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B.Arch. DEGREE EXAMINATION, 2017

First Semester

HS 8121 - Communication English

(Regulations 2017)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Answer ALL questions

PART – A (10×2=20 Marks)

1. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (4×½=2 Marks)

A

B

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| a) Balcony | i) A place to leave the car |
| b) Facade | ii) A place which sticks out from a wall |
| c) Garage | iii) Curved structure that supports the roof of a building |
| d) Vault | iv) The front of a building |

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets : (4×½=2 Marks)

This palace _____ (date) back to the 15th century. The Persian king _____ (build) it to his queen. The government _____ (preserve) it for so many centuries. But now there _____ (be) some cracks in the wall.

3. Write the sentences using the correct degree of comparison : (4×½=2 Marks)

- a) The skyscrapers are _____ (tall) buildings. The world's _____ (tall) building is in Dubai.
- b) The Taj Mahal is _____ (famous) than the Fort in Agra. But the fort is _____ (strong) than the Taj.

4. Match the adjective with the correct noun : (4×½=2 Marks)

- a) Historical __ pillars
b) Cultural __ fort
c) Majestic __ building
d) Creative __ centres

5. Rewrite the passage into the passive form by filling in the blanks : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
The Red Fort in Delhi _____ (build) by Shahjahan when the capital city _____(shift) to Delhi. It _____ (construct) with red stone. Now it _____ (identify) with Independence Day Celebrations.
6. Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject before it and complete the sentences : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
- a) Millions of tons of trash _____ (float/floats) on the ocean. Currents in the ocean _____ (carry/carries) them to different shores.
- b) One of the architects _____(have/has) designed this building. The new design _____ (look/looks) splendid.
7. Choose the word which collocates with the word given and complete the sentences : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
Useless, bags, ran, frame
- a) The window _____ is very attractive.
- b) The burnt house completely became _____
- c) The lorry unloaded _____ of cement.
- d) After building the house, the man _____ out of money.
8. Complete the Cause and Effect sentences using **any** of the words : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
Lead to, due to, because of, consequently, Owing to
- a) The corridor was slippery/she fell down.
- b) Invention of the elevator/construction of sky rise buildings.
- c) Population increase/number of houses has increased.
- d) Central heating system/old chimneys were replaced.
9. What do the following abbreviations and acronyms stand for : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
- a) KIT b) WC c) ALT d) BSMT
10. Complete the paragraph with the cohesive words : **(4×½=2 Marks)**
For making concrete, _____ mix the cement, sand, and gravel. _____ slowly add water. It is best to sprinkle the water rather than pour it. _____ mix them thoroughly well. _____ pour it on the surface for it to set.

PART – B (5×16=80 Marks)

11. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Nature is good, but mankind is not. Natural things are beautiful, but things made by people are ugly and spoil the world these days. This is what many people think. There is some truth to these thoughts. Nothing that humans make can match the majesty and beauty of the Grand Canyon or Niagara Falls. We do scar

the country with long stretches of concrete linking one mean city with another, and then we litter roads and cities with empty cans and waste paper. We visit national parks and other places of great natural beauty and spread our trash.

But there is another side to the picture. Not all humans insist on destroying beauty. The lives of many people involve one main idea : making the world a more pleasant place in which to live. Some of these people are the ones who work to preserve the natural world - to save the great redwood forests, to protect species of animals and birds that are disappearing from the world, and to clean our water and air.

Others are trying to make the world better by making better things. These people deal with design. They plan man-made things to appeal to our sense of beauty and fitness. We see their work everywhere. There is the architect who designs graceful homes and towering office buildings. Many people admire only architecture of the past. They seek out gracious old homes and majestic old churches as if modern architecture were not worth looking at. Even some architects prefer old designs and build new churches and public buildings modeled on the ones in ancient Greece and Rome. But there is also beauty in modern architecture - in shining glass and steel towers and graceful stone and brick shopping centers. There are also planned towns where every home is a designed gem, beautiful and durable enough to stand for generations.

Designers work with small items as well as with tall buildings. If you look around, you will see design everywhere in your classroom - the calendar on the wall, your pens and pencils, even in the books that you use. Doorsteps and paper clips are designed as well as churches. Your attention may be drawn to certain small designed things, such as a fine watch with a genuine gold band, or a handsome portable television set so small that you can easily carry it wherever you go. But most design that we see we don't even notice. Did you know that design influences what we buy and how much we buy ? People who run supermarkets know this. Their shelves are designed so that the packages seem to jump right into your shopping basket.

All kinds of packages involve design. In fact, some packages seem to be all design and little product ! The next time you are in a supermarket or a drugstore, look at the rows and rows of household articles. Pick up a graceful bottle that look as if it might hold a pint. The label may tell you that its holds only six ounces. Design is more than the shape and size of the package. The writing and the bold colors on the label are also carefully designed. You can recognize many familiar products before you are close enough to read their labels. You can recognize them by the way the product's name is written or even by the bright patterns of red or blue or green. Picture in your mind the lines of cold drink cans on the shelf. Even though

the cans are all the same size and shape, can't you recognize the brands without reading the labels ?

