

**PG-424**

**PGDSE-01**

**P.G. DIPLOMA EXAMINATION —  
JUNE, 2019.**

**Spoken English**

**BASICS OF LANGUAGE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

1. Explain any TWO of the following in about 50 words each : (2 × 5 = 10)
  - (a) Explain simple present tense Vs present continuous tense with an example.
  - (b) What is meant by active listening?
  - (c) Explain the structural elements of an E-mail.
  
2. Read the following passage and make notes on it : (1 × 5 = 5)

Acupuncture is a system of treatment of disease which has been practised in China for nearly 5000 years. It consists in the rapid insertion of five steel needles, about 6 cm long, on particular spots on the body of the patient. After inserting the needle the doctor twirls the needle between his thumb and forefinger. There are hundreds of acupuncture

points on the body. When a puncture is made on the spot, energy flows from there along lines known as meridians to the diseased organs. This flow of energy helps to restore the balance of the system and thus correct the disorder. The points of treatment may be far from the seat of the disease. For example to cure a toothache, the acupuncturist may insert a needle on the palm of the patient.

Although China is considered to be the country where acupuncture originated some forms of treatments resemble it have been reported from other parts of the world by anthropologists. Among some ancient tribes, stones and arrows were used to prick the skin. In another form of treatments, the skin on particular spots of the body was burnt to effect a cure for certain diseases.

For long acupuncture was dismissed by the west as a form of superstition. The theoretical basis for acupuncture propounded in China was a mixture of philosophy and spirituality. This stood in the way of the acceptance by Chinese scientists.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable linkers.  
(5 × 2 = 10)
- (i) Walk fast ————— you will miss the train.
  - (ii) ————— he is rich, he is a miser.

- (iii) The ship was wrecked \_\_\_\_\_ no one was hurt.
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ all the efforts she put in, she failed.
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather stops me, I go for a walk everyday.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct Tense forms. (5 × 2 = 10)
- (i) We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) joining the new job next week.
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) karate classes for self defense.
- (iii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the door bell rang.
- (iv) We \_\_\_\_\_ (do) our duty.
- (v) She \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) what to do.

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (5 × 2 = 10)

About 50 years ago nuclear power became a symbol of nationhood and development. Nuclear power, if it was thought would free humanity from smoke stack pollution. Scientific seers told us of the potential benefits of nuclear power at low cost, and seemingly pollution free, some ever believed that the atom would power automobiles and aircraft. There was a spre attempting to harness nuclear energy for utilities and other peaceful

purposition. But what followed were nuclear accidents. Chernobyl in Ukraine and many others there seems to be a price in progress.

The most insidious problem that has festered ever since the first man-made atomic chain reaction took place at the University of : Chicago in 1947 is the storage of the waste that reactors produce. Scientists grappling with the problem of this deadly radioactive nuclear waste, considered sending it into outer space, burying it in polar ice crps, dumping it into the ocean or shooting it at the sun. The minimum requirement is isolation for atleast 1000 years, a which time most radio-active elements will decay to a stable form.

In the 1970's people dumped low-leaved waste, such as contaminated clothing just about anywhere. Millions now live above or near forgotten nuclear-waste bureal sites. Some could be drinking from contaminated wells where radio active waste seeped into the water supply. Others line where nuclear material is illegally burned. It is possible to receive a excessive dose of radio activity and not even be aware of it.

- (a) What was considered the potential benefit of nuclear power?
- (b) What does 'there seems to be a price to progress' imply?

- (c) What is the problem presented in the passage?
- (d) Give the synonym for 'grappling'.
- (e) How are people affected by this issue?

5. Transcribe any THREE of the following passages :  
(3 × 10 = 30)

(a) Surya : Good morning, Sir! I am Surya calling from Naresh Intercontinental. I would like to talk to Ms. Agnes from London. She has given this as her local contact number.

Shyam : Yes of course. She is staying with us. Hold on a minute please. I will pass the phone to her.

Agnes : Hello! Agnes here.

Surya : Good morning, Ma'am. You have booked to stay with us in Madurai from tomorrow. I have called to find out your domestic flight number from Chennai and the time of arrival at Madurai. We will send a car to the airport to pick you up.

Agnes : Oh, that's wonderful! I will be flying in India and my flight will land at 3.30 p.m.

Surya : Thank you, ma'am. The hotel driver will meet you at the lounge.

(b) Gita : Good Morning Aunty. I am Gita,  
How are you aunty?

Mala : I am very well. Thank you Gita.  
How have you been? You haven't  
called for a long time.

Gita : I was busy with the preparations  
for my examination

Mala : Oh! How did you examination go?

Gita : I have done my best aunty. Let's  
wait for the results to be  
announced.

Mala : I am sure you would have done  
well. Would you like to talk to  
uncle? He is here.

Uncle : Hai Gita? How are you?

Gita : Fine, Uncle. Thank you. How are  
you?

