

2014

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

(Vocational)

Paper : 5.1

(Practice in Grammar)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Fill in the gaps of the following paragraph with suitable prepositions : 1×10=10

"During the monsoon and just — it the Brain-Fever bird visited us, and I realized soon why it was so named. It was amazing the persistence — which it went — repeating the same notes, — daytime and — night, in sunshine and in pouring rain. We could not see most of these birds, we could only hear them as a rule, as there were no trees — our little yard. But I used to watch the eagles and the kites gliding gracefully high — in the air, sometimes swooping — and then allowing themselves to be carried — by a current of air. Often a horde of wild duck would fly — our heads."

2. Complete the paragraph by using the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets :

1×10=10

One day something (happen) which in a roundabout way was enlightening. It (be) a tiny incident in itself, but it (give) me a better glimpse than I had had before of the real nature of imperialism—the real motives for which despotic governments act. Early one morning the subinspector at a police station the other end of the town (ring) me up on the phone and (say) that an elephant was ravaging the bazaar. Would I please come and do something about it? I (not know) what I could do, but I (want) to see what (happen) and I got on a pony and (start) out. I took my rifle, an old 44 Winchester, much too small to kill an elephant, but I (think) the noise might be useful in terrorem.

3. Change the following sentences into passive :

1×10=10

- (a) People do not invite me to parties.
(b) The dogs eaten our dinner.
(c) Something has upset Minu.
(d) Nobody told me about the meeting.

- (e) The room is cleaned everyday.
- (f) Has anybody shown you the new machine?
- (g) The pilots shot down the enemy plane.
- (h) I didn't know that they were following us.
- (i) I don't like people telling me what to do.
- (j) They have built a new hospital near the airport.

4. Put suitable articles ('a', 'an' or 'the') wherever necessary in the paragraph below :

1×10=10

"Look out at heavens on clear night; if you want absolutely impressive sight do so from steep mountainside or from ship at sea. By looking at any part of sky that is distant from the Milky Way you can see right out of disk that forms our Galaxy. What lies out there? Not just scattered stars by themselves, but in every direction space is strewn with whole galaxies, each one like our own. Most of these other galaxies are too faint to be seen with naked eye, but vast numbers of them can be observed with powerful telescope."

5. Change the following sentences from direct speech to reported speech : 2×7=14

(a) "You must study hard to score high marks in the examination," the teacher said to the students.

(b) She said to me, "I finished the work yesterday."

(c) The man said to the boy, "Since when have you been living here?"

(d) Tom said to Mary, "Happy birthday to you. May God bless you."

(e) Copernicus said, "The earth and the other planetary bodies move round the sun."

(f) He said, "I love watching cricket on television. It's my passion."

(g) The doctor said to the patient, "Give up smoking or you will die."

6. Put the words in the correct order to form questions : 1×6=6

(a) The train/leave/when/the station/did

(b) Many/apples/plucked/were/how

- (c) Who / the Prime Minister of India / become/will
- (d) Cancel/they/the programme/why/did
- (e) Is / procedure / what / for / getting / the official/LPG connection/an
- (f) Often / who / referred to / Nightingale of India/the/is/as

7. Correct the errors in the following sentences :

1×7=7

- (a) He is a MBA from Harvard.
- (b) The India is largest democracy in the world.
- (c) Her father is the retired professor of an university.
- (d) Galileo proved that sun, and not the earth, is the centre of our universe.
- (e) Article 'a' cannot be used before a uncountable noun.
- (f) A beggar was begging for an alms in the road. A passerby gave him an one rupee note.
- (g) My father is a NCC instructor and my brother is an wonderful NCC cadet.

8. Correct the errors in the following sentences :

1×4=4

- (a) The car skid off the road.
- (b) Many newspersons had planned to attended the Press Meet.
- (c) Can you please tell me at what time does the train leaves?
- (d) Kaziranga National Park is visiting by many foreign tourists every year.

9. Correct the errors in the following questions :

1×5=5

- (a) They don't like singing, don't they?
- (b) Why did he behaved like a clown?
- (c) Can you please tell him where can he buy shoes?
- (d) What is the actual time of departing of the Rajdhani Express?
- (e) How many vehicles were damaged on the accident?

10. Complete the following sentences by putting the verb within brackets in the most suitable passive form :

1×4=4

(a) The weather is very foggy today. All the flights (cancel).

(b) Tomorrow being a holiday, the meeting (postpone) till next Monday.

(c) The situation is serious. Something (do) before it's too late.

(d) My motorcycle is missing. Probably it (steal).
