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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: AUG 2019

TIME: 2HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, Examination Pass and Student ID

This paper consists of five questions. Attempt question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Outline FOUR factors that make a syllable prominent. (4 marks)
- b) State FIVE characteristics of spoken English. (5 marks)
- c) List THREE uses of English. (3 marks)
- d) Describe the DIY/ 'How To' feature. (3 marks)
- e) State FOUR types of leads. (4 marks)
- f) Underline the correctly spelled word. (6 marks)
 - 1. accomodate, accomodate, accomodate, accomodate.
 - 2. arguement, argument, arguemant, arguemint.
 - 3. comitment, comitment, commitment, comitmant.
 - 4. embarras, embaras, embarass, embarrass.
 - 5. harass, haras, harrass, herrass.
 - 6. occassion, ocaasion, occasion, ocasion
- g) State FIVE determinants of news. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

I. Choose the appropriate prepositions in brackets and fill in the blanks in the following sentences. (5 marks)

1. We want to see a big increase productivity. (of, in, with)
2. His wife is suffering hepatitis. (of, with, from)
3. You remind me a boy I was at school with. (of, off)
4. The noise from upstairs prevented me (to sleep, from sleeping, from sleep)
5. She insisted paying for the drinks. (to, for, on)

II. Use few/a few, little or a little in the following sentences appropriately. (5 marks)

1. Hurry! We've got ... time.
2. I saw Tom ... days ago.
3. If what you say is true, there is ... we can do about it.
4. I can't let you use much of this perfume. There's only ... in the bottle.
5. This town isn't very well-known and there isn't much to see, so ... tourists come here.

III. Choose the appropriate homophone in brackets for the sentences below. (5 marks)

1. The building ____ is huge. (site, sight)
2. A person who produces chicken is a ____ farmer. (paltry, poultry)
3. She's the ____ owner. (soul, sole)
4. The book is ____ back at the library in two weeks. (dew, due)
5. The cyclist was _____ very fast. (peddling, pedalling\pedaling)

IV. Provide the antonyms of the following: (5 marks)

1. Ancient
2. Artificial
3. Smile
4. Effective
5. Bright

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe FIVE components of a news story. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE characteristics of written English. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Decide whether the words in bold are subjects, direct objects or indirect objects. (5 marks)

1. She sent **her friend** an email.
2. Sally will help **you** with your housework.
3. Where did **you** put the keys?
4. He gave **them** a bag full of money.
5. **Alice** wrote a book on the French revolution.

- b) Choose the correct answer. (5 marks)

- 1 - The dog is eating ____ dinner. (its, it's)
- 2 - I haven't read it, but I have heard ____ good. (its, it's)
- 3 - Check to see if ____ gone. (its, it's)
- 4 - The company has lost ____ licence. (its, it's)
- 5 - ____ over. (Its, It's)

- c) Define the following terms: (10 marks)

1. Homophones
2. Homonyms
3. Synonyms
4. Antonyms
5. Intonation

QUESTION FIVE

- Prepare a personality profile feature of your role model. (20 marks)