

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

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ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH

EEG-4 : ENGLISH FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions. Internal choice has been given.

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

The feeling of tension that builds up before a storm, and the sense of relief afterwards; headache and irritability after a day at work; or vigorous good health on a mountain holiday - these are some of the most common effects that different kinds of air seem to have on our well-being. Many doctors and scientists accept that electrically charged particles in the air, called ions, are responsible for this.

Most air particles are electrically neutral, or contain no charge, but others can acquire a positive or negative charge, when there are too few negative ions or too many positive ones - before a storm, for example - many people experience headaches, lethargy or depression. By

contrast, a good supply of negative ions - as occurs after a storm - is associated with feeling alert and uplifted.

Charged ions are mainly the result of radiation from the sun and from space, but negative ions are also created by lightning, oceans waves ? running water. Fresh mountain and seaside air is rich in negative particles, but most city air contains few or none. Pollution, air conditioning, central heating, dust, synthetic fibres and electrical appliances may account for the oppressive atmosphere in many houses and offices, as they destroy negative charges.

People in environment likely to be low in negative ions and those who are particularly sensitive to weather conditions, often find ionising machines helpful. These are small electrical devices which use very little current but produce a constant stream of negative ions when turned on.

Ionisers work best when doors and windows are closed, and need to be placed on a desk or plugged in at the bedside no more than 2m from the head of the bed. some manufacturers also make more powerful units for use in offices and larger areas. Ionisers should not be placed near windows or on polished surfaces, as static electrical charges on these can impair the efficiency of these machines.

There are no known side affects associated with ionisers; studies at the university of surrey

by Dr. Leslie Hawkins have confirmed the hypothesis that respiratory illnesses, skin allergies and headaches were alleviated by these machines. The levels of the hormone serotonin in the blood, brain and other tissues seem to be reduced by negative ions, having a calming influence on the nervous system.

Of course, the most efficacious ionisers are supplied by nature. An electric storm charges the air with negative ions, making us feel refreshed once the storm is over, Fresh running water and even a shower bath are also good alternatives to ionisers.

- (a) Complete the following sentences by choosing the best alternative under each :- 4
- (i) Our well - being is affected by
 - (A) headache and irritability
 - (B) doctors and scientists
 - (C) electrically charged ions
 - (ii) we feel alert and energetic when there are
 - (A) more positive than negative ions in the air
 - (B) fewer positive ions in the air
 - (C) more negative than positive ions in the air
 - (iii) Ionisers can be helpful in
 - (A) improving particularly sensitive weather conditions
 - (B) reducing air pollution
 - (C) having a calming influence on the nervous system.

- (iv) Ionisers work effectively
- (A) after taking a shower
 - (B) in air - conditioned homes and offices
 - (C) in open, well -ventilated areas.
- (b) Answer *any* 5 questions : 10
- (i) How are negative ions produced in nature ?
 - (ii) What does city air lack ?
 - (iii) How do ionisers aid in relaxation ?
 - (iv) What 'natural' ionisers does the another mention ?
 - (v) Why do you think ionisers work well in closed areas ?
 - (vi) What factors are responsible for the unhealthy air in offices and some homes ?
- (c) Change the grammatical form of the following words as stated in brackets :- 6
- ion (noun - process); neutral (verb)
 - mountain (adjective); radiation (verb)
 - negative (noun); destroy (noun)
2. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following letter by choosing the best alternative from the list given at the end : 6
- Dear Mr. Gupta,
- Thank you for your letter of July 10. I was very 1 to hear about your problems with our service agents.

Our service agents are normally very 2 and 3 ; I can only 4 that the particular service engineer for your area is at fault. 5 you that I have already 6 an inquiry into the matter.

1. (a) disheartened (b) angry
(c) disturbed (d) sad
 2. (a) accountable (b) serviceable
(c) reliable (d) desirable
 3. (a) prompt (b) ready
(c) trendy (d) perfect
 4. (a) tell (b) promise
(c) deduce (d) assume
 5. (a) assure (b) assert
(c) promise (d) vouch
 6. (a) proposed (b) suggested
(c) initiated (d) enquired
- (b) Circle the correct answer in any 4 of the following sentences : 4
- (i) You can come as long as you won't bring / don't bring your kid brother.
 - (ii) I got used to / used to swim a lot when I was in Goa.
 - (iii) I don't like that outfit, Have you got anything else / anything to wear ?
 - (iv) As / like you can see, I'm very busy.
 - (v) He's due to / about to start school in January.

3. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb given in brackets :- 10

Toxic doses of caffeine _____ (has) a broad range of effects. The drug _____ (strike) the cardiovascular system, typically _____ (cause) rapid heartbeat and sometimes irregular heart rhythm. Emergency room doctors _____ (describe) some narrow escapes. In 2007, paediatricians at the govt hospital in Delhi _____ (see) a little girl who _____ (consume) an unknown number of nonprescription diet pills, each _____ (contain) 200 mg. of caffeine, that she _____ (find) in her mother's purse. The child, not quite 3 years old, _____ (bring) to the hospital, _____ (scream) and agitated.

4. You are the Principal Secretary of an IT company that has launched projects for the rural sector in a state district. Write a **notice**, with complete **agenda**, calling a meeting of the heads of its various departments to review ongoing work, discuss release of funds for the next quarter as well as brainstorming and solving of current problems. 20

OR

You are the HR Manager of a firm. You are going on a 2 - week vacation, so you have to allocate your duties to be shared by your colleagues. Write a **memo** to your MD, informing him about the people who will do the following : check daily reports, attend to correspondence, deal with staff issues, and interact with clients. Specify dates of your vacation, contact number, and send copies in confirmation to the persons concerned.

5. Do *any 1* of the following :-

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- (a) You are a well - established engineering company that has received a large number of enquiries from graduating engineers about job openings in your company. Write a **circular letter** thanking the applicants for their interest in joining the company, without either rejecting the applicants or giving false hope inform them that your company has included their resume details in the database and they would hear from you whenever a vacancy arises.

OR

- (b) You are an established bank that has moved to a new location and has started offering some new services to its preferred customers, such as SMS alerts, cash back on debit card withdrawals, and personal 'relationship managers'. Write a **circular letter** to your customers informing them about these changes and requesting them to fill in an enclosed questionnaire to help serve them better.

6. Write an essay of about 250 words on *any 1* of the following topics :

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- (a) Now a days, many people in India feel that its culture is being corrupted by Western influences, whereas many others believe that there is much good that has also come from the West. Discuss **both points of view and give your own opinion**, with reasons and examples.

OR

- (b) Migration of people from different parts of the country to other states is viewed favourably by some and resented by others who feel that such outsiders should not be encouraged. **Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion**, with reasons and examples.
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