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**VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous), HYDERABAD**  
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**Finishing School-I**

Time: 1½ hours

Max. Marks: 30

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

**Part-A (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)**

1. Write down two sentences saying what you do every day and 2 things you don't do in the morning.
2. Answer the questions according to the reading passage. Give the paragraph a title

Obese people don't want pity and we don't want anything but a hand up so we can get back to work. Some of us would like to contribute and even pay taxes again but we need some assistance. There are all kinds of programs assisting young people to go to school, like student loans and grants. This really large group of our population could benefit from some sort of program that might involve education, liposuction, special footwear, and a part-time personal trainer who would develop individualized solutions for each person. Let's get some intelligent kind of operation going. Let's develop a war on fat.

According to the passage, the obese people want \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) a lot of money to live without working
  - B) assistance to live a normal life
  - C) some hospitals for cosmetic surgeries to remove their fats
  - D) to pay taxes for everything that they buy
  - E) students loan and grant
3. Write two points in favour of the topic "Girls must be given proper Education"
  4. Write two sentences on what you did last Sunday.
  5. Write down two adjectives that describe you.

**Part-B (5 × 4 = 20 Marks)**

*(All sub-questions carry equal marks)*

6. a) From the options A, B, C and D, choose the form that best fits the function state, to complete the dialogue below.  
Atan: Hello, Dinah. Did you have a good trip?  
Dinah: It was not too bad. In fact I managed to sleep a bit. \_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_ (to express satisfaction)  
Atan: Is that all your luggage?  
Dinah: Yes. Wait a minute. The small hold all is missing. \_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ (to express dismay)  
I must have left it at the duty-free shop.  
Atan: \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ (to reassure) We can ask the security guard to get it. Which shop was it?
  - i) To express satisfaction
    - A) It was so quiet.
    - B) The passengers slept.
    - C) The seat was really comfortable.
    - D) It has made me feel rested.
  - ii) To express dismay
    - A) Oh dear!
    - B) What a nuisance!
    - C) Where could it be?
    - D) I remember now.
  - iii) To reassure
    - A) Don't cry.
    - B) Don't worry.
    - C) Are you sure?
    - D) We'll look for it.

b) Complete the following conversation

Preeti: (i)..... breakfast, today?

Mother: Butter toasts and milk.

Preeti: But mamma, you know (ii)..... Why don't you ever prepare it for me?

Mother: Dear, nobody else in the family likes porridge. I have to take care of everyone.

Preeti: Oh, I understand. By the way, (iii)..... Has he gone somewhere so early in the morning?

Mother: Yes. Dad has gone to the temple. You know, he is on fast today.

Preeti: (iv) ..... fast, mamma?

Mother: Keeping fast improves our digestive system. Moreover, it also enhances our will powers.

Preeti: Oh, I see. I too will try some day.

7. a) **Directions:** Read the 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.**

*Screech!* Karen stomped on the gas pedal the moment the light turned green. She looked over her left shoulder and zigged past a semi-truck. She zoomed ahead and looked over her right shoulder and then zagged past a motorbike. She glanced at the clock on the console and darted into the parking lot. Whipping into a parking spot, she grabbed her suitcase and ran through the lot, up the escalator, and into the terminal. Her heavy suitcase was bumping and bouncing the whole way. Just as she entered the terminal, she heard an announcement over the loudspeaker, "Final boarding call for flight 205 to JFK..." Karen looked at her ticket and then at the line to get through the security checkpoint, which wrapped around several turnstiles and slithered like a lethargic snake. Karen sighed and then slowly walked to the customer service desk.

i) Why is Karen in a hurry?

ii) Why does she start walking slowly at the end of the passage?

b) i) Emerson said that the poet was landlord, sea lord and air lord. The flight of imagination made the poet master of land, sea and air. But a poet's dream of yesterday becomes today an actual achievement and a reality for all men. Even those who invented, improved and perfected the airplane could hardly have dreamt of the possibility of flight into outer space.

The passage best supports the statement that:

(1) all imaginations become a reality some day.

(2) what man imagined has never been impossible; he has always turned it a reality through his conception of ideas and sheer hard labor.

(3) seemingly impossible imaginations make one a good poet.

(4) man has reached the climax of technological development with his exploration into outer space.

ii) The school has always been the most important means of transferring the wealth of tradition from one generation to the next. This applies today in an even higher degree than in former times for, through the modern development of economy, the family as bearer of tradition and education has become weakened.

This passage best supports the statement that for transferring the wealth of tradition from one generation to the next \_\_\_\_\_

(1) there are means other than the school (2) several different sources must be tried

(3) economic development plays a crucial role (4) modern technology must be put to use

(5) Family, as ever, is the most potent means.

