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Finishing School-I

Time: 1½ hours

Max. Marks: 35

Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B

Part-A (5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

- Complete the conversations below with the best answer:
 - Peter is going to be late for his appointment at the dentist. When Peter phones the dentist he says: _____
 - I am sorry but I will be late for my appointment.
 - Actually I don't want to come to the dentist today.
 - It should be happening any time soon.
 - I have been unable to come today.
 - You are shopping at 7-11 when you accidentally walk into an old lady. You say to the old lady: _____
 - What are you doing now?
 - Excuse me. I am very sorry.
 - Can I buy you a drink?
 - I can see you shopping in 7-11.

- Read the passage and answer any two of the follow up questions according to the reading.

Dear Matilda,

It's been a month I haven't heard from you. I hope you are well. I had a terrible day at school yesterday. My friends and I were playing volleyball in the school yard when I suddenly fell and twisted my ankle. At first I didn't feel much pain, but later on it started hurting badly. I had difficulty walking so my friends helped me around. They took me to a hospital and stayed with me until my mom and dad arrived. The doctor said it was broken and I needed to rest for a month. We came home last night and I feel better now. This incident also made me realize how valuable friendships are. I don't know what I would do without them. So I want to say I feel very happy to have such good friends like you.

- Why does the girl feel happy?
 - Because she was at school.
 - Because she fell and injured herself.
 - Because her friends helped her.
 - Because the ambulance arrived on time.
 - Which of the followings is incorrect?
 - She hurt her arm.
 - She injured her ankle.
 - Her friends helped her get to a hospital.
 - She won't be able to go to school for a month.
 - What does the girl want to emphasize in her e-mail?
 - The importance of friendship.
 - She should stop playing volleyball.
 - The terrible day she had.
 - The importance of school.
- Almost everyone gets nervous before giving a speech or presentation. The important thing to remember is:
 - It's okay to be nervous, no one will know
 - Remember to use your nervous energy to channel enthusiasm to your presentation
 - Stop and breathe
 - The most important element of your presentation is:
 - The material
 - Your appearance
 - Your enthusiasm for the subject
 - Fill in each blank with the best response
 - _____ the details of the proposed merger.
 - Let's to discuss
 - Let's discuss
 - Let's be discussing

- b) Our distributor called while I _____ to Jim. (I'm no longer talking to Jim)
 i) was talking ii) have been talking iii) would be talking
5. Fill in each blank with the best response
- a) Tell me a little about your _____ job (= your last job).
 i) past ii) finished iii) previous
- b) I developed good communication skills _____ as a customer service representative.
 i) while working ii) when working iii) by working

Part-B (5 × 5 = 25 Marks)

6. a) Use the following phrases to write a story. [2]
 Robert Bruce - King - lying on the ground in a dejected mood - failed to defeat his enemies - was thinking of giving up the attempt - saw a spider falling down from the ceiling - the ceiling far away - wondered how it would get there - the spider fell back again - again it tried - again it fell - it made nine such attempts - no success - climbed up once more - at last succeeded in reaching the roof - Bruce imitated its example - he too tried once again - was successful.
- b) Read the dialogues and choose the most appropriate options to complete the dialogues. [3]
- i) Doctor : Take this medicine for a week and you'll start to feel better.
 Patient : -----
 Doctor : Are you sure? It's the best on the market.
 Patient : Yes I am. Can you please prescribe another one?
- (1) What shall i do if unexpected side effects arise?
 (2) What is the ideal dosage for my weight?
 (3) No, it's too early to prescribe another medicine.
 (4) But I've used it before and it did not help at all.
 (5) It looks as if the illness has already been cured.
- ii) Jake : How did you like the movie you saw last night?
 Karen : I can't say it was the best I've ever seen.
 Jake : -----
 Karen : Certainly not. Do not waste your time.
- (1) Did you go alone or with a friend from work?
 (2) Hadn't you read the reviews before you went to see it?
 (3) What do you mean by saying it depends?
 (4) I knew I could always count on you.
 (5) Then you wouldn't recommend it, would you?

