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**FIRST SEMESTER**

**Subject: Functional English (BCOM19-104F / BCA-101)**

**Date: 08/12/2022**

**Marks :60**

**Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm**

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

**Q.1** When you meet someone and wish to greet him or her, perhaps you put the palms of your hands together and make a ‘*Namaste*’ or if it is a much respected elder, you may even bow down to touch his or her feet. The word *namaste* is derived from the Sanskrit language which means “ I bow to you”. The *namaste*, also sometimes called ‘*namaskar*’ is a way of greeting that is prevalent in India but do you know that people of different lands and cultures have their own unique forms of greeting people? **(10)**

In ancient China, people would bow down low on bended knees, with their heads almost touching the ground as a form of greeting. This act is called a ‘*kowlow*’. In Cambodia, people greet each other by placing their palms together at the chest, mouth and nose or head level. The higher you hold your hands while making a ‘*sampeah*’, the more courtesy and respect you show.

In Thailand, the traditional meeting is a ‘*wai*’, a slight bow with the palms pressed together in a prayer like fashion. In Tibet, people put their hand, palm to palm near the chest and say ‘*Tashidele*’ or good luck. In Japan, bowing is an important part of social culture. Men hold their hands at their sides while bowing, while women clasp their hands in front of them. Generally the longer and deeper the bow, the more courteous it is considered.

The most popular greeting in the world and the one that is used across continents and cultures is the handshake. It is used today as a way of introduction between two people, as a professional greeting of welcome or goodbye, at the signing of diplomatic treaties, and even at the beginning of sports matches. In western societies, ‘doffing’ or tipping the hat is common, non-verbal greeting between friends and acquaintances when meeting at a social gathering or crossing one another’s path in public.

Q1. What does Namaste mean in Sanskrit language ?

Q2. What is Namaste also known as ?

- Q3. How do people in China greet one another?
- Q4. What is a Sampeah?
- Q5. How do people greet in Thailand?
- Q6. How do people greet in Tibet?
- Q7. In Japan when is a greeting considered more courteous?
- Q8. Which is the most popular greeting in the world?
- Q9. How is the handshake used today?
- Q10. How do people greet in western societies?

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

1. Compliment your friend who came first in his / her class.
2. Write an appropriate expression to indicate your happiness when somebody compliments you on your resourcefulness.
3. You are at a party and get an urgent call, hence you have to leave. What expression will you use to leave ?
4. What expression will you use while requesting a shopkeeper for change of Rs 500/- ?
5. You are invited for a party but you cannot accept the invitation since you have another appointment. How will you decline the invitation ?
6. Your friend wants to borrow your laptop for two days. You do not want to give it to him.
7. "Cigarette is good for health". Disagree with this statement.

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

1. You wish to motivate your friend to participate in college events. Write a dialogue between you and your friend as your friend is not so willing to participate.
2. You wish to purchase some new books to read in your past-time. Some of the books are not yet available in the market. Write a dialogue between yourself and the shopkeeper.

**Q. 4 Write a letter to 'Jay Electronics' complaining about a food processor that you purchased from them and it turned out to be faulty. (10)**

**Or**

**Write a letter to your cousin telling him/her about a recent trekking trip you went to describing your experience.**

**Q. 5 Write an Essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics given below: (10)**

1. All dark clouds have a silver lining
2. Effects of social media
3. College Life/ v/s School Life

**Q. 6 Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate options**

**(10)**

1. The tallest boy in the classroom always \_\_\_\_\_ on the back bench . (sits/ was sit/ has sit/ have been sitting)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ being a doctor she is also a musician. (Beside/Besides/ With/For)
3. The comparative for 'Bad' is – (Badder/Worst/Worse/Baddest)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ honest person finds it very difficult if they have to lie for any reason. (A/An/The)
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ three and a half hours to reach Kolhapur from Pune if there is no traffic. (took/ taken/ takes/ take)
6. Give the comparative and superlative form of 'Intelligent' is \_\_\_\_\_ (Intelligenter, Intelligentest/ More intelligent, Most intelligent)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ most beautiful feelings are not seen but felt by \_\_\_\_\_ heart. (A, the/ The. An/ The/the).
8. The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ in the caves by night and travelled during the daytime. (hid/ hide/ hidden/ will hiding)
9. Your logics are \_\_\_\_\_ my understanding. (beneath/ beyond/ beside)
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ very well and won the hearts of the audience. (sung/ sing/ sang/ will be sing)

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