

ADMISSION NUMBER											

School of Agriculture
Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture
Mid Term Examination - Nov 2023

Duration : 90 Minutes
Max Marks : 50

Sem I - O1UA101B - Comprehension and Communication Skills in English

General Instructions

Answer to the specific question asked

Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary

Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator

- 1) Illustrate how prepositions can change the meaning of a sentence and provide examples. K2 (2)

- 2) Fill in the blanks with the correct word: 1.The ship and many sailors were..... (sank, drowned). 2. Drinking alcohol is a bad This is followed amongst the youngsters. (Habit, Custom) 3. I met with an, this ocured last week. (Incident, accident) K1 (3)

- 3) Contrast the use of "in", "at" and "on" in the context of time expressions. K2 (4)

- 4) Explain the difference between two often confused words (discuss two different pairs of commonly confused words) and provide examples of their correct usage. K2 (6)

- 5) Make use of the following homonyms to prepare sentences showing the distinct meaning of the words: 1. Knight and Night 2. Piece and Peace 3. Bear and Bare K3 (6)

- 6) Apply your knowledge to fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice of preposition (same preposition can be used more than once): 1. She is allergic ____ pollen and always carries her medication. (to, with, at) 2. The cat jumped ____ the table and then walked ____ the door. (onto, through, toward) 3. The meeting is scheduled ____ 2:00 PM, but it may be delayed ____ a few minutes. (at, by, for) 4. We should be grateful ____ the opportunities that life presents ____ us. (to, to, with, by) 5. I am interested ____ learning a new language; let's enroll ____ a language course. (on, in, at) K3 (9)

7) Examine the following lines from the chapter "War Minus Shooting" by George Orwell: "Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words it is war minus the shooting". K4 (8)

8) Analyze the lines from the chapter "A Dilemma: A Layman Looks at Science" by Raymond B. Fosdick "To the layman it seems as if science were facing a vast dilemma. Science is the search for truth, and it is based on the glorious faith that truth is worth discovering. It springs from the noblest attribute of the human spirit. But it is this same search for truth that has brought our civilization to the brink of destruction; and we are confronted by the tragic irony that when we have been most successful in pushing out the boundaries of knowledge, we have most endangered the possibility of human life on this planet". K4 (12)

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Examine the lines from the chapter "A Dilemma: A Layman Looks at Science" by Raymond B. Fosdick "It is on the basis of this dilemma that serious questions are forming in the public mind. Unless research is linked to a human and constructive purpose, should it not be subject to some kind of restraint? Can our scientists afford to be concerned solely with fact and not at all with value and purpose? Can they legitimately claim that their only aim is the advancement of knowledge regardless of its consequences? Is the layman justified in saying to the scientists: 'We look to you to distinguish between that truth which furthers the well-being of mankind and that truth which threatens it?'" K4 (12)