutes almost seemed like hours. Then, at last, turning the corner came a jolly-looking policeman. Alan could have shouted for joy.

'I'll see this gentleman home, little boy,' he said, after Alan explained what had happened. Then Alan ran off, and flew as fast as his legs would carry him to the sports ground.

Give short answers to **all** the following questions :

1.1) Why was Alan excited ?

1.2) Why did the man find it difficult to walk ?

1.3) What gave Alan confidence in the beginning ?

1.4) What does the term 'tottered' mean ?

1.5) What was the old man's demand ?

(5×1=5)

Attempt **any two** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences :

1.6) Comment on Alan's state of mind while meeting the old man.

1.7) Discuss how aged people are treated in the contemporary society.

1.8) How would you respond to a situation like this if you were Alan ?

(2×2=4)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Pollution is the degradation of natural environment by external substances introduced directly or indirectly. Human health, ecosystem quality and aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity may be affected and altered permanently by pollution. Pollution occurs when ecosystems cannot get rid of substances introduced into the environment. The critical threshold of its ability to naturally eliminate substances is compromised and the balance of the ecosystem is broken.

The sources of pollution are numerous. The identification of these different pollutants and their effects on ecosystems is complex. They can come from natural disasters or the result of human activity, such as oil spills, chemical spills, nuclear accidents ... These can have terrible consequences on people and the planet where they live: destruction of the biodiversity, increased mortality of the human and animal species, destruction of natural habitat, damage caused to the quality of soil, water and air ...

Preventing pollution and protecting the environment necessitate the application of the principles of sustainable development. We have to consider to satisfy the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to



meet their needs. This means that we should remedy existing pollution, but also anticipate and prevent future pollution sources in order to protect the environment and public health. Any environmental damage must be punishable by law and polluters should pay compensation for the damage caused to the environment.

Give short answers to **all** the following questions :

- 2.1) What is pollution ?
- 2.2) What are the different sources of pollution ?
- 2.3) What is sustainable development ?
- 2.4) What is the ideal way to prevent pollution according to the author ?
- 2.5) What does threshold mean ?

(5×1=5)

3. Answer **any fourteen** of the following :

- 3.1) Correct the following sentence.
Poorness is not an enviable condition.
- 3.2) Use the appropriate modal from the given options and complete the sentence.
She could not have/might not have seen you. (possibility)
- 3.3) Complete the sentence using appropriate modal.
Take an umbrella with you when you go out. It Later. (rain)
- 3.4) Complete the table with the correct form of the verb.

Present tense	Present Participle	Past tense	Past Participle
Sleep			

- 3.5) Correct the following sentence.
This is a five pounds note.
- 3.6) Convert the following into a yes/no question without changing the tense.
You usually walk to work.
- 3.7) Convert the sentence into passive voice.
Somebody is cleaning the room at the moment.
- 3.8) Correct the following sentence.
Rahul went to school despite of having a fever.



- 3.9) Fill up using appropriate word.
Have you got some/ a headache?
- 3.10) Convert the following sentence into reported speech.
Judy said, I cant come to the party on Friday.
- 3.11) Convert the following sentence into reported speech.
Tom said, "I woke up feeling ill, so I didn't go to work".
- 3.12) Add the appropriate question tag for the following sentence :
Mary wont be late.
- 3.13) Add the appropriate question tag for the following sentence :
You are not going out-today.
- 3.14) Select a synonym for the word 'honest' from the following :
Hilarious, authentic, daring
- 3.15) Select the antonym for the word 'modest' from the following :
Gaudy, keen, insensitive
- 3.16) What are the two different meanings of the word 'bank' ?
- 3.17) Identify the idiom in the following sentence. What does it mean ?
We have been practicing all day. Let's call it a day and go home. (14x1=14)
4. Answer **any one** of the following topics in **not** more than **two** pages :
- 4.1) Write an essay on "Students and Online Games".
- 4.2) Write an essay on "Growing pollution in rivers". (1x6=6)
5. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages :
- 5.1) Write a letter to your Principal seeking permission to conduct a class campaign against substance abuse.
- 5.2) Prepare a CV and cover letter for the post of Assistant Manager in Moonland Exports, Ernakulam. You are replying to the advertisement placed in The Hindu newspaper. (1x6=6)
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