

DELHI SKILL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP UNIVERSITY Program: <Program Name> Mid Semester Examination; Semester II, AY:2021-22 Subject: English Communication II- Full-time <COURSE CODE>

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

Write your Answers in the Answer Booklets provided

I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (12 Marks)



The ubiquitous denim pants (or jeans) were born out of necessity. The rough and tough outdoors in the wild west needed an equally tough material to hold the pair of .45 Colt Peacemaker revolvers, coins and bits of cowboy life. The tough cowboys wore it day in and day out herding cattle ,sleeping in them ,shooting at cattle thieves or simply raising hell at the local bar. Somewhere in the 1950s ,jeans broke away from the cowboy / miners image and went democratic. Students wore it as an act of rebellion. It crossed borders and even communist countries could not stop its onslaught. Style icons wore them .Models used it for couture.

In India, blue jeans took off in the 1970s and 1980s. Local tailors began to replicate jeans you saw in the ads in foriegn magazines, with adjustments for the Indian body type. Flying Machine , the first home grown brand by Arvind Mills, was set up. Smuggled Wranglers jeans could be seen in Palika Bazaar. By the mid-nineties, international brands, such as Levis and Lee were here and the denim went ballistic. Housewives, college students, kids all wore them . Customization of jeans began and now, you can have them flared, strechy, baggy, ripped, high- waisted, low-waisted, and so on. The list is mind boggling .

I.	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions:	9			
a.	1.Jeans were born out of				
	(1M)				
b.	Jeans were originally worn by				
	i. lawyers ii. students iii. grocers iv. cowboys	(1M)			
1.	Jeans went democratic in the 70s and 80s . (True/False)	(1M)			
d. Put in the correct sequence.					
	students/ defiance/ wore/ as/ act of / it/ an	(2M)			
e.	Spot the error and correct it.				
f. Smuggled Levis jeans were seen in Palika Bazaar in the 1960s. (2					
g of jeans is the latest craze.					
h. Find the word from the passage which is the nearest in meaning to the phrase,					
"present everywhere".					
i. Find the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to the word," heaven".					
		(1M)			
j. Which of these is not a brand of jeans in India?					
	i. Wrangler ii. Lee iii. Flying Machine iv. Ralph Lauren				
h. Local tailors did not copy the ads seen in the foreign magazines.(True/False)					

II. Read the list of words given below and put them in the correct column.

(0.5X10= 5 Marks)

Cash, Melody, Capital, Soil, Script, Environment, Fort, Tune, Costumes, Reign

Geography	Economics	Drama	History	Music

III. Fill in the blanks with the words given below:

(1X5=5 marks)

market firm loan crash debt

1. I will not take any loan as I am already in ______.

2. In our country, there is a big domestic _____ for tea.

3. I used to work in a big _____ in Boston.

4. He will need several more years to pay off the rest of the _____.

5. The stock market _____ of 1929 led to the policy of trade protection.

IV. Explain four ways to improve your group discussion skills. (4 Marks) Or

Describe two dos and two don'ts of a group discussion.

V. Read the case study given below. Answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

There was a group discussion among 12 students in the class. The topic was "Noise Pollution". There were two teams - A & B.

Gomti, the group leader of **Team A** initiated the topic by defining the concept of noise pollution. The second student elaborated on the different causes. The third member quoted a report by the Central Pollution Control Board during the pre-lockdown and post-lockdown phase. The next student revealed the statistics regarding a severe dip in noise pollution. The fifth student focussed on hearing loss, increasing stress levels and heart issues. The last student presented a short summary of the discussion.

Chanda, the group leader of **Team B** initiated the topic by citing steps that every Government needs to take up. The second student spoke at length on negative emotions of annoyance in the people. The next student started stammering. The group leader intervened and referred to a study regarding damage of neurons cells of the brain. The fourth and the fifth student remained silent. The last student concluded with an example of pollution in China.

- a. According to you, which team has performed well in the class? Give reasons in favour of the better team. (2M)
- b. Why did the other team lose? Give reasons. (2M)

VI. Read the conversation between Prakash, Deepa and Surbhi. Complete the conversation. (5 Marks)

Simar: Hi. How are you, Aanya?

Aanya: Hi. I'm fine. Thanks.

Simar: I would like you to (a) my friend, Deepika.

Aanya: Hi, Deepika. I am Aanya.

Deepika: Hi Aanya, how are you?

Aanya: I'm (b) _____, thanks.

Deepika: Which university are you (c) _____ at?

Aanya: I'm at DSEU, Delhi. What about you?

Deepika: I'm at the (d)_____ University.

(e) _____ to meet you.

VII. You are Ayushi/Shreyansh, the Director of Global Business School, Delhi. A one-day Workshop on "Soft Skills & Human Values" is being organized for the staff on 15/7/2022 in the Office Conference room. As a Director of the organisation, issue a memo asking the staff members to attend the workshop.

(5 Marks)

VIII. You are Shreya/Sharan, pursuing a Diploma in Electronics and Computer Engineering. You are not feeling well and, therefore, you are not able to attend the classes. Send an E-mail to the Campus Director requesting a sick leave for two days.

In your email, include the following:

- your details- program, class, section, roll number
- reason why your applying for leave
- duration of leave

assure that you will complete all the work done in your absence
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(10 Marks)