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**Bachelor of Arts (FYUP) 2nd Semester
(2056)**

ENGLISH

**Paper : Language Skills : Reading & Writing
(For B.A. Only)**

Time Allowed : 1½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 30

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

(2) Write legibly. Attempt all parts of a question together.

(3) Cross all the blank pages in the answer-sheet.

SECTION—A

1. Short Notes — Attempt any **two** out of the following **five** in not more than **150** words each :

- (a) Explain the meaning and importance of scanning in reading skills.
- (b) What is the difference between active reading and passive reading?
- (c) Describe the key elements of a good summary.
- (d) List some effective tips for writing coherent paragraphs.
- (e) Discuss the role of social media in modern communication.

5+5=10

SECTION—B

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

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

It is essential to develop self-confidence to face the challenges of life. Self-confidence comes from believing in one's own abilities and strengths. Many people lack confidence due to fear of failure or past setbacks. However, confidence can be built through positive thinking, preparation, and small successes. First, one should set realistic goals and achieve them step by step. Second, learning from mistakes instead of fearing them helps in growth. Third, surrounding oneself with supportive people encourages positivity. Physical fitness and good health also boost self-esteem. Regular practice in public speaking or any skill improves assurance. Ultimately, self-confidence leads to better performance, reduced stress, and a happier life. A confident person handles criticism calmly and takes initiative boldly.

Questions :

- (1) How can we build self-confidence?
 - (2) What causes lack of self-confidence in many people?
 - (3) Why is it important to learn from mistakes?
 - (4) What role does physical fitness play in building confidence?
 - (5) Mention any two benefits of having self-confidence. 5
3. Summarise the following passage in your own words (in about **100-120** words):

Good health is the foundation of a successful and happy life. Without good health, even wealth and fame lose their value. To maintain health, one must follow a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, proteins, and whole grains. Regular physical exercise

keeps the body fit and the mind alert. Adequate sleep of 7-8 hours is necessary for recovery and energy. Harmful habits like smoking, excessive drinking, and junk food should be avoided as they damage organs and reduce lifespan. Mental health is equally important; stress management through hobbies, meditation, or talking to friends helps. Cleanliness and hygiene prevent diseases. In short, disciplined lifestyle choices lead to long, productive, and joyful living. 5

4. Paraphrase the following passage :

Leadership is the art of motivating a group of people to act towards achieving a common goal. A true leader inspires others through vision, integrity, and empathy. He leads by example rather than by force. Effective leaders listen actively, make fair decisions, and encourage team members to share ideas. They remain calm in crises and take responsibility for failures while giving credit for successes. Leadership is not about position but about influence and service to others. In every field—business, education, sports, or society—good leadership brings progress and unity. 5

5. Study the data given below which shows changes in mobile phone users in a city from 2015 to 2025. Write a paragraph interpreting the data :

Category	2015	2025	
Total Mobile Users	4.2 lakh	9.8 lakh	
Smartphone Users	1.8 lakh	8.5 lakh	
Internet Users via Mobile	1.2 lakh	7.9 lakh	
4G/5G Subscribers	0.5 lakh	8.2 lakh	
Percentage of Youth (18-30) Users	38%	72%	5

SECTION—C

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

6. Write a paragraph on the topic : Importance of Discipline in Student Life. 5

7. Make Notes (in points) of the following passage:

The benefits of reading books are numerous and lifelong. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills naturally. It enhances concentration and focus in an age of distractions. Books broaden knowledge about history, science, cultures, and human experiences. Fiction develops imagination and empathy by letting readers live different lives. Non-fiction provides facts and insights for better decision-making. Regular reading reduces stress and improves mental health. It also sharpens critical thinking and analytical abilities. Students who read regularly perform better in academics and exams. In today's digital world, books offer depth that short social media content cannot provide. Thus, cultivating the habit of reading leads to personal growth and success. 5

8. Your name is Aman. Write a letter to your mother describing your recent participation in a college cultural festival and seeking her blessings for upcoming exams. 5

9. Write a resume for the post of a Junior Content Writer in a media company. (Include personal details, education, skills, experience if any) 5

10. Your name is Simran. Write a report on a Tree Plantation Drive organized by your college NSS unit last month. (Include introduction, details of the event, participation, outcome, and conclusion). 5