

MAEG-01

June – Examination 2023

M.A. (Previous) Examination

ENGLISH

(English Language Usage and
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 given instructions.

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 :

(A) Today's world can truly be called a 'society of the spectacle', a phrase that the French sociologist and thinker Guy de Bord used decades earlier. Every act of lived experience has today become a spectacle. It would be a little incorrect to say that this craze for spectacle-izing everything that occurs around us is a recent phenomenon. If one had watched the Pirates of the Caribbean movies, one would realise that even in the late eighteenth century, executions were public events a large portion of the populace would gather around the site of the hanging in the city square in order to see justice being meted out in front of their own eyes. It was also a form of popular entertainment. It was a sort of a collective public blood-letting.

(B) The spectacle that the contemporary society has become is an overwhelming experience. One enters a restaurant, orders an exotic dish- but the proof of having eaten it doesn't exist

until tons of photographs are clicked from varied angles and shared on social networking sites, one goes for a holiday to a calm and serene location, but is all the while busy telling the world about it. It is as if one has to document every moment of one's existence. When does one live that moment then ? Perhaps it is in the documentation that one survives these days.

Questions :

- (i) What is the 'society of the spectacle' ?
- (ii) Is it a recent occurrence ?
- (iii) Do we really 'live' moments now ?
- (iv) Beside documentation, what is the other function of the spectacle ?
- (v) What is the meaning of 'executions' as used in the passage ?
- (vi) Find the word from the passage that means 'out of the ordinary'.

- (vii) How do we show the proof of having eaten some exotic dish ?
- (viii) 'One has to document.....' what is the part of speech of the word underlined ?

Section-B

4×8=32

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *four* questions. Each answer should not exceed **200** words. Each question carries 8 marks.

2. Determine the patterns of the following sentences in terms of SVOCA :
 - (i) I want one of these books.
 - (ii) The train arrived late.
 - (iii) The leaves turn yellow.
 - (iv) Tomorrow she leaves.
 - (v) She made him happy.
 - (vi) Paul gave his wife a gift.
 - (vii) She has made her intentions clear now.
 - (viii) She made a new dress yesterday.

3. Frame one sentence each on the patterns given below :

- (i) Subject + V_i
- (ii) Subject + V_i + to infinitive
- (iii) Subject + be + adjective phrase
- (iv) There + be + subject + adverbial adjunct
- (v) Subject + V_t + pronoun
- (vi) Subject + V_t + that clause
- (vii) Subject + V_t + noun/pronoun + present participle
- (viii) Subject + V_t + noun/pronoun + past participle

4. Point out the notion/concept expressed through the sentences given below :

- (i) Oh that my friends were here !
- (ii) Sorry, we cannot allow you to stay here.
- (iii) How about having dinner outside ?
- (iv) You shall get your money back.
- (v) Don't smoke in the hall.
- (vi) I would rather starve than beg.
- (vii) We have to leave today.
- (viii) Although he is sick, he will work hard.

5. Give *two* examples each of the following prefixes and suffixes :

- (i) Pejorative prefixes
- (ii) Prefixes showing location
- (iii) Numerical prefixes
- (iv) Negative prefixes
- (v) Noun suffixes
- (vi) Adjective suffixes
- (vii) Verb suffixes
- (viii) Adverb suffixes

6. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice :

- (i) They have just painted the house.
- (ii) We are holding G-20 Summit this year.
- (iii) Writing essays requires a lot of skill.
- (iv) He told me to send the form to you.
- (v) Who will help me ?
- (vi) Get out.
- (vii) Please help me.
- (viii) How did you repair it ?

7. Discuss listening as a process that is purposeful and interactive.
8. Discuss the ABC of Good Notes and how you will sub-divide your notes ?
9. Describe some of the characteristics of a Report.

Section–C **2×16=32**

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *two* questions. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to **500** words. Each question carries 16 marks.

10. Read the following passage and write its precis giving a suitable title :

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizens, and shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns. Now, is discipline necessary at all ? Please listen carefully. Don't immediately say yes or no. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed

to do whatever we like and we think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline.

The keen athlete is disciplining the whole time, is n't he ? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit make him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food, and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline and punctuality are not an imposition but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics. (171 words)

11. Write notes on the following :
 - (a) Components of a research paper
 - (b) Avoiding Plagiarism
12. Discuss types of Electronic Media.
13. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :
 - (i) Advantages of Joint Family
 - (ii) Youth and Age
 - (iii) Advantages and Evils of social media