You may think that the package designers are trying to help the store owners get your money. That is partly true, of course. No one could afford to run a store unless people bought goods, and no one could afford to be a designer unless people bought designs. Anyway, you are probably wise enough not to be fooled by a fancy package. You look at the price of what you are buying and read the label to see how much the package actually holds. You can admire a pretty box on the shelf without having to take it home.

You don't have to buy things that you don't need, but you can still share the designer's pleasure in the finished product. Take just one kind of package - the glass bottle. Dozens of kinds of bottles are found in stores : small bottles and large ones, squat bottles and tall ones, fat bottles and thin ones. Even when the bottles are empty, people save them. They save them as containers for coins or to build ship models inside them. They spend hours carefully making lamps from old store bottles.

We who love the land may resent the many miles of concrete highways. Still, we should notice that engineers often build with a thought for beauty. Few sights in the world can equal the soaring Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco or the breathtaking views along the Skyline Drive in Virginia. Good designers take nature into account. If they can make natural beauty more available, they will do it. Almost everything we touch and see has been designed to be beautiful as well as useful. Look at our stamps and coins. Look at the portable dishwashers with genuine wooden tops and the plain but durable tables and chairs as well as at the fancy wallpapers and flowered bed sheets. Design is everywhere. Enjoy it.

- A) Choose the correct answer for the following : **(10×1=10 Marks)**
- 1) Many people think that natural things are
 - a) made with concrete
 - b) littering roads
 - c) artificial and of little value
 - d) more beautiful than man-made
 - 2) Some people who wish to make the world a more pleasant place in which to live
 - a) plan man-made things
 - b) seek out gracious old homes
 - c) prefer old designs
 - d) spread trash
 - 3) Of all the people who deal with design, the first one mentioned in this story is
 - a) the highway engineer
 - b) the small item designer
 - c) the architect
 - d) the packaging designer
 - 4) Good designers
 - a) resent the use of land for roads
 - b) try to fool people with fancy packaging
 - c) charge very high fees
 - d) take nature into account

- 5) Good package designs
- a) help sell more products
 - b) always fool people
 - c) are planed for people who cannot read
 - d) are planned by architects
- 6) A person interested in becoming a designer might find it most helpful to study
- a) music
 - b) art
 - c) another language
 - d) cooking
- 7) Beauty and grace are found
- a) only in old building designs
 - b) in both old and new building designs
 - c) only in modern building designs
 - d) only in the building designs of Greece and Rome
- 8) Almost everything we touch and see has been designed to be beautiful and
- a) natural
 - b) graceful
 - c) useful
 - d) durable
- 9) Another name for this story could be
- a) "Graceful Homes and Towering Buildings."
 - b) "Design Is Everywhere."
 - c) "Buildings of the Past."
 - d) "Planned Towns of the Future."
- 10) This story is mainly about
- a) designers who work with small items
 - b) fancy packaging
 - c) noticing design
 - d) destroying natural beauty

B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences : **(3×2=6 Marks)**

- 11) How does man spoil natural beauty ?
 - 12) What gives beauty to modern architecture according to the passage ?
 - 13) In what ways does design influence the human beings ?
12. a) A Newspaper report of a building collapse is given below. Read it and write a detailed report to the District Collector analysing the causes and offer your recommendations.

Oct. 20, 2017

At least eight people were killed and three others severely injured when a portion of a building, belonging to Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC), collapsed on Friday at the Porayar depot in Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam district. The News Minute report also said that of the eight people who died, seven were drivers and one was a bus conductor. The three people injured have been rescued and taken to hospital in Karaikal.

The Hindu further reported that the building was constructed around 60 years ago, had developed cracks and was in need of repairs.

(OR)

- b) You are planning to take a Green Project. Prepare a proposal to be submitted to the state government for approval. The proposal should contain the aim, how it is going to be executed and where the project is coming up, its special features, the budget etc.

13. Attempt **any one** of the following essays in **250** words :

- a) Compare and contrast any two schools of architecture. Write about their special features, age or period when established - notable buildings etc.

(OR)

- b) *The Relationship between Architecture and Human Well Being* - Analyse this topic and write an essay in about 300 words.

14. a) Describe the process of creating a roof garden. Use the cohesive devices and give all details.

(OR)

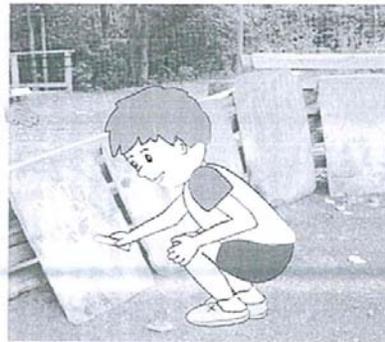
- b) Describe the process of - How to pitch a tent in the rain ? Explain in detail, the order of doing and the precautions that will be taken.

15. Describe and interpret any one of the following pictures in 200 words :

a)

Make your mark

Let nature inspire you as you draw, build and color
We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity.



(OR)

b)

