

Acharya Nagarjuna University
A Course in Reading & Writing Skills
Model Question Paper
Semester-II

Max Marks: 75

Time: 3 hours

Section-A

I. Answer any TWO of the following in about 50 words each: 2x5=10M

1. What does Russell say when a person finds himself getting angry about a difference of opinion?
2. How can one guard oneself from a false sense of self-esteem, according to Russell?
3. How does Ruskin Bond bring out the narrator's meeting with the girl?
4. Write a short note on the theme of The Night Train at Deoli.

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about 50 words each: 2x5=10M

1. How does Shelley address the West Wind?
2. What is the theme of the poem, Ode to the West Wind”.
3. Summarize the poem “Coromandel Fishers” by Sarojini Naidu.
4. Sketch Upagupta's character.

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about 50 words 2x5=10M

- 1) What is the irony of the story ‘An Astrologer's Day’?
- 2) Sketch the character of the Astrologer.
- 3) Write a note on the important contributions of Florence Nightingale?
- 4) How did Florence Nightingale influence the Nursing profession?

Section - B

V. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 1x5- 5M

A good way of ridding yourself of certain kinds of dogmatism is to become aware of opinions held in social circles different from your own. When I was young, I lived much outside my own country in France, Germany, Italy, and the United States. I found this very profitable in diminishing the intensity of insular prejudice. If you cannot travel, seek out people with whom you disagree, and read a newspaper belonging to a party that is not yours. If the people and the newspaper seem mad, perverse, and wicked, remind yourself that you seem so to them. In this opinion both parties may be right, but they cannot both be wrong. This reflection should generate a certain caution.

- 1) Who is the author of the above passage?
- 2) Which reflection should generate a caution?

- 3) Which word in the passage means 'bias'?
- 4) 'my own country', The country referred to here is...?
- 5) What helped the writer in diminishing the intensity of insular prejudice?

Section-C

VI. Read the instructions and answer the following questions:

A) Add a Prefix, Suffix or another word to form a meaningful word. 3x1= 3M

- 1) ---- ship 2) direct---- 3) extra----.

B) Write One Word Substitutes 3x1=3M

- 1) A person who is indifferent to the pains and pleasures of life
- 2) Study of origin of words
- 3) One who loves mankind

C) Collocations 3x1= 3M

- 1) The internet added a new ----- to crime,
a) Area b) Dimension c) Zone d) Criminality.
- 2) I was ----- disappointed when I failed my driving test.
a) Bitterly b) Strongly c) Forcefully d) Largely.
- 3) There has been a dramatic ----- in the way we see modern society.
a) Alteration b) Variation c) Amendment d) Shift

D) Use the following expressions in your own sentences. 3x1= 3M

- 1) a bone of contention 2) a lion's share 3) look after

E) Make a Note of the given passage. 1x5= 5M

The functions of the Universities have steadily increased over the centuries and today they have to play a variety of roles. First, to foster the spirit of free inquiry, and promote independent and critical thinking; second, to be a repository of knowledge, responsible for its transmission through teaching and extra-mural activities; thirdly, to be the place for the pursuit, generation and application of new knowledge; fourthly, to be the training ground for through professionals, including doctors, engineers, business managers and administrators; fifthly, to render service to society, anticipating its needs and assisting in the fulfillment of social and economic objectives; sixthly, to promote values and assist in the preservation of culture and traditions.

F) Expand any ONE of the following ideas. 1x4=4M

- 1) No pains, no gains.
- 2) All that glitters is not gold.

G) You are the Secretary of the Literary Club of your college. Prepare Minutes of the Meeting in which you have discussed the arrangements for the annual Literary Fest. 1x4=4M

H) You are applying for the post of the Management Executive. The requisite qualifications are Graduate in Commerce, Computer knowledge, good communication skills. Candidates with experience will be given preference. Prepare Curriculum Vitae. **1x5=5M**

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1) Write a letter your Father about your preparation for the exams and your future plans. **1x5=5M**

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2) Write a letter to the Editor of a New paper on the poor sanitary conditions in your locality.

J) 1) Send an e mail to the Manager of a publishing house requesting him to provide you with th details of the latest books for the preparation of the competitive examination you are appearing. **1x5=5M**

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2) Write an email to the Hiring Manager of a famous IT company for the post of a Programmer.
