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**Bachelor of Arts (FYUP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
(2055)**

**ENGLISH**

**Language Skills : Reading And Writing (Other Than BA)**

**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 (**TWO** out of **FIVE** to be attempted in not more than **150** words each) :

- (a) What are the aims and objectives of Close Reading ?
- (b) What do you understand by scanning ?
- (c) Write down the advantages of presenting information through charts and graphs.
- (d) What are the different kinds of paragraphs ?
- (e) What are the main features of a good resume ?

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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 :

Generation gap means differences between the old and the young people. These differences are in respect of their viewpoints, opinions and attitudes. Such differences are bound to rise when they belong to the same family and live under the same roof. The old people believe that they have a right to exercise authority over their children. But the young people want freedom in everything. The thinking of the old people is generally orthodox. They believe in conforming to the social attitude and value systems. Moreover, the old people think that they are always right and the young people are always wrong and this widens the generation gap. They are for ideal morality and obedience to the set patterns of behaviour because they have done this all so they expect their children to fall in with their wishes in anything they undertake to do. The young people are rebellious by nature. They refuse to follow blindly the orders of their elders because they want to think and act independently. They grow restless when their freedom is curbed. This produces tension between them. The differences between two generations appear in matters of dress, taste, food habits

and style of living. The young people like to wear clothes of latest fashion while the old people wish to wear simple and sober clothes. The old people want them to stick to a strict time table while the young people want change from the old system.

**Questions :**

- (1) What are the differences between the old and the young people ?
  - (2) What do the young people want ?
  - (3) Describe the difference between the dressing of young and old people.
  - (4) What is the thinking of the old people ?
  - (5) Give the suitable title to this paragraph.
3. Summarise the given passage in your own words :

Today we are living in a highly competitive world with its consumer culture. As more and more industries are manufacturing the same kinds of goods and as the increase in the population is making it difficult for the manufacturers to reach individuals, there is more and more emphasis on advertising. That is why advertising has become a fine art attracting many talented people. At the same time it has become

a big business and an independent industry in its own right. Advertising is mainly the art of presenting a consumer article in such a manner as to make it appear desirable, respectable and useful. The art of advertising also lies in concealing itself. The advertisement of a product tries to persuade us in such a clever manner that we accept it as a fact. For example, there are many brands of toilet soaps, shampoos, detergents available in the market. They make you believe that only their product is the best one which has all the basic ingredients. The same applies to all the consumer items. If the price of a television is relatively low, the advertiser emphasises the economy aspect. But if the price is on the higher side, the advertiser emphasises its elegance and aristocratic appeal.

4. Read the passage given below and paraphrase it :

Good manners are a sign of cultured life. A man who has no manners is branded as a savage. It is good to be courteous and polite for which we can use words like 'thank you', 'sorry', 'if you please' when some work is done for you by someone or you fail to keep your word or if you want the help of someone. Courtesy does not cost us anything but it wins us friends everywhere. We earn goodwill which matters a great deal in life. It makes us happy and cheerful because people develop liking for us. The use of such words gives good

results in our daily life. It keeps our relations smooth and easy with everyone. Even a humble calling can be dignified by polite manners. The man with polite manners teaches politeness to others and this is a great social service. We should treat even a rude fellow with politeness. This will give us a moral victory over him and he sometimes tries to change himself and this ultimately brings a change in the society. In modern times, good manners are needed more than ever before.

5. Study the data given below which shows changes that took place between 2014 to 2024 in India regarding price rise in essential commodities. Write a paragraph interpreting the data :

Price rise in essential commodities	2014	2024
Wheat	12/kg	22/kg
Gas cylinder	500	800
Milk	40/kg	65/kg
Petrol	65/ltr	95/ltr
Mustard Oil	100/kg	150/kg
Cement	250/Bag	350/Bag

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## SECTION—C

Attempt any **TWO** questions out of the following **FIVE** questions :

6. Write a paragraph on the topic — Value of Games.
7. Make notes on the following passage :

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about but the important thing is that you must talk about other fellow's hobbies rather than your own. Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interests them and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interests. It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid as well as what subjects to select for good conversation. If you do not want to be set down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant topics. Avoid talking about yourself unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems, not in yours. Sickness or death or such topics bore everybody. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor but he is paid for it. To be a good conversationalist, you must know not only what to say but how to say it. Be polite, civil and modest.

Do not stress on your own importance. Be mentally quick and witty but do not hurt others with your wit. Only then you will be called a good conversationalist.

8. Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to take part in games.
9. Write a resume for the post of a Clerk in a Nationalised Bank.
10. Your college has recently organised a Prize Distribution function. Write a report on it. Your name is Puneet.

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