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**BLI-225 : COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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*Note : Answer all questions.*

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Read the passage and answer the questions that follow (Q. Nos. 1 and 2) :

Fried dough has been made all around the world. Dutch Settlers who brought apple and cream pies, cookies and cobbler to the New

York World also introduced doughnuts. Their Doughnuts were called olykoeks, or oily cakes—sweet dough balls fried in animal fat. Early doughnuts were often filled with apples, prunes or raisins. The name doughnut may refer to the nuts put in the middle of the dough ball to prevent an uncooked centre of possibly to “dough knots”—another popular shape for the olykoeks. Today, “Doughnuts” and “donut” are used interchangeably.

There are three stories about why doughnuts have holes in the centre. In 1847, Elizabeth Gregory was known for making a very fine olykoek with a hint of nutmeg and a filling of hazelnuts or walnuts. Her son, Hanson Crockett Gregory was a 16-year old sailor who invented the doughnut hole.

One story says that on June 22, 1847 Captain Gregory's ship hit a sudden storm. He impaled the doughnut as a spoke on the steering wheel to keep his hands free. The spoke drove a hole through the raw centre of the doughnut. Captain Gregory liked the doughnuts better that way, and the doughnut hole was born.

In the second story, he didn't like nuts, so he poked them out and ordered the ship's cook to remove the centers from doughnuts.

The third version comes from an interview with Captain Gregory in the Washington Post. Gregory didn't like the greasiness of doughnuts twisted into various ehapes, or the raw center of regular doughnuts. He suddenly had the idea to punch a hole with the ship's tin pepper box.

When he got home, he taught this new doughnut trick to his mother.

Making a hole increased the surface area exposed to the hot oil and eliminated the uncooked center.

Here's part of the interview with 85 year old Captain Gregory :

'In those days we used to cut the doughnuts into diamond shapes, and also into long strips, bent in half, and then twisted. I don't think we called them doughnuts then—they were just 'fried cakes and twisters.'

'Well sir, they used to fry all right around the edges, but when you had the edges done the insides was all raw dough. And the twisters

used to sop up all the grease just when they bent, and they were tough on the digestion.'

Well I say to myself, why wouldn't a space inside solve the difficulty ? "I thought at first I'd take one of the strips and roll it around, then I got an inspiration, a great inspiration. I took the cover off the ship's tin pepper box, and—I cut into the middle of that doughnut the first hole ever seen by mortal eyes !"

"Well, sir, then doughnuts was the finest I ever tasted. No more indigestion—no more greasy sinkers—but just well done, fried through doughnuts."

1. Answer the questions in (a) to (b) by choosing the correct option : 10

(a) The first doughnuts brought to America by the Dutch were :

(i) yellow

- (ii) sour
  - (iii) bitter
  - (iv) oily
- (b) Captain Gregory :
- (i) added filling to the doughnut
  - (ii) improved the doughnut
  - (iii) brought the doughnut to America
  - (iv) invented the doughnut
- (c) What inspired Captain Gregory ?
- (i) The idea that he could put filling in the doughnut
  - (ii) He wanted to think of a new name for doughnuts
  - (iii) The idea of cutting a hole into the centre of the doughnuts
  - (iv) The idea of starting a bakery.

(d) What could be the title for this passage ?

- (i) Nickname for doughnuts
- (ii) The first bakery
- (iii) Doughnuts around the world
- (iv) How did the doughnut change time

(e) Which of the following was not a nickname for doughnuts as described by Captain Gregory ?

- (i) Fried cakes
- (ii) Twisters
- (iii) Olykoeks
- (iv) Greasy sinkers

(f) What does the word "introduced" mean in the following sentence ?

Fried dough has been made all around the world. Dutch settlers who brought apple

and cream pies, cookies and cobbler to the new world introduced doughnuts :

- (i) brought to a new place
  - (ii) fought
  - (iii) made
  - (iv) discovered
- (g) Doughnuts were originally made with nuts in the center to .....
- (i) make the doughnuts less oily
  - (ii) make the doughnuts tasteless
  - (iii) make the doughnuts easier to pry
  - (iv) make sure the center is fully cooked
- (h) Which of the following is definitely true about doughnut holes ?
- (i) The doughnut hole was invented to make it taste better



- (ii) The doughnut hole was invented by a sailor.
- (iii) The doughnut hole was invented inside a box.
- (iv) The doughnut hole was invented as a result of a bad storm at sea.
- (i) Which of the following items was not introduced by the Dutch ?
  - (i) Cookies
  - (ii) Ice cream
  - (iii) Cobbler
  - (iv) Cream pies
- (j) Why do you think Washington Post interviewed Captain Gregory ?
  - (i) They wanted to know how the doughnut hole came into being.

(ii) They were interested in why doughnuts were so greasy.

(iii) They wanted to know the places he had sailed to.

(iv) They believed someone else invented the doughnut hole.

2. Find words in the passage that mean the opposite of the following : 10

(i) Unpopular

(ii) Periphery

(iii) Calm

(iv) Digestion

(v) Old

3. Prepare a profile of yourself to use it for an interview in a research institution. 10

4. Prepare the minutes of the meeting held in your organisation to discuss the celebration of Independence Day this year. 10
5. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following : 10
- (i) My ambition in life
  - (ii) My greatest inspiration
  - (iii) My best friend
6. You are a librarian in a college library. You had ordered some books from the publisher that has not arrived yet. Write a letter to the publisher complaining about the delay. 10
7. Change the following into the passive voice : 5
- (i) She is writing a letter to her father.
  - (ii) He teaches English in the coaching centre.
  - (iii) Somebody has stolen my purse.

(iv) The team will celebrate their victory tomorrow.

(v) He cooks meal everyday.

8. Complete the following with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets : 5

(i) My brother ..... (work) at a bank.

(ii) I never ..... (gets) up before 9 a.m. on Sunday.

(iii) I ..... (like) to listen to music.

(iv) I ..... (see) the dentist at 11 a.m.

(v) Hari ..... (drive) all the way to Toronto.