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ENGLISH

Paper - ENG 204 (CBCS)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any two questions : 2×8
- (a) Write a short essay on the 'tongue' as an organ of speech.
 - (b) Discuss the common errors in subject verb agreement with suitable examples.
 - (c) Write a business letter from Shah Enterprises, 21, Biplabi Khudiram Sarani, Medinipur, to Basu Garment Manufacturers, 36, Gyanendra Avenue, Kolkata-700004, making enquiries about the

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price of the following garments for which orders shall be placed, if the prices are found suitable :
kurti, leggings, skirt, shirt, trousers, lehenga.

- (d) (i) Write a phonemic transcription of the following :

He took him into the cabin where his wife and their nine-year-old daughter were sitting. The good lady was pleased with the attractive young body and her whole heart went out to him. Where could he be coming from ? Whose child could he be ? How could his mother, poor thing, bear to be separated from him ?

- (ii) Render the following phonetic text into orthographic text :

||θæts ə,nais ,sju:t || ai'hævn̩t \sɪ:nlt bi,fə: | ,hævəl||

||'nou | itsðə'fæ:s 'talm aɪv'wɔ:nlt ,æktʃəli || ai'ounli ɣɔ:tɪt
ə,baut ,fə: ,deɪz ə,gou || ju:'laɪkɪt | ,du:ju: ||

||'veri \mətʃ || 'dɪdju: 'hævɪt 'speʃli ,meld | ɔ:'dɪdju: 'baɪt
'ɔf ðə'peg||

||ai 'hædɪt \meld || ai'veri 'rɛəlt ,bəl ə,sju:t | souai'θɔ:t aɪd
'hævɪt \teɪləd | ənaɪm'kwɑɪt \plɪ:zdwiðɪt||

||aɪfud'θɪŋksou || its'veri \hænsəm || 'meɪəl 'ɑ:sk 'wɛə
ju:,gɔ:tɪt||

2. Answer any *four* of the following : 4×4

(a) What are the nasal consonants? Mention them.

(b) What are the Semivowels? Mention them.

(c) Mark the primary stress :

(i) Address (v.)

(ii) Answer (n.)

(iii) Abstract (adj.)

(iv) Observation

(d) Divide the following words into syllables :

(i) examination

(ii) pronunciation

(iii) pronouncement

(iv) enclosure

(e) Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form :

(i) The criminal _____ the victim with a blunt object. (attack)

(ii) His company is greatly _____ after. (seek)

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(iii) The terrified people _____ to the mountains. (flee)

(iv) When I reached the station, the train _____ (leave)

(f) Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words :

(i) She is ravishingly beautiful.

(ii) Can you speak English ?

(iii) The timely intervention of the Policeman saved his life.

(iv) That pen is his.

(g) Define a verb. What are the different kinds of tenses?

(h) Write the summary of the following passage and add a title :

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago; and has thence spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit, even when

tobacco is not used to excess; and it is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit when once it has been formed.

3. Answer any *four* questions : 4×2

- (a) Define 'Phoneme'.
- (b) What is the full form of IPA?
- (c) Define 'Stress'.
- (d) What is a Glottal sound?
- (e) A syllable almost always consists of a _____.
- (f) What is a Thesaurus?
- (g) What should be the reference to a business reply letter?
- (h) Arrange the following words in the way they would appear in a dictionary :

sea, weigh, nunnery, care, mediate, challenge, drop, admit, draught, gage, meditate, sea sickness, real, tangent, watertight, advice, add, bear, tentative, seal.
