

BA (Programme) ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
(English Core)
Sample paper 2

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Title of the paper : English Proficiency

Semester : I/II

Maximum Marks : 75 marks

Time : 3 hours

Evaluation Scheme :

Reading comprehension : 25 marks

Vocabulary : 15 marks

Grammar : 15 marks

Composition : 10 marks

Dialogue & expressions : 10 marks

Total : 75 marks

Q.1 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it:

(1)Following China and the United States India has the highest number of unicorns in the world. The number of Smartphone users in India is expected to reach 337 million by the end of this year. India has over 450 million users of the internet and a proliferation of cheap data plans throughout the country. All of this has allowed firms to attain a scale that major global investors like Softbank notice faster. And the number of smart phone and internet user in this country is only going to grow further with a population of over 1.2 billion.

(2)In education, you have Byju's, which posts videos explaining basic concepts in science or maths for 1.7 million subscribers – who pay approximately Rs 9,500 a year. Adding approximately 130,000 students a month to its app, Byju's has found a way to impart learning without investing the massive amount of capital and effort required to build a school. They have tripled their annual revenue to \$190 million this year according to the business publication.

(3)Udaan, started by former Flipkart executives, which attained unicorn status last month, links more than 150,000 buyers and sellers of basic electronics, clothing and other such product categories.

(4)As one of the biggest tourist destinations in the world, and with significant swathes of the economy depending on it, OYO Rooms has driven many hotel owners to step up their game, seek the start up's seal of approval and find themselves listed in it .

(5) Take insurance, Policy bazaar. As the name suggests, it literally allows consumers to shop for insurance from a whole range of service providers in a country which is criminally under-insured (only 3.7% of India have insurance coverage). There are food delivery and payments/retail apps as well like Swiggy and Paytm respectively

(300words)

a) Match the sub-headings given below with the paragraphs of the passage above. The paragraphs have been numbered for your convenience.

(5)

- i. Startups in Education.
- ii. Udaan.
- iii. OYO.
- iv. Unicorns in India.
- v. Other successful initiatives.

b) On the basis of the information given in the above passage, mark the following statements as true or false.

(5)

- i. India has the highest number of unicorns in the world.
- ii. Udaan links buyers and sellers.
- iii. Byju has replaced schools.
- iv. Hotel owners get listed in OYO.
- v. Paytm is a food delivery app.
- vi.

Q.2 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it:

‘Eye in the Sky’ Disaster Management and Humanitarian Aid Services developed by a team of IIT-Madras students can potentially become the eyes of [disaster management](#) teams during communication failure. The technology utilises [drones](#) enabled with [artificial intelligence](#), offering an end-to-end solution in identifying accurate information on people trapped in disaster-hit areas.

Quick decisions and responses are the need of the hour during disaster situations and this technology aims to equip response teams with the knowledge of where to look without wasting anyone’s time, help provide food, drinking water, medical and other safety aids to marooned populations.

Recognising the potential of the technology in surveillance operations, ‘Eye in the Sky’ received the ‘Microsoft AI For Earth’ grant and won the Indian Innovation Growth Programme University Challenge held at IIT-Bombay recently.

“We are mainly working on the software side. Our focus is not on drone hardware. There are companies in India already building customisable drones. However, there aren’t many companies that can provide accurate analysis-based solutions based on video footage. Our software can help detect people from a height of 30-40 meters above ground, figuring out whether people are unconscious, require help, etc,” he says.

What makes ‘Eye in the Sky’ unique is that its analytical modules are based on the latest available technology with the team creating their own databases for some of the modules.

The role of local relief task forces and NGOs remains crucial in all phases of disaster management. The ‘Eye in the Sky’ can help them in documenting the findings of the assessments, and provide the information to the disaster administration to overcome vulnerabilities and address risks.

a) Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using a suitable word from the passage:

(3)

- i. 'Eye in the Sky' aims to _____ information on people trapped in disaster hit areas.
- ii. This technology uses _____ in surveillance operations.
- iii. Analysis based solutions help to improve _____ if based on data footage.

b) Which of the following is not an objective of the passage?

(2)

- i. Accurate information of disaster hit area.
- ii. Working on software.
- iii. Creation of drone hardware.
- iv. Enabling quick response to ground situations.

Note: The following questions should be answered in 30-40 words each, using your own words as far as possible.

c) 'Eye in the Sky' becomes the eyes of the disaster management teams. If yes, How?

