B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2024

UGP (HONS.) SEMESTER - 1: ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COURSE

COURSE: 24UENGAEC102: NAVIGATING ENGLISH – PART I

(For Regular 2024 Admission)

Time: 1.5 Hours

Answer the questions as directed

I. Answer the following as directed

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Max. Marks - 50

- 1. Write a request to your friend to use their credit card Using 'if clause'
- 2. Use the correct verbs to complete the sentence:
- If she ------ before 5 PM, we can watch the movie together (arrive).
- 3. Combine the two sentences using 'when' We finished cleaning the room. Then our guests arrived.
- 4. Fill in the blanks with *who / that*, if necessary. My last girlfriend was someone I had nothing in common with.
- 5. Use the correct form of verb. She is interested in (Learn) new languages.
- 6. Rewrite the sentence to start with 'it'. Learning new languages is challenging.
- 7. Use the correct form of verb: I (Take) a trip to London last year. I was bit scared because I (Not travel) abroad before, but everything was perfect.
- 8. Complete the sentence to show cultural expectation. When you go to a birthday party (bring gifts)
- 9. Combine the following sentences into one using an "It" clause: The team worked hard. This was the reason they won the championship.
- 10. Describe a problem using the word 'Pain'.

II. Read the given passage and answer the questions.

The Wonders of Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are among the most diverse and valuable ecosystems on Earth. They provide essential services to both marine life and humans, such as offering habitat for a vast variety of species, protecting coastlines from the effects of wave action, and supporting fishing and tourism industries. Coral reefs are sometimes called the "rainforests of the sea" because of their incredible biodiversity. However, these ecosystems are under severe threat due to climate change, pollution, and destructive fishing practices.

One of the most significant dangers to coral reefs is coral bleaching, a phenomenon caused by rising sea temperatures. When the water becomes too warm, corals expel the algae (called zooxanthellae) that live within their tissues. This causes the corals to turn completely white, a

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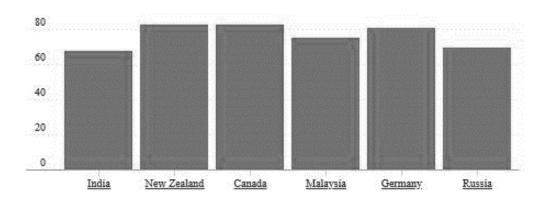
Process known as bleaching. Although corals can survive a bleaching event, they are more vulnerable to disease and may eventually die if the stress continues.

Conservation efforts are critical to preserving coral reefs. Scientists and environmentalists are working to create marine protected areas, restore damaged reefs, and reduce carbon emissions to slow down climate change. By raising awareness and taking action, we can help ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy the wonders of coral reefs.

Answer the following in a sentence or two.

- a) What are some of the essential services provided by coral reefs?
- b) What is coral bleaching, and what causes it?
- c) Why coral reefs are often referred to as the "rainforests of the sea"?
- d) Why might coral reefs be more vulnerable to disease after a bleaching event?
- e) How could human activities potentially contribute to the decline of coral reefs, based on the information in the passage?

III. Go through the given graph showing life expectancy in different countries in the year 2021 and answer the questions following in not more than two sentences. (10 marks)



Life expectancy (years): other countries (2021)

Data from datacatalog.worldbank.org via Data Commons

- 1. Which country has the highest life expectancy according to the graph? (1 mark)
- 2. What is the approximate difference in life expectancy between India and Germany? (1 mark)
- 3. Are there any countries on this graph with similar life expectancies, and which are they? (1 mark)
- 4. How does Russia's life expectancy compare to that of New Zealand? (1 mark)
- 5. Based on this data, which country would you say has a significantly lower life expectancy than others? (1 mark)

- 6. What factors might contribute to the differences in life expectancy among these countries? (2 marks)
- 7. How might improvements in healthcare impact the life expectancy in countries with lower values on this graph? (3marks)

IV. Mark the intonation of the given sentences

- 1. He will be there?
- 2. Can you please open the bottle for me?
- 3. Shut the door.
- 4. She got a cold.
- 5. Samples are free.

V. Answer any three of the following.

- 1. Prepare a personal note on the fondest memory you have with your best friend.
- 2. Prepare an online review of the bag you purchased from Amazon.
- 3. Imagine that you need a reference book from your senior. Prepare a possible conversation.
- 4. Draft a post to be shared on social media to invite entries to your upcoming manuscript magazine.
- 5. Draft a message to your friend requesting him to lend you a formal shirt.

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(3 x 5 = 15)