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BMC 2102: BASIC ENGLISH COMPETENCE

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: APRIL 2015

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A & B**.
- Section **A** is **Compulsory**.
- Answer any other **TWO** questions in Section **B**.

This paper consists of Five printed pages.

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

a) For the questions below, please choose the best option to complete the sentence or conversion:

- i) When can we meet again?
 - When are you agree?
 - It was two days ago
 - Can you help me?
- ii) My aunt is going to stay with me.
 - How do you?
 - How long for?
 - How was it?
- iii) When do you study?
 - At school
 - In the evenings
 - In the libray
- iv) Would you prefer lemonade or orange juice?
 - Have you got anything else/
 - If you like
 - Are you sure about that?
- v) Lets have dinner now
 - You are not eating
 - There are not any
 - Tom is not here yet
- vi) The snow was ____ heavily when I left the house
 - Dropping
 - Landing
 - Falling
 - Descending
- vii) I cant find my legs anywhere I ____ have left them at work
 - Can
 - Must
 - Ought
 - Would
- viii) When a car pulled out in front of her, Jane did well not to _____ control of her bicycle
 - Miss
 - Lose
 - Fail
 - Drop

(1 mark each)

- ix) According to Richard's ____ the train leaves at 7 o'clock
- i) Opinion
 - ii) Advice
 - iii) Knowledge
 - iv) Information
- (1 mark)**
- x) When you stay in a country for some time you get used to the people's ____ of life.
- Habit
 - Custom
 - Way
 - System
- (1 mark)**
- b) Write short sentences using the **FIVE** words below.
- i) Accept
 - ii) Who's
 - iii) You're
 - iv) Passed
 - v) Its
- (5 marks)**

QUESTION 2

- a) Locate and correct the run-ons in the following sentences. Do not use the same method of correction
- i) In the grimy bakery window, cobwebs were in every corner, a rat was crawling over a birthday cake.
 - ii) Out class wanted to do something for the earthquake victims, we sent a donation to the Red Cross.
 - iii) My ex-husband hit me just once in our marriage five minutes later I was packed and walking out the door.
 - iv) Aunt Leanne thought a warm dry climate would improve her health she moved to Arizona.
 - v) We stocked our backpacks with high-calorie candy bars, and we also brought bags of dried apricot and peaches.
- b) Identify the incorrect verb form in the each of the following sentences. Then write the correct form of the verb.
- (5 marks)**
- i) Prehistoric people blowed paint over their outstretched hands to sterial their hand prints on care walls.
 - ii) After the bicycle hit a patch of soft sand, the rider was throwe into the thorny bushes along the roadside.
 - iii) To be polite, I drunk the slightly sour wine that my grandfather poured from his carefully loaded supply.
 - iv) Brenda want to go to nursing school next year
 - v) We realize a package was missing when we got back from shopping.

- c) Write a sentence that uses each of the following adjectives and adverbs correctly. (5 marks)
- i) Careless
 - ii) Angrily
 - iii) Well
 - iv) Most relaxing
 - v) Best

SECTION B (Answer any **TWO** questions)

QUESTION 3

Identify the **TEN** sentence –skills mistakes at the underlined spots in the student paper that follows. From the box below, write on your answer sheet. **(20 marks)**

a. fragment	e. mistake with quotation marks
b. run-on	f. mistake in pronoun in point of view
c. mistake in subject-verb agreement	g. spelling error
d. mistake in verb tense	h. missing comma

One reason that I enjoy the commute to school is that the drive gives me uninterrupted (1) time to myself. The classes and socializing at college is (2) great, and so is the time I spend with my family, but sometimes all this togetherness keeps you (3) from being able to think. In fact, I look forward to the time I have alone (4) it gives me a chance to plan what I’ll accomplish in the day ahead. For example, one Tuesday afternoon my history professor announces (5) that a rough outline for our semester report was due that Friday. Fortunately (6), I had already done some reading and (7) I had checked my proposed topic with her the week before. Therefore, on the way home in the car that evening (8), I planned the entire history report in my mind. Then all I had to do when I got home quickly jot it down before I forgot it. When I handed the professor the outline at 8.30 Wednesday morning (9). She asked me “If I had stayed stayed up all night working on it”. She was amazed when I told her that I owed it all to commuting.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ | 4. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ | 5. _____ | 7. _____ | 10. _____ |

QUESTION 4

Write a letter to your local member of parliament, in which you argue against the lack of facilities for young people in your area, and persuade him or her that more facilities should be made available.

(150 – 20 words)

(20 marks)

QUESTION 5

Write a speech of about 200 words, to be at a governor's meeting where you, as a student, try to persuade the governors to abolish school uniform.

(20 marks)