

**ADVANCE CERTIFICATE IN
SPOKEN ENGLISH AND
PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Term-End Examination

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OSSI-004 : FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGLISH - II

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Note : This question paper has six questions.

All questions are compulsory.

1. Write an essay, of about 120 - 150 words, on 10
any one of the given topics :
 - (a) Television brings families together.
 - (b) Importance of good vocabulary and how to enhance it.

2. Read the given passage and answer the questions 10
that follow :

India has always been a peace-loving nation.
She has never been the one to fire the first bullet.
We believe in non-violence and peaceful
co-existence.

Remember what Mahatma Gandhi said : 'If
someone slaps you on one cheek, turn the other
cheek towards him' ? But this does not mean that

we are cowards. If a bullet is fired at us, we will give a befitting answer. Indians are mostly vegetarians and do not believe in killing innocent animals to make a meal of them. We are true to our word and never deceive others. Laying down our lives to keep our word has been the theme of many stories often told in Indian households. Indians always respect their elders and care for those who are younger to the extent that in families, people do not eat till the elders have been served. Food is always freshly cooked and served with love and care and there is always enough for anyone who might drop in unannounced. Hospitality is a way of life in this country.

- (a) According to this passage, why isn't the first bullet fired by India ? 2
- (b) Which words of Mahatma Gandhi became famous ? What do they mean ? 2
- (c) How do we know that guests are always welcome in India ? Which lines in the passage indicate this ? 2
- (d) Which words in the passage mean : 4
- (i) someone who is not brave
 - (ii) homes
 - (iii) harmless; not guilty
 - (iv) having regard for

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3. Each sentence given below has an error. Edit the errors and rewrite the sentences : **10**
- (a) Mrs. Indira was a great Prime Minister.
 - (b) The garden is full of different kinds of flowers.
 - (c) He is always telling lies.
 - (d) You will come to my house on Monday ?
 - (e) French is a difficult language, na ?
 - (f) Its not fair to blame the public.
 - (g) Neither Amar nor Amit are coming.
 - (h) One of my favourite book is Five Point someone.
 - (i) Please give me a scissors.
 - (j) The radio gives us informations.

4. Fill in the gaps using some of the expressions/ idioms given in the box below : **10**

Pleased as punch, out of sorts, climbing the wall, at short notice, Tuesday week, nipped in the bud, put yourself in my shoes, living on borrowed time, make ends meet, under the impression, neither here nor there, make no bones about it.

- (a) He was _____ when he heard that his brand new car was damaged.
- (b) She felt _____ and didn't go for the picnic.
- (c) They left _____ so no one could say goodbye to them.

- (d) The old man had cancer and _____.
- (e) Mr. Gupta stopped the romance very quickly, it was _____.
- (f) Are you _____ that I stole your book ?
- (g) In these days of recession, it is difficult _____.
- (h) We're planning to leave _____ that is exactly two weeks from now.
- (i) She was _____ when she heard that she had topped the exam.
- (j) _____ and try to understand how lonely I am feeling ?

5. Identify the adjectives in following sentences by underlining them : 10

- (a) The building is ten feet high.
- (b) The naughty boy hit the dog.
- (c) Seema bought a yellow coat.
- (d) The short girl was not selected for high jump.
- (e) The ace batsman opened the match.
- (f) A little pony is grazing in the field.
- (g) The round table was covered by a tablecloth.
- (h) The sharp knife cut his hand.
- (i) He went out in the cold morning.
- (j) The pretty dress was praised by all.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles : 10

- (a) He has _____ friend. _____ friend is his neighbour.
 - (b) _____ main reason behind crime is poverty.
 - (c) _____ stich in time saves nine.
 - (d) It's _____ matter of minutes before the game will be up.
 - (e) I shot _____ arrow into _____ dark.
 - (f) _____ dog is a loyal animal.
 - (g) _____ wolf and _____ sheep can never be friends.
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