7. a) Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. Explain your answer by referencing the text. [2]

Justin came running down the stairs wearing his Tatakai Ninjas pajamas. He did a karate kick off of the last step and shouted "Kiya!" He slipped on the floor and almost fell as he landed, which didn't stop him from continuing to practice his ninja strikes on his way to the bathroom. He brushed his teeth with his Tatakai Ninjas toothbrush and rinsed his mouth out with water from a Tatakai Ninjas cup. "Moooooom, Daaaaad! It's time to open my present!" After his parents came downstairs and poured themselves coffee, Justin began to open his present. His fingers were tense with excitement. Then they were still. It was six pairs of plain white socks. Justin checked in the box for something else. There was nothing. He looked at his parents and said, "Oh, socks. Just what I needed. Thank you so much," and then he sighed.

- i) Is Justin happy with the socks?
- ii) How do you know this?
- iii) What present would have made Justin happier?
- iv) How do you know this?

b) Read the passage carefully. Then choose the correct answer. [3]

Tommy was in a rush. Grabbing his school bag and file, he kissed his mother goodbye and headed straight for the door. His father looked up from the newspaper and said, "Better bring an umbrella with you. It says here there's going to be showers in the afternoon."

Tommy looked at the sky. It was clear blue with no clouds in sight. "Not today," he thought to himself. He went straight out without heeding his father's words. He had a good day in school. He managed to finish all his school work which wasn't normally the case. He had a good game of football during recess. So, by dismissal time, he was in a good mood.

On the way home, the sky started to darken and thunder rumbled. Without warning, heavy drops of rain fell and totally drenched him. He tried to make a dash for it and ran all the way home. By the time he reached his doorstep, he was soaked to his skin. His mother looked at him and said, "You should have listened to your father."

- i) Tommy did not think it was going to rain because _____.
 - (1) the sky was cloudless
 - (2) the sky was full of light clouds
 - (3) the sky was dark
 - (4) he did not listen to his father
- ii) Tommy was in a good mood because _____.
 - (1) he finished all his homework
 - (2) he scored a goal during football
 - (4) he finished all his work and had a good football game
 - (4) it was dismissal time
- iii) "soaked to his skin" means _____.
 - (1) his skin got thoroughly wet
 - (2) water is getting into his skin
 - (3) his skin is soaked in water
 - (4) his whole body is soaked in water

8. a) What would you do if you are not familiar with the topic that has been given to you for discussion? Explain in detail. [2]

b) Is content important for Presentations. If you agree justify? [3]

9. a) Read the instructions and write an email for the given scenario. [2]

Directions:

- i) Use all the phrases given
- ii) Minimum words should be 50 otherwise your email cannot be validated
- iii) Addressing and signing should be done as in the question given.
- iv) Common grammatical rules, punctuation should be according to Standard English.
- v) You can use your own phrases along with the phrases given.

As a former student, write an email to your professor, Ms. Matt, thanking her for teaching and guidance that contributed to your overall development. Sign the email as Peter.

Outline:

Successful - Placed - grateful - help - advice - grooming - values - shaping my future - sincere - professional

b) What kinds of questions do businesses ask potential employees during job interviews? [3]

10. a) Fill in the blanks with the right word/phrase. [2]

b) In the format given below, write the meaning of the given word and its usage in a job / learning scenario. [3]

Sample:

TEAM PLAYER	
Meaning	<i>A person actively working in a team towards team's goals and objectives.</i>
Sentence	"I am a team player."
INNOVATIVE	
Meaning	<i>A person introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking.</i>
Sentence	
RECOGNITION	
Meaning	<i>Acknowledgement of the existence, validity, or legality of something.</i>
Sentence	

11. a) Complete the narration using the correct word tense.

