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SANSKRIT VISHARAD (B. A.) EXAMINATION: JUNE-JULY – 2022 FOURTH SEMESTER Sub. : English - IV (19E447)

Date: 04/07/2022

Total marks: 80

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

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

SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)

When I told my family that I was thinking of taking a cooking job, the roar of laughter was rather discouraging. No one believed that I could cook at all, as I had never had a chance to practice cooking at home. Our cook, aged sixty five and slightly couched, had ruled the kitchen for the last thirty years and had an irritating tendency to regard all saucepans, stove and all other kitchen fittings to be her own property.

I once crept down there when I thought she was asleep in her room, to try out an omelette. Noiselessly, I removed a frying pan from its hook and the eggs from the fridge. It was the turning on of the gas that woke her. I was just breaking the first egg when a pair of slippers shuffled round the door and a shriek of horror caused me to break the egg on the floor. She was upset so much that she locked herself up in her room with all the food and we had to make our Sunday dinner of bananas.

I had seen one advertisement in the newspaper and applied for the job. A dingy, bottle green atmosphere of the office sobered me and I sat meekly on the chair. The woman at the desk scrutinized me for a while through rimless glasses. She murmured questions to me and I answered in a hoarse whisper. I felt pathetic when she told me that it would be difficult to get a job without experience or references.

She rustled about among her papers for a bit and I wondered whether I ought to leave, when the telephone on her desk rang. While she was conducting a mysterious conversation, she kept looking at me. Then I heard her say, "As a matter of fact, I've got someone in the office this very moment who might suit you." She wrote down number and my spirits soared as I took the slip of paper. She said, "Ring up this lady, she wants a cook immediately. In fact, you would have to start tomorrow by cooking dinner for ten people. Could you imagine that I wonder?"

"Oh yes," said INever having cooked dinner for than four people in my life.

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1. Why did the writer's family laugh when she told them that she was thinking of taking a cooking job? [2]
2. What made the cook angry and upset? [2]
3. Why do you think the writer answered the woman's questions in a whisper? [2]
4. Give the meanings of the following words used in the passage. One word or short phrases will be accepted- (a) shuffled (b) scrutinized (c) dingy (d) soared [4]

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

Q. 2 (A) Fill in the gaps using appropriate preposition(s): (10)

1. Seeing my poor performance, my parents scolded me _____ others.
2. We can find the address of this restaurant _____ the directory.
3. My neighbour looked _____ my dog in my absence.
4. The strike was called _____ for unknown reasons.

5. Some seats are reserved only _____ senior citizens.
6. The police officer is trying to get _____ the facts.
7. The robber snatched the gold chain _____ her neck.
8. I prefer walking _____ watching TV.
9. _____ the event of your getting late, you will be fined.
10. _____ taking a bath, he had his breakfast.

(B) **Make sentences of your own using the given verbs in any tense of your choice:** (10)

1. To provide: _____
2. To confide: _____
3. To identify: _____
4. To recover: _____
5. To learn: _____

(C) **Turn the following words into nouns:** (10)

grin, high, presume, economic, feed, graze, probable, converse, necessity, intend

Q. 3 (A) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed. You may make necessary changes, but do not change the meaning and the tense: (10)

1. Unless you run fast, you will not win the race. (Begin: If)
2. He finished reading the first page. Sleep overtook him. (Synthesize using 'No sooner..than')
3. It was a devastating shot. (Turn into exclamatory sentence)
4. He dislikes chocolates. (Make negative)
5. He said reluctantly. (Use: reluctance)
6. Allen is as smart as Jacob. (Use: smarter)
7. She had been taught English by Prof. Lamb. (End: English)
8. It was never easy for me to solve the sums. (Make affirmative)
9. She is too ill to speak. (Remove 'too')
10. He is an American, but he speaks Sanskrit fluently. (Begin: In spite of)

(B) **Make opposite words for the following words by using appropriate prefixes:** (10)

Armament, inflammatory, spelt, fit, friendly, essential, perfect, active, skilled, coding

Q. 4 Write an essay of 500 words on any one of the following topics: (20)

- a) Learning Sanskrit should be made compulsory in schools.
 - b) City life is better than village life.
 - c) Do we live to eat or Do we eat to live?
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