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Sub.: General English – I (BLW - 1001)

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Total Marks : 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

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

Q. 1. (A) Transform the following as directed: (04)

- i. A letter will be written by him. (Change the sentence in active voice)
- ii. He shall start the meeting. (Change the sentence in passive voice)
- iii. I do not need to finish this today. (Add a question tag)
- iv. It is very kind of you to help me. (Transform to Exclamatory)

(B) Do as directed: (02)

- i. Mice are really **TINY** animals. (Write the synonym of the bold word)
- ii. I felt sad when I realized we did not say goodbye. (Identify the part of speech of the underlined word)

(C) Turn the following into the Reported Speech: (04)

- i. Rachel said, "I have an interview tomorrow." (Change to indirect speech)
- ii. Mahesh asked what he was doing. (Change to direct speech)
- iii. The teacher said, "Make sure you complete the homework before tomorrow." (Change to indirect speech)
- iv. Jade said that his sister was moving to Los Angeles. (Change to direct speech)

Q. 2. (A) Analyze the following sentences: (Simple/Compound/Complex) (03)

- i. Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon, and they left on the bus before I arrived.
- ii. Joe waited for the train.
- iii. Do not leave the restaurant until the dishes here are washed.

(B) Do as directed. (02)

- i. Before falling asleep, Kim _____ her bracelet on the table. (lies/lays)
- ii. I do not want to go to the party, _____. (anyway/ any way)

(C) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end: (10)

Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput Kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as

augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the region of Bappa Rawal. In fact only 60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high-quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.

The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise, such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

The cycle of time does not remain the same. Whereas the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn. The fortune of Mewar the land of the brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen, which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for some time.

Questions:

1. Why does Maharana Pratap become immortal?
2. Why was Mewar lucky?
3. What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar?
4. What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar?
5. What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify?

Q. 3. (A) Use the following phrases in your own sentences:

(05)

- i. Look up to
- ii. A piece of cake
- iii. Come across
- iv. Give up
- v. Turn against

- (B) Explain the meaning of the following legal terms: (05)**
- i. Defendant
 - ii. Affidavit
 - iii. Oath
 - iv. Bail Bondsperson
 - v. Alimony

- (C) Write a paragraph of 10-15 lines on any one of the following topics: (10)**
- i. Education and Today's Youth
 - ii. Internet and Covid 19: Boon or Bane
 - iii. Online Privacy

- Q.4. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title for the same: (10)**

Liberalism is founded on the belief in human liberty. Unlike rats and monkeys, human beings are supposed to have "free will". This is what makes human choices the ultimate moral and political authority in the world.

If you happened to be amid the riots in Washington on the day after Martin Luther King was assassinated, or in Paris in May 1968, or at the Democratic party's convention in Chicago in August 1968, you might well have thought that the end was near. While Washington, Paris and Chicago were descending into chaos; the Soviet system seemed destined to endure forever. Yet 20 years later, it was the Soviet system that collapsed. The clashes of the 1960s strengthened liberal democracy, while the stifling climate in the Soviet bloc presaged its demise.

OR

Translate the following paragraph into Hindi/Marathi:

Steve was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1950. He moved to London with his parents when he was 5 years old. Steve started school there and his father began work at the hospital. His mother was a homemaker and he had four brothers.

He lived in England for 2 years then moved to Amman, Jordan where he lived there for 10 years. Steve then moved to Cyprus to study at the Mediterranean University.

Unfortunately, he did not succeed and returned to Jordan. His parents were very unhappy so he decided to try in America.

He applied to many colleges and universities in the States and finally got some acceptance offers from them. He chose Wichita State University in Kansas. His major was Bio-medical Engineering. He stayed there for about six months and then he moved again to a very small town called Greensboro to study in a small college.

- Q. 5. You have just returned from a field trip organized by your college. Write a report on your field trip. (05)**

OR

Write a letter to a dignitary inviting him as a Chief Guest for a function in your college.