8. a) Do you agree or disagree with the statement below? No child should have a Facebook account unless he or she is over 13 years old. State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.

b) Cell Phones Should Be Banned in Schools

All cell phones should be banned in schools during the regular school day. Cell phones are a distraction to students, their classmates, and their teachers. Cell phones are a distraction because they prevent students from paying attention in class when they are being used. Students who are texting in class, or otherwise using their cell phones to play games, are missing valuable instruction from the teacher in the form of class notes, the introduction of new ideas and concepts, and live demonstrations and examples of new topics. Students who use their cell phones regularly in class generally.

Do you agree or disagree with the author who wrote the essay above? Write your opinion, followed by 3 or 4 sentences to show why you agree or disagree. Refer to specific points in the passage.

9. a) 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.

Email:

As a member of your residential society, write an email to the inspector of local Police station, Mr. Sharma, informing him about miscreants who ride their bikes rashly every evening outside your society. Sign the email as William.

residential area – ride – rashly – children – play – elderly – walk – grocery shop – across the road – dangerous – accidents – nuisance – action – immediately.

- b) Now complete the story about Kung Fu Panda's adoption. Choose one verb from the box, and write the correct past tense form in the paragraph.

BE - GO - MAKE - TRY - GIVE - FEED - BRING - WAIT

It \_\_\_ just another day at the restaurant. I \_\_\_ out to the back. There \_\_\_ cabbages, turnips, radishes. There \_\_\_ no radishes, just a very hungry baby panda. There \_\_\_ no note. I \_\_\_ for someone to come looking for you, but no one did. I \_\_\_ you inside, \_\_\_ you, \_\_\_ you a bath, and \_\_\_ to put some pants on you. And then I \_\_\_ a decision that changed my life forever.

10. a) Write down your answer to the interview question. "Tell me about yourself"?

- b) How would you answer the question? What is your biggest strength?

11. a) Complete the conversations below with the best answer:

You go to the cinema to buy two tickets for Ice Age 3. You say: \_\_\_\_\_

- i) I need 2 tickets for the cinema at today.
- ii) Can I have the tickets for the movie now?
- iii) I would like 2 tickets for Ice Age 3.
- iv) Do you have popcorn and 2 tickets?

The waitress offers you some more water. You say: \_\_\_\_\_

- i) Yes, I have been to the toilet.
- ii) No, thank you. I've eaten already.
- iii) Yes, please. I would like some more water.
- iv) No. I don't want to do that.

My sister asks me the way to the supermarket. I say: \_\_\_\_\_

- i) Let us have a look at it.
- ii) Yes, I can find that for you.
- iii) It's far away. You should take a taxi.
- iv) I go to the supermarket every Sunday.

Your friend is feeling sick and needs to go to the doctor. You ask your friend: \_\_\_\_\_

- i) Do you think I can go to the doctor?      ii) Would you like me to take you to the doctor?
- iii) Where are we going today?              iv) Who is the nice new doctor?

b) Sushi, the thousand-year-old Japanese delicacy, started small in the United States, in a handful of restaurants in big cities. Today, sushi consumption in America is 50% greater than it was ten years ago and not just in restaurants. Sushi is also sold at concession stands in sports stadiums, university dining halls, and in supermarkets throughout the country.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- i) sushi is now a fast food as popular as hot dogs, burgers, and fries.
- ii) more sushi is sold in restaurants than in supermarkets.
- iii) Americans are more adventurous eaters than they were in the past.
- iv) sushi wasn't always widely available in the United States.

12. Answer any *two* of the following:

a) There are a number of Phrases used when asking for information in English. Here are some of the most common:

- i) Could you tell me...?      ii) Do you know...?      iii) Do you happen to know...?
- iv) I'd like to know...      v) Could you find out...?      vi) I'm interested in...
- vii) I'm looking for.

These two forms are used for seeking information over the phone:

- viii) I'm calling to find out...      ix) I'm calling about...

Create a sentence using the phrases given above.

b) This story has lots of mistakes. There are 33 verbs in the wrong tense! Can you find them all: It's all in the past

I wake up yesterday morning and I get out of bed. It is a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the wind was blowing. I decide that I would go for a walk. I start by walking down my road. I push open my gate and close it behind me. I walk for miles and miles along a country road. I even visit my aunt. Along the way I pass a young man selling fruit. 'How much are the apples?' I ask. '£1 for a bag,' he say. I pay the man and I continue to walk. I eat all of the apples except for one, which I drop on the ground, they are delicious.

After a while I meet another man, this man have a camel. The camel was a special camel, it have no humps. 'What is his name?' I ask the man. 'His name is Humphree', say the man.

I walk for a very long time, soon the sun begin to go down. It is beautiful, I love sunsets. I get home at about 12:30. I is very tired, normally I go to bed at 10:00. I put on my pyjamas, rub my hands together and went straight to bed. As soon as my head hit the pillow I fall asleep. That is the best walk of my life, I love it. The next day I call my mother and tell her all about it.

c) Write down your answer to the question "Why should I hire you"?