[2]

Skating! (simple past)

This winter I learnt to skate! A friend of mine had an extra pair of skates. He persuaded me to go skating with him one Saturday afternoon in February. I borrowed the skates and we went skating!

It was cold outside! We _____ (wear) hats, scarves and mitts to keep warm. He _____ (show) me how to put on the skates. He _____ (help) me walk onto the ice. He showed me how to start moving. He also showed me how to stop! I _____ (move) very slowly at first and lots of people skated past me. When I fell nobody laughed at me. Instead, they helped me get back up. I kept trying! Soon I felt much better. I liked skating!

b) Read the passage carefully. Then choose the correct answer.

[3]

Dear Eileen,

Thank you so much for your letter. I'm sorry for the long silence. I have been on a holiday with my family. This time, my father decided that we should do something different instead of the usual 'balik kampung' holiday. So, he booked us on a tour to Batang Ai Longhouse Resort in Sarawak.

The resort is about 275 km from Kuching. Since my sister is teaching in Kuching, we decided to spend a day with her before driving to Batang Ai. The name 'Batang Ai' means the main river' where you can find the Iban tribe. The Ibans were famous in the past for their headhunting skills but I'm sure you know that they are very modern now.

At Batang Ai, there is a lake which was formed when they built the Batang Ai Hydroelectric Dam. The national park there is run by the Ibans. They provide boat services, longhouse tours, demonstrations of traditional dances, longhouse accommodation and guided tours. There is also a wide variety of handicrafts.

On our first day, my father took us all on a nature walk. As I'm not the adventurous type, I was a bit reluctant to join them. Wali, our tour guide, was very persuasive. As it turned out, the walk was the most fascinating I've ever had. Did you know that you could fry an egg on a wild banana leaf? Wali also pointed out many precious species of trees like the Bintangor tree which is being researched to make a vaccine for AIDS. The most exciting part was getting through the suspended canopy walk. We also had the opportunity to see several types of hornbills and other rare birds.

The next day, we went to a longhouse by boat. We were greeted by the longhouse leader. Then, we tried a special drink called 'tuak', a type of rice wine prepared by the tribe. The highlight of the visit was an evening entertainment of traditional dances. We were delighted to join the dances and my father made a fool of himself, having drunk a few cups of 'tuak'. I looked round for human skulls but I could not see any.

When we finally got back to our resort, we felt really tired. Wali took out his guitar and played us some traditional songs. My sister was able to sing some of the songs which she had picked up. I could see that my parents really enjoyed the peace and quiet as they lead quite busy lives in the city. As for me, I was left speechless watching the sunset changing hues in just half an hour.

That's all about our trip to Sarawak. We have decided that we would definitely go back for a longer stay and maybe visit the wildlife sanctuary there.

Yours sincerely,

June

- i) From paragraph 1,
 - (1) what was so different about this holiday for June ?
 - (2) why did June apologize to Eileen ?
- ii) From paragraph 2,
 - (1) how far is the Batang Ai Longhouse Resort from Kuching ?
 - (2) what does the name 'Batang Ai' mean ?
- iii) From paragraph 6, how did June and her family feel about the trip?

12. Answer any *two* of the following:

[2 × 2½ = 5]

- a) Write an email to your academic coordinator asking her/him to allow you to take a test that you missed. State an appropriate reason.
- b) Write a paragraph on how you would like to spend your holidays. How you would like to spend your holidays. Refer to the following clue:
 - I like ...
 - I quite like ...
 - I really like ...
 - I love ...
 - I enjoy....
 - I don't like ...
 - I hate ...
 - I can't stand...
- c) Read the given sentences and write down the meaning of the words highlighted. Frame your own sentence using that word.
 - i) **Resentment**, a feeling of bitterness and anger is often felt by people who are passed over for promotions.
The meaning of the word resentment is _____.
 - ii) While other birds fly in groups, eagles are birds of **solitude**.
The meaning of the word solitude is _____.