

3 (Sem-5) FEN 2 (VOC)

2016

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

(Vocational)

Paper : 5.2

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow :

In ancient China, it was common for girls to get engaged at the age of 9 or 10. At the engagement ceremony, the women of the family used to hold up a length of cloth which the girl had to pass under. A bowl of flower petals, symbolizing fertility, was placed on the cloth and the mother used to take petals from the bowl and scatter them over the girl's head.

Ironing silk was a skilled job that was done by several people working together. The silk was so long that instead of using an ironing board, the woman of the house used to iron it in mid-air. Two women pulled on the ends of the silk to stretch it out, while a third ironed it using a small pan filled with hot coals.

In ancient China, dining tables in wealthy households used to have handles, rather than legs. At mealtimes the table was brought from the kitchen and two servants used to hold it for the entire length of the meal, while another served the different courses one at a time. Educated people used to eat standing up, as this was believed to help digestion.

Questions :

- (a) What was common for girls in ancient China? 1
- (b) What did the women do at the engagement ceremony? 3
- (c) Why was ironing silk a skilled job in ancient China? 2
- (d) How did they iron silk? 2
- (e) How did the people of ancient China take meals? 2

2. Fill in the blanks with active or passive form of the verbs given below (any *five*) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

publish; die; produce; sell; kill; grow; eat; throw away; deliver; steal; use.

(a) Four million chickens ____ by Americans everyday.

(b) 4000 cars ____ everyday.

(c) 10000 tons of rubbish ____ every hour.

(d) 1000 novels ____ every month.

(e) Someone ____ in a road accident every five minutes.

(f) Everyday, 30 million newspapers ____ in the USA.

(g) Every year, 3000 million tons of wheat ____.

(h) Everyday, the average American family ____ 600 litres of water.

(i) Everyday, the US post office ____ 300 million letters.

3. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the following verbs : $1 \times 5 = 5$

build; have; spend; work; enjoy; read; travel; write

Mary ____ a good rest in hospital, and I think she ____ the change from her usual routine.

Usually she (not) ____ a chance to relax. Now she ____ a lot of magazines, and ____ letters to friends, and she says it's wonderful.

4. Choose items from the *Advice box*. Begin the sentence using—If + past and complete the sentence with a suitable item from the *Reason box* (any five) : 2×5=10

E.g., If you turned the sofa on its side it would go through the door.

<i>Advice box</i>	<i>Reason box</i>
Take your jacket off	Your parents would be able to get in
Don't hit your children	You wouldn't forget so many appointments
Take your dog for a walk	You wouldn't have mice in your flat
Get a diary	They would not be frightened of you
Don't drink so much coffee	You would be more popular with your neighbours
Leave a key with a neighbour	You'd sleep better
Don't leave food lying around	You'd feel more comfortable around
Don't play music after midnight	It wouldn't bark so much

5. Fill in the blanks using verbs from the box given below :

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turn	overtake	run over	crash	miss
accelerate	skid	brake	swerve	

- (a) He suddenly pulled out of a side road and had to ___ to avoid him.
- (b) He ___ hard and managed to stop in time. But it was close ___ he only ___ me by a few inches.
- (c) She just wouldn't let me get past. Every time I tried to ___ her she ___.
- (d) She suddenly ___ left without indicating, and almost ___ two pedestrians.
- (e) He was going much too fast. He ___ on the ice and ___ straight into the back of me.

6. Continue each of the following remarks using a frequency expression : 2×5=10

- (a) I like to keep in touch with my parents.
I
- (b) She loves hamburgers. She
- (c) He is very religious. He
- (d) That's one of our favourite restaurants.
We
- (e) He keeps himself incredibly clean.
He

7. Match the items on the left with those on the right : 1×5=5

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| Souvenirs | Restaurants |
| Local specialities | Water |
| Excursions | Buses |
| Windsurfing | Fine buildings |
| Sightseeing | Shops |

8. Look at the phrasal verbs on the left. Which nouns on the right do you think they go with? 1×10=10

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| turn up | the TV |
| switch off | your friends |
| look up | the tap |
| throw away | my boots |
| ring up | these glasses |
| take off | the light |
| turn off | your empty bottles |
| try on | the word 'pronoun' |
| sort out | our holiday photos |
| call in | a doctor |

9. You are in a hospital. Think of something to ask the receptionist as you are making enquiries to get information about a particular test.

Write the full conversation between you and the receptionist.

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