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**General English (BA: 311), Semester VI - (2019-20)**

University paper style: (2.30 hours, four questions, 70 marks)

Topics	Units and Questions	Marks
Text: <i>India: A Journey through Stories</i>	<b>Unit - I</b> Text (Lessons - 6, 7, 8) Q. 1 (a) Answer in brief - 3/5 (b) Write a short note - 1/3	(09) (08)
	<b>Unit - II</b> Text (Lessons - 9, 10) Q. 2 (a) Answer in brief - 3/5 (b) Write a short note - 1/3	(09) (08)
Press Report	<b>Unit - III</b> Composition Q. 3 Write a press report on the following: 1/3 (a) Accident, (b) Natural calamity, (c) Celebration of a festival	(17)
Reported Speech and MCQs (from the text)	<b>Unit - IV</b> Grammar Q. 4 (a) Turn the following sentences into indirect speech of narration: 9/9	(09)
	(b) MCQs and Objective type questions* (* only from Units I and II)	(10)

**Unit III - Composition (Press reports)**

Draft a press report on any **one** of the following: (17)

(1) Accidents (2) Natural calamities (c) Celebration of a festival

(1) A press report on an ACCIDENT:

**76 killed, 164 injured in a multiple accident**

By our correspondent, Ahmedabad, January 14

An extraordinary multiple-accident:

76 persons are feared killed and 164 injured in an extraordinary multiple-accident on Monday at about 12.10 p.m. at Thug Nagar railway crossing, 45 km north of Ahmedabad and 15 km south of Viramgam. An army fighter craft, Mig-21 crash landed on the Saurashtra Express bound for Surendranagar.

The single seater Mig-21, also called 'the coffin box' of the Indian Air Force, developed a technical problem during a practice sortie. The pilot, Flight Commander Mogambo's body has not been found so far. A similar accident took place nearly six weeks ago outside Mumbai.

A Bus and a Car Crushed:

The military air-craft crashed midair and turned into a fire-ball. Unfortunately, the burning craft landed on the moving express train. Consequently two bogies of the Saurashtra Express

caught fire and veered off the tracks. The burning bogies crashed into a State Transport bus and a private car, number GJ1-TT-0420, passing along the tracks. The bus conductor and 50 passengers died on the spot. The car driver and two pillion riders were severely injured. An ambulance was called to carry the injured to the hospital. The eye witnesses said that a few sparks of fire fell on the nearby housing complex and it caught fire.

#### Tragic Sight:

The accident was a ghastly sight. The on-lookers narrated a heart-rending tale of this tragic accident. A major damage to property has been reported in the residential complex. Thirty residents including ten children and four women were burned to death in the housing complex. The two pillion riders of the private car are reported to have died in the hospital.

#### Rescue Operation:

For about one hour after the accident there was no sign of any rescue operation. The rescue operation could not begin soon as heavy traffic on the roads delayed the movement of the fire brigade. Fire fighters reached the site two hours later and brought the fire under control on war footing. As usual, police did not respond immediately to the emergency calls.

#### Visit of VIPs and Compensation:

The news of the multiple-accident flashed on major news channels across the nation. The State Transport Minister Gotumal Golgol came to the site with officers. The Civil Hospital sent a team of nurses and doctors to provide emergency care to the injured. Some of the injured persons were shifted to the Hospital. The Chief Minister, Chandulal Chatpat, who was attending a conference in Delhi expressed his sorrow and announced a compensation of Rs. 50,000/- for the injured and Rs. 1,50,000/- for the next of kin of the deceased.

(2) A press report on a natural calamity

### **Cyclone Fani devastates Odisha**

**Express News Service, Bhubneshwar, May 05, 2019**

#### Fani hits the coastal Odisha

At least 80 people were killed in Odisha after the cyclone Fani made its landfall in the coastal state. The worst of its kind in the last twenty years, Fani caused heavy rains with a wind speed of 175 kmph. It devastated ten coastal districts of Odisha for more than eight hours. On Tuesday the state government put these districts on high alert to deal with a possible flood-like situation. The cyclone is expected to hit West Bengal in the early hours of Wednesday when it is likely to weaken. The seas will be rough and the fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea, the IMD official said.

