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End Semester Examination, December 2024

B.Sc. (H) Agriculture– 1st Semester

COMPREHENSION & COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH (ASAG113A)

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: **50**

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 Answer any five questions:

- (a) Give an example of a synonym and an antonym for the word "happy". [CO-1] [L-3] **2**
- (b) Define homophones and give two examples. [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (c) What is report writing [CO-1] [L-3] **2**
- (d) What is the meaning of the word "accept" and how is it different from "except"? [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (e) What is precise writing, and why is it important? [CO-1] [L-4] **2**
- (f) What is the importance of Vocabulary in communication [CO-1] [L-3] **2**
- (g) What are the different types of communication [CO-1] [L-4] **2**

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PART-B

Q.2 What is the process of Communication. Explain the importance of communication for vocabulary. [CO-2] [L-3] **10**

OR

What are the Barriers to Communication? [CO-2] [L-2] **10**

Q.3 Explain the difference between synonyms and antonyms, and provide five examples of each with sentences to demonstrate their meanings. [CO-3] [L-3] **10**

OR

Give synonyms and antonyms for the following words: "happy", "difficult", "rich", and "strong".
Use them in sentences to demonstrate their meanings. [CO-3] [L-4] **10**

Q.4 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

Passage:

"War Minus Shooting" by George Orwell

In "War Minus Shooting," George Orwell delves into the paradoxical nature of international sports, especially in the context of nationalism. Orwell presents a critique of the modern idea of sports as a

contest of national pride. He argues that while sports are often perceived as peaceful competitions that promote camaraderie and unity, they simultaneously foster intense nationalistic feelings, creating an environment of competition that mirrors the tensions of war. According to Orwell, when nations compete in sports, they essentially engage in a metaphorical war, except with no physical combat. The athletes represent their countries in a symbolic battle, where victory or defeat can stir national pride or humiliation.

While Orwell acknowledges the benefits of sports in terms of physical health and personal development, he raises concerns about the glorification of competition and the potential for fostering aggression under the guise of sportsmanship. Sports, he suggests, are a reflection of the same nationalistic tendencies that lead to real wars. Thus, Orwell urges readers to critically examine the role of sports in contemporary society and question the values associated with them.

1. Explain the central theme of Orwell's essay "War Minus Shooting". How does he link sports with nationalism and war?
(4 marks)
2. What are Orwell's concerns about the relationship between sports and aggression? Provide examples from the text to support your answer.
(4 marks)
3. In your opinion, do you agree with Orwell's views on sports and nationalism? Justify your answer with your own thoughts or real-world examples.
(2 marks)

[CO-4] [L-4] 10

OR

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

Passage:

"A Layman Looks at Science" by Raymond B. Fosdick

In the essay "A Layman Looks at Science," Raymond B. Fosdick reflects on the growing gap between scientific knowledge and public understanding. He suggests that science has become so specialized that it is often inaccessible to the general public. Fosdick highlights the awe and fascination that science can inspire but also cautions against blind faith in scientific discoveries and technological progress.

He acknowledges that science has brought about tremendous advancements in medicine, technology, and industry, but he raises concerns about how the rapid pace of scientific development can outstrip society's ability to understand and control it. Fosdick warns that, while science has given humanity remarkable tools for progress, it has also led to new challenges and ethical dilemmas. The use of scientific discoveries for destructive purposes, such as in the creation of weapons of mass destruction, illustrate the darker side of scientific advancement.

Fosdick calls for a more responsible and ethical approach to scientific progress. He emphasizes the need for scientists and the public to engage in a broader discussion about the implications of new discoveries and their potential consequences. In his view, scientific knowledge should not be seen as a force to be worshipped, but as a tool that must be carefully managed and regulated.

1. Summarize Fosdick's main argument in "A Layman Looks at Science." What are his views on the relationship between science and society?
(4 marks)
2. According to Fosdick, what are the potential dangers of scientific advancements, and how does he propose they be managed?
(4 marks)
3. In your opinion, do you think Fosdick's concerns about the gap between scientific knowledge and public understanding are still relevant today? Justify your answer with examples from the modern world.
(2 marks)

[CO-4] [L-3] 10

- Q.5 Draft a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for a fresh graduate seeking their first job. Include personal information, educational qualifications, skills, and any relevant experiences. [CO-5] [L-2] 10

OR

Write a job application letter for the position of a marketing assistant at a reputed company.

Highlight your qualifications, skills, and interest in the position.

[CO- 5] [L-3] **10**