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Subject: Functional English (BCOM19-104F)

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Marks :60

Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (10)

Herbs and spices have been a part of our culture from the time of the Rig Veda. The virtues of turmeric, saffron and cardamom have been praised in many of our ancient writings. In fact, no recipe in India is complete without its dose of spices. While the general reason is to enhance flavor, the purpose of using spices in food goes much deeper.

In ancient times spices were considered a reflection of wealth and were used for barter and trade. Pepper, one of the oldest known spices, was considered so valuable in ancient times that it was the preferred method of bribing government officials. In ancient Egypt, cinnamon was valued higher than gold and considered to be a prized gift for monarchs.

Spices have been used not just in culinary preparations but also as medicines and in perfumes. They are known for their anti-inflammatory properties, ability to prevent diseases and enhance mood. It's difficult to imagine an Indian kitchen without its herbs and spices. They can be used in various forms like fresh, dried, crushed, powdered and play a major role in altering the color, aroma, flavor and taste of food.

A healthy diet is not just about fruits and vegetables but the use of a variety of spices as well. Ginger and garlic are hailed for their infinite medicinal properties to treat anything from digestive disorders to arthritis. Apart from the taste they bring to the food, they provide many disease preventing nutrients. From the nutrition point of view the antioxidants you would get from consuming a portion of red tomatoes or grapes, you would find the same in just half a teaspoon of cumin seeds or dried ginger.

Answer the following questions:

1. Since when have herbs and spices been a part of our culture ?
2. The virtue of which spices has been praised in our ancient writings ?
3. What was considered as a reflection of wealth in ancient times ?
4. In ancient Egypt which spice was valued higher than gold ?
5. Besides culinary preparations where else have spices been used ?

6. What are spices known for ?
7. In which forms can spices be used ?
8. What are Ginger and Garlic used to treat ?
9. Apart from taste what else do spices provide ?
10. In which spice do you find the same antioxidants that are found in Tomatoes and grapes ?

Q. 2 Give short responses to the following (Any 5) (10)

1. You have to make an urgent call but have forgotten your mobile at home. How will you request your colleague for his mobile?
2. Write an appropriate expression to indicate your happiness when somebody compliments you on your resourcefulness.
3. You have been invited for an overnight trip by your friends. You cannot join them as you are not getting a leave from your office. How would you tell your friends about it?
4. How will you request the shopkeeper for a change of Rs 2000/- ?
5. If you have to introduce yourself at a conference, how would you do that?
6. You wish to reach an unknown destination. Ask a stranger for directions.
7. Politely inform the caller that they have called you on a wrong number,
8. You have shifted to your new home. Invite your friend over with family to have dinner with you and your family.

Q. 3 Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below. (10)

1. You want to purchase some books for your library. Write a conversation between you and the shopkeeper.
2. Your friend has recently opened a Travel agency. You wish to visit Kerala with your friends. Write a letter inquiring about the details of the travel.

Q. 4 Do as directed: (10)

1. Identify the adverb from the given sentence: He charges on an hourly basis

a) charges	b) hourly
c) on	d) basis
2. Use the appropriate article: It is _____ ancient civilization with _____ rich culture.

a) a, an	b) the, a
c) an, a	d) a, the
3. Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate preposition – She was standing _____ the window watching the beautiful sunset.

a) on	b) through
c) by	d) with

