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**Bachelor of Arts (FYUP) 2nd Semester
(2055)**

ENGLISH

Paper : Language Skills : Reading & Writing (For BA Only)

Time Allowed : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 30

Note :—Question No. 1 (Section–A) is compulsory. Attempt two questions from Section-B and two questions from Section–C.

SECTION—A

1. Short Notes— 2 out of 5 to be attempted in not more than 150 words each :

- (a) Describe Close Reading in your own words.
- (b) What do you understand by skimming ?
- (c) What are the different kinds of charts and graphs ?
- (d) Write down some valuable tips for writing a good paragraph.
- (e) Describe the importance of E-Mail in modern times.

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SECTION—B

Attempt any **two** questions out of the given **four** :

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

It is important to remain positive in dark times. We can cultivate positivity if we make conscious efforts. First of all, we should realise that positivity comes from within. No one from outside can make you happy and cheerful. Inner control or discipline is a must which guides us to follow the right path in life. Therefore, we all need to control our negative thoughts and feelings even in difficult situations. This can be done by learning and practising meditation because when we meditate for some time, we feel light, fresh and stress free. Meditation is the most effective way to counter negativity and develop a positive bent of mind. Then, another way to develop positive attitude is to keep away from incorrigibly negative people. The company of people is always infectious. If we remain with negative people, we will soon turn to be negative and if we keep the company of positive, good and moralistic people, we can develop good and positive attitude. Moreover, a regular prayer to God and acceptance of life is important as it keeps you happy and contented. A truly religious

and spiritual individual does not have any grudge or complaint. He remains positive all the time. Lastly, a constant watch over our thoughts is a must. Only then we can ensure a positive outlook in life.

Questions :

- (1) How can we cultivate positivity ?
- (2) What is required in difficult situations ?
- (3) How can we learn to control the negative thoughts ?
- (4) What is the importance of regular prayer ?
- (5) What will happen if we remain in the company of negative people ?

3. Summarise the given passage in your own words :

Success in life largely depends on good health. Keep your body fit through cleanliness, fresh air, regular habits and suitable recreations. Make yourself strong to play and to do it in every sense of the word. Avoid anything that takes away your strength. Smoking and drinking in life is harmful to body and mind and if a person is addicted to it, then the chances of his success in life are almost nil. It is the need of the hour to be temperate in all things because intemperance is a deadly enemy of health and

efficiency. Above all, remember that your character is a priceless possession. Therefore always keep it pure, high and blotless. Be truthful in all things, courteous and considerate to everybody and be fair to your rivals even. Be kind and helpful to those who are weak, miserable and suffering and do not be afraid to stand up for what is good, pure and noble. The following of the right path in life is always very difficult. Be morally upright, avoid gambling in every form because it is a mean and worthless game. In your leisure hours, avoid mere idling and loafing because it is a sheer wastage of time. Fill such hours with interesting hobbies and with companionship and association of good people. To a large extent, you will always be known by the company you keep.

4. Read the passage given below and paraphrase it.

Sportsmanship is a noble attitude of mind. It is a great principle which great men observe and everyone should always keep in mind. Sportsmanship does not mean taking part in games according to the set rules. Rather it means to observe all those rules in life which the player has been taught to observe while playing games. Games and sports are to mould the character of the players by training they are given in the field. Sportsmanship means fair

dealing and in other words sportsmanship is a spirit which is essential in every sphere of life. In games, if a player plays foul, the side to which he belongs is penalized. Exactly in the same manner in the bigger game of life, one must be fair in one's dealings with others. Fairness, honesty, integrity, openness of heart and frankness are the qualities of a sportsman. His true guide should be reason and not the impulse. A sportsman should be generous in helping others and if ever by mistake he offends others, he should immediately make amends for the wrong done by him and feel sorry for behaving like this. He should accept his faults and shortcomings with a smiling face. By doing so, he will surely be able to win the hearts even of his opponents.

5. Study the data given below which shows changes that took place between 2014 to 2024 in Punjab regarding women's education. Write a paragraph interpreting the data.

Women's Education in Punjab	2014	2024
No. of Girls' Schools	46	65
No. of Women Colleges	34	48
No. of Girl Students in Schools	37000	46000
No. of Girl Students in Degree Colleges	19000	31000
No. of Girl Students in Universities	8500	9800
Literacy Rate	52%	70%

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SECTION—C

Attempt any **two** questions out of the following **five** questions :

6. Write a paragraph on the topic—Importance of Discipline.
7. Make Notes of the following passage :

The great advantages of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions that is why work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also find time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to do hurry over any part of it. If an early riser devotes some time to Yoga exercises, he will be blessed with wisdom, peace of mind and energy. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight at the time when sleep is some refreshing and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for labour of the next day.

8. Write a letter to your father asking his permission to join an educational tour.
9. Write a resume for the post of a School Teacher.
10. Your name is Ruhi. Write a report on a Blood Donation Camp organized in your college.

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