

HBAM/D-21

31156GRAMMAR AND CONTEMPORARY
ENGLISH USAGE-VII

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay in about 450 words on any *one* of the following topics : 14
 - (i) Function of Literature
 - (ii) Can Moral Values be Enforced?
 - (iii) A Walk in the Woods
 - (iv) Nature of Literature

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

The Russian writer, Leo Tolstoy, gave up a life of wealth and comfort in order to help the poor. He taught that all types of violence were wicked and that all people ought to live together in love and to cooperate with one another. Gandhi was very much interested in his writings and teachings. Indeed the two great men must have been alike in many of their ideas. In one of his stories Tolstoy describes a certain village in Russia where a peasant named Ivan lived. Everyone thought that he must be a very happy man, for he was comfortably off and lacked nothing that he needed. He

had three sons, all of them were able to work. The eldest was married and the second was going to be married and the youngest was able to look after the horses. His wife was an extremely capable woman and his daughter-in-law was steady and hard-working. Ivan's old father lived with them, but he was now an invalid and had no longer any control over his son. Their fields produced good crops and they had quite enough food for their own needs. All their clothes, coats, shirts, trousers, socks and dresses were made by the two women. Unfortunately, however, the members of the family were not nearly as contented as they ought to have been. This was because of a quarrel between them and their next-door neighbour, limping Gabriel.

Questions:

1. How did Tolstoy show his love for the poor?
2. What were Tolstoy's teachings?
3. Who were the two great men?
4. Why were the Ivans not contented people?
5. For which reason was Gandhi interested in Tolstoy?
6. Why did everyone think that Ivan was a very happy man?
7. What was the duty of Ivan's youngest son?
8. What kind of a woman was Ivan's wife?
9. Find from the passage the word which is opposite of 'eldest' ?
10. Write the word from the passage which means 'An ill and disabled person'.

3. Complete the following sentences with the indirect questions :

(a) He wanted to know where

(b) She asked me how

(c) The manager asked me if I knew where

(d) Can you tell me why

(e) Do you know how

(f) Tell me what

(g) I would like to know when

(h) He wondered why 8

4. Write four sentences of inverted word order of subject and verb using following expressions : 4

Nowhere, in no way, not only but, on no account.

5. Make sentences with the following verb patterns :

Subject+verb+to-infinitive

Subject+verb+pronoun/noun+to be+complement

Subject+verb+noun/pronoun+noun/noun clause

Subject+verb+noun/pronoun+present participle

Subject+verb+noun/pronoun+adjective

Subject+verb+noun/pronoun+past participle

Subject+verb+that-clause

Subject+verb+pronoun/noun+preposition+noun/pronoun 8

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives :

- (a) Many sea creatures are species now.
- (b) I saw an movie.
- (c) The students were
- (d) This is a process.
- (e) She could not enjoy conversation.
- (f) Be alert in the season. 6

7. (a) Pick out transitive/intransitive verbs of the following :

- (i) Let us plan the conference schedule.
- (ii) Many years ago, a pilgrim found this cave.
- (iii) The instructor spoke for more than an hour about the nature and scope of digital media in language teaching.
- (iv) The small boat moved slowly through the sea.
- (v) Kiran stopped at the counter for payment of the bills.
- (vi) The process of growing a seedling from a seed is called germination. 6

(b) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb :

- (i) A dog has (bite) many people of my colony.
- (ii) He (fail) because he (be) weak in English.

- (iii) If he (go) to Delhi, he
(bring) this book for you.
- (iv) She promised to help me if I (not/
find) the answer myself.
- (v) you ever (be) on
television? 5

8. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable non finites :

- (i) I can smell something
- (ii) He gave a performance.
- (iii) his luggage, he left the house.
- (iv) improves vocabulary.
- (v) Sneha had to take a house loan 5

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs:

- (i) I regret the mistake
- (ii) I have forgotten the incident
- (iii) He told his opinion.
- (iv) The chorus sang
- (v) The business has been growing
- (vi) I met her 6

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

- (a) She met her old friend the beach.
- (b) The cricket match was cancelled the heavy
rain.
- (c) The pet was sleeping the table.

- (d) The Sharma family travelled Goa.
 - (e) They were sitting the tree.
 - (f) The bathroom is the store room.
 - (g) He put the flowers the window.
 - (h) We must finish the project a year.
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