

**MAEG-01**

**December - Examination 2025**

**M.A (Previous) Examination**

**ENGLISH**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE USAGE & COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

**Paper : MAEG-01**

[Time: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 80]

**Note :-** The question paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. Write answers as per the instructions given.

**Section-A**

**8×2=16**

**(Very Short Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :-** Answer **all** questions. As per the nature of the question delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to **30** words. Each question carries **2** marks.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow -

Sleep is very important for our bodies and minds. When we sleep, our bodies rest and repair themselves. Our brains also work during sleep, organizing thoughts and memories from the day. This helps us learn new things and remember information better.

If we don't get enough sleep, we can feel tired and grumpy. It can be hard to concentrate in class or at work. We might also make more mistakes. Over a long time, not enough sleep can make us sick more often. Our immune system, which fights off sickness, becomes weaker.

Most adults need about 7 to 9 hours of sleep every night. Children and teenagers need even more. To get good sleep, it helps to have a regular bed time and wake-up time, even on weekends. It's also good to make your bedroom dark, quiet and cool. Try not to use phones or computers right before bed because the light can keep you awake. Eating a heavy meal or drinking coffee late at night can also make it difficult to sleep.

Getting good sleep helps us feel happy, healthy and ready for the day. It helps us think clearly and solve problems. So remember to give your body the rest it needs!

- (i) Why is sleep important for our bodies?
- (ii) What do brains do while we are sleeping?
- (iii) What happens if we don't get enough sleep? Name two things.
- (iv) How can not getting enough sleep affect our health over a long time?
- (v) Name two things that can help you get good sleep.
- (vi) What should you avoid doing right before bed to help you sleep better?
- (vii) How does good sleep help us feel?
- (viii) Find words in the passage that mean -
  - (i) annoyed and irritable
  - (ii) a system that protects the body from foreign substances and pathogenic organisms.

## (Short Answer Type Questions)

**Note :-** Answer **any four** questions in not more than **200** words. Each question carries **8** marks.

2. Label the following sentences in terms of SVOCA -
  - (i) My brother plays soccer very well.
  - (ii) The old house looked spooky.
  - (iii) She sings beautiful songs.
  - (iv) He walks to the park every morning.
  - (v) The soup tasted delicious.
  - (vi) They bought a new car yesterday.
  - (vii) The small bird flew quickly.
  - (viii) I am a student here.
  
3. (a) Write one sentence each on the following patterns -
  - (i) Subject + Verb + Clause
  - (ii) Subject + be + to infinitive
  - (iii) Subject + Vi + adverbial adjunct.
  - (iv) Subject + Vt + noun / pronoun + present participle
 (b) Give two examples each of -
  - (i) Noun Phrase
  - (ii) Prepositional Phrase
  - (iii) Genitive Phrase
  - (iv) Adverb phrase
  
4. (a) Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses -
  - (i) She came only when..... .
  - (ii) She sang so sweetly that..... .
  - (iii) I don't understand why..... .
  - (iv) People say that..... .
 (b) Passivize the following sentences -
  - (i) The critics universally consider Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway, a modernist masterpiece.
  - (ii) New historical approaches have fundamentally reshaped our understanding of early modern literature.
  - (iii) Experts are currently developing ground breaking AI models to analyze vast literary corpora.
  - (iv) The committee members granted the controversial scholar tenure of five years.
  
5. (a) Identify the notion / concept expressed in the following sentences -
  - (i) I'm very sorry I said that.
  - (ii) What about going out for dinner?
  - (iii) I would help you if I had time.
  - (iv) Beware of pickpockets.

- (b) Correct the following sentences -
- (i) One of the main reasons for traffic jams are the increasing number of cars on the road.
  - (ii) Neither the professor nor the students agrees with the new attendance policy.
  - (iii) The team, along with their coach, were celebrating their victory all night.
  - (iv) Everyone of the employees need to complete the mandatory training by Friday.
6. (a) Name the types of affixes (prefix or suffix) used in the following words -
- (i) beautify
  - (ii) clockwise
  - (iii) bilingual
  - (iv) unending
- (b) Name the type of compounds in the following words -
- (i) daydream
  - (ii) waterproof
  - (iii) dryclean
  - (iv) white collar
7. (a) Combine each pair of sentences into a single complex sentence using an appropriate subordinating conjunction -
- (i) The student finished her essay. She submitted it to her professor.
  - (ii) It was raining heavily. We still decided to go for a walk.
  - (iii) You study hard. You will pass the difficult exam.
  - (iv) The new library opened. Many students began to visit it more often.
- (b) Rewrite each sentence by replacing the underlined portion with an appropriate modal auxiliary verb -
- (i) It is possible that it will rain this afternoon.
  - (ii) Students are required to submit their assignments by Friday.
  - (iii) You are advised to take a break if you feel tired.
  - (iv) She has the ability to speak five languages fluently.
8. Discuss the Process of Listening.
9. Enumerate tips for writing a good and effective summary.

**Section-C**

**2×16=32**

**(Long Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :-** Answer **any two** questions in not more than **500** words each. Each question carries **16** marks.

10. Discuss various methods for Note-Making, the ABC of good notes and how to subdivide your notes.
11. Discuss the characteristics of a Report and the Importance of Reports.
12. (a) What is bibliography? How should the reference list be organised? Explain with examples.  
(b) Describe the types of endnotes / footnotes.
13. Write an essay on any one of the following topics -
  - (i) Work from Home : A Boon or a curse
  - (ii) The Hardships of Delivery Boys / Gig workers.
  - (iii) Unity in Diversity in India.

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