Uncle : Good Today is a holiday, so just  
relaxing at home.

- (c) Ticketing Assistant : Good Morning, Sir.  
How may I help you?
- Passenger : I am flying to Sri Lanka today with my mother. She can't walk all the way to the bus and then to the aircraft. Could you arrange for a wheel chair please?
- T.A : Sure, Sir. May I have you ticket?
- Passenger : Here it is. Could I also request you to give her an aisle seat? She may not be able to go to the window or the middle seat.
- T.A : Yes Sir, Infact the flight is rather empty today. I will see if I can upgrade her to the executive class.
- Passenger : That is very kind of you. Thank you so much.
- (d) Ram : I am calling to find out about the eligibility criteria for admission into the B.Com. course in your college could you help me please?
- Counsellor : It is given in the college prospectus you can check it out.

Ram : I am from Bangalore. It might be late before I receive it from the college.

Counsellor : Please lookup our website. You will get the information you need.

Ram : Thank you sir for the information, Sir I really appreciate it.

Counsellor : You are Welcome.

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**Spoken English**

**INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Maximum marks : 75**

1. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 50 words each : (5 × 5 = 25)
- (a) Explain word accent.
  - (b) What is meant by syntax?
  - (c) What are inflectional morphemes?
  - (d) How is the 'word' defined?
  - (e) Explain vowel-guide with an example.
  - (f) What is an Idiolect?
  - (g) Describe the following using the three term label.
    - (i) / s /
    - (ii) / f /
    - (iii) / m /

2. Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each. (2 × 10 = 20)
- (a) Describe the articulation of front vowels.
  - (b) Write briefly on the evolution of Standard English.
  - (c) What are the factors which have contributed to the growth of vocabulary?
  - (d) Explain the functions of language.
  - (e) Write a note on pragmatics and discourse analysis.
3. Answer any TWO of the following in about 500 words each : (2 × 15 = 30)
- (a) Write an essay on the varieties of language.
  - (b) Discuss the similarities and differences between the spoken and written form of language.
  - (c) Write an essay tracing the descent of the English language.
  - (d) Describe the manner of articulation of the English consonants.

- (e) Transcribe the following :
- (i) Can I speak to your mother?
  - (ii) Where did you find the box?
  - (iii) I'm afraid, you cannot do that
  - (iv) The Prime Minister is expected to arrive shortly.
  - (v) Its very doubtful whether the flight will reach on time.
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**PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTION AND SPOKEN**  
**ENGLISH**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

- I. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 50 words each. (5 × 5 = 25)
1. Explain the functional shift of stress.
  2. What are the patterns of Intonation in R.P English.
  3. Explain the phonatory system.
  4. Give two examples of words having more than three syllables with syllabic structure.
  5. Explain the articulation of ‘approximants’
  6. Illustrate the use of strong forms of grammatical words
  7. Write a note on the Diphthong of English.
- II. Transcribe any TEN words. (10 × 2 = 20)
8. (a) Grow
  - (b) Duration
  - (c) Celebrate
  - (d) Distinct
  - (e) Local

- (f) Mutton
- (g) Cousin
- (h) Neice
- (i) Famous
- (j) Sure
- (k) Shout
- (l) Flout
- (m) Squeeze
- (n) Rear
- (o) Vine

III. Transcribe any TWO of the dialogues given.  
(2 × 15 = 30)

9. (a) Balu : Good morning Sir. When does the Trivandrum Mail start.
- Passenger : I am Sorry, please ask the clerk.
- Balu : Could you please tell me when the Trivandrum mail will start
- Clerk : At 7.45 p.m
- Passenger : From which platform sir?

Clerk : That depends on which track is free. It will take some time for me to tell you.

Passenger : Okay. I will wait

Clerk : Don't worry. It will be put up on the display board. You can see the train number, the platform it will be stationed for passenger to board and the time of departure.

Passenger : Thank you so much. It usually departs from the first platform.

Clerk : Yes. It does.

(b) John : What are you doing there at this time of the day?

George : I am in trouble

John : What happened?

George : Please come fast. I met with an accident

John : How did it happen?

George : I was trying to take a taxi on the other side of the road when this cyclist hit me and I fell down losing my balance

John : Did you hurt yourself  
George : No, nothing serious. I  
Just wanted somebody to  
be with me  
John : Okay, come we will go  
home and have a cup of  
coffee.  
(c) Balu : May I have a file?  
Salesperson: Sure, Sir Take this. It  
costs only seventy rupees  
Balu : Well, I'm not sure. But I  
definitely want something  
cheap.  
Salesperson: Then, What about this  
plastic file. It costs only  
twenty rupees  
Balu : No, I dont like plastic files  
Salesperson: In that case. What type  
are you looking out for?  
Balu : How about that folder?  
Salesperson: Which one sin?  
Balu : The red one in the last  
shelf. How much does it  
cost?  
Salesperson: It costs fifteen rupees  
Balu : All right, I'll take that.