(2)

d) List two reasons how technology can help in disaster situations.

(2)

e) The focus is not on drone hardware? If not, who do they seek?

(2)

f) What potential did 'Microsoft AI for Earth' recognize in this project?

(2)

g) How is 'Eye in the Sky' a unique innovation?

(2)

Q3.

A. On the lines of the given example, make the opposites of the words given below by choosing a suitable prefix from the following list. (5 marks)

Example : Safe – unsafe

In, anti, Dis, mis, Im

- (i) Lead
- (ii) Agree
- (iii) Social
- (iv) adequate
- (v) possible

Hint: See Appendix 1 of Grammar Capsule provided after the sample papers

B. Complete each of the following sentences by choosing suitably from the opposites you have made in question 3(a) above :

(5 marks)

Example : Drunken driving in very unsafe.

- i. It is _____ to reach by 8 pm.
- ii. There are a lot of _____ elements near the college.
- iii. I _____ with your view on terrorism.
- iv. Please don't _____ the students by spreading lies.
- v. The milk is _____ to make coffee for everyone.

C. On the lines of the given example. Complete each sentence below by making suitable changes in the form of the word given in the bracket. (5 marks)

Example : The rose is a beautiful (beauty) flower

1. We need to spread _____ (aware) about hygiene.
2. I am the wholesale _____ (distribute) of Pepsi in the north region.
3. I trust your _____ (decide) in the matter.
4. My friend has been in _____ (depress) since her mother's death.
5. The spread of this disease is _____ (prevent)

Hint: See Appendix 4 of Grammar Capsule provided after the sample papers

Q.4.

A. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by making suitable changes in the forms of the verbs given in the bracket. (5 marks)

Example : Sumit was (be) late for class today.

1. She _____ (buy) a new car last week.
2. I _____ (go) to the temple on Tuesdays.
3. Tarun _____ (be) at school this morning.
4. He _____ (work) hard for the examination.
5. What is he _____ (do)?

B. Complete the sentences given below by choosing from the following list of conjunctions.

(5 marks)

Example: I regard my mother as my best friend

Or while but Though until

1. This is a small ----- interesting story.
2. Make hay ----- the sun shines.

3. We will visit Paris ---- Rome during the summer.
4. Let us wait here ----- the rain stops.
5. He worked hard ----- he failed.

C. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by choosing a suitable article (a, an, the)
(5 marks)

Example : There is ___ big tree outside our house.

1. She didn't get _____ invitation for the show.
2. I saw _____ beautiful butterfly in the park.
3. Today is _____ fifth day of the conference.
4. He told _____ funniest joke.
5. He had _____ little difficulty with his homework.

Hint: See Appendix 3 of Grammar Capsule provided after the sample papers

Q.5. Write a paragraph in about 100 words about "A Morning Walk "in a park near your house.
(10 marks)

Help Box

- Where is the park?
- Who did you go with?
- What did you see?
- How did you feel?
- Would you recommend it to others? Why?

Hints : Write a connected paragraph.

Don't only frame sentences from the words / phrases provided as suggested words.

Q.6. A. Match the expressions in column A with the correct responses in Column B.
(5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. Would you like a cup of coffee?	1. I would love to but I have an appointment with the dentist.
2. Would you like to join me for lunch?	2. I'm extremely sorry but it would be difficult to for me to leave Delhi.
3. I was wondering if we can plan a meeting in Goa.	3. Sure, just take the first right from the signal.
4. I'm pleased to inform you that I've secured the first position.	4. Congratulations! Well done.
5. Can you please tell me the way to college?	5. No, thanks, I've just had a coke.

Hints: Go back to the Chapter on Speak Better

B. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by choosing the correct words given in the brackets :
(5 marks)

1. No _____ member was present in the party. (mail, male)
2. He gave me a _____ of bread. (piece, peace)
3. He changed the _____ of one of his shoes. (soul, sole)
4. This door is made of _____ (steel, steal)
5. He told me an interesting _____ (tail, tale)
6. Tinku wears a belt around his _____ (waste, waist)
7. He is feeling _____ because he has just had malaria. (week, weak)
8. I wear a raincoat in wet _____ (whether, weather)
9. We live on the second _____ of this building (story, storey)
10. The children showed _____ report cards to their parents (their, there).