#### Scenes of devastation and destruction

Ganjam, Puri, Kendrapara and Khurda were the worst affected areas. The normal life was disrupted as hundreds of trees and mobile towers were uprooted along the state highways.

There was virtually no traffic on the roads in cities. Telecom, electricity and other essential services had been affected badly. Thousands of huts and houses collapsed under the impact of the cyclone. More than 200 trains and all Odisha bound flights were cancelled.

#### Relief and rescue operations

The state administration took all precautionary measures to deal with any situation, P. K. Jena, the Special Relief Commissioner said. The Odisha government called in the Army and the Air Force to carry out the relief and rescue operation. Electricity and telephone lines were restored in major towns within a couple of hours after the cyclone. Food packets, medicines, and clothes were air dropped in affected areas. About 8,00,000 people were evacuated and sheltered in schools and government buildings. DIG Randeep Rana of the NDRF said this was the largest evacuation operation in the history of India.

#### An aerial survey by the Chief Minister

The Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik, made an aerial review of the scale of devastation and the relief operations. He said all infrastructure had been completely destroyed in the affected areas. It was a challenging task to restore road and rail network. "The devastation is beyond imagination. More than 2,00,000 houses have been destroyed and vast tracts in the coastal areas sub-merged.", the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik told the ANI. He urged the PM Narendra Modi to declare the calamity a national disaster.

#### Damages and compensation

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that the Central Government has directed all concerned agencies to undertake the survey of the damages on a war footing. Compensation would be paid for the loss of property and life to the victims and their kith and kin. The Indian Railways have decided to transport rations to the affected areas free of cost, the Railway Minister Mr. Goyal said. Mr Patnaik requested the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to airlift tarpaulins, food articles, diesel and kerosene from Delhi to the state capital.

(3) A press report on the celebration of a festival

### **India celebrates the 70th Republic Day**

**Express News Service, New Delhi, January 27, 2019**

#### The PM unfurls the national flag

India celebrated the 70th Republic Day on Saturday with the ceremonial parade of armed forces, paramilitary troops and NCC contingents down the majestic Rajpath. The South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa, was the chief guest on the occasion. The PM Narendra Modi paid tribute to the martyrs at Amar Jawan Jyoti in the presence of the Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitaraman and the three services chiefs. PM Modi was wearing his traditional kurta-pajama and his trademark jacket when he received the Indian President Ram Nath Kovind and the chief guest President Ramaphosa. The band played the national anthem as the PM unfurled the tricolor. A 21-gun salute was fired in the background at the moment.

### The presence of the VIP and VVIP guests

Many senior leaders, including Home Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj were present among the VVIP guests. Former Prime Ministers Dr Man Mohan Singh and Dewe Gowda, the Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Gulam Nabi Azad, the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also attended the Republic Day celebrations. Noted Indian artists, scientists, scholars, social workers and some foreign diplomats were special invitees. Chilly weather failed to dampen the spirit of the people who came in large numbers to witness the Republic Day celebrations.

### Themes presented on the Republic Day

This year is the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The overall theme of the celebrations was the Modi government's "Cleanliness Campaign" (Swachhta Abhiyan). Tableaux of many states focused on Mahatma Gandhi who is the inspiration and the symbol of the cleanliness campaign. Another theme presented on the occasion was "women power" (Nari Shakti). An all-woman Assam Rifles contingent created history by participating for the first time in Republic Day parade. Major Khushboo Kanwar led the contingent. Contingents of Navy and Air Force were also led by women officers. The crowds cheered them enthusiastically.

### India's military might on display

Four Indian National Army (INA) veterans, aged over 90 years, took part in the parade. India's military might was displayed on the occasion of the Republic Day celebrations. Two of the recent additions to the weaponry, M777 Light Howitzers and K9 Vajra, the artillery gun, were displayed to the public. Indian army's T-90 tank, Troop Level Radar and Akash Weapon System were also showcased. Flower petals were showered by helicopters.

### Unprecedented Security

25000 security personnel provided a security blanket to thwart any untoward incident. Snipers had been stationed atop high-rise buildings. A tight vigil was kept on public movement with scores of CCTV cameras. Anti-aircraft guns and sharpshooters were deployed at strategic distances. The Delhi traffic police ensured a safe and secure passage for the dignitaries. Patrolling in public places was intensified. Frisking at metro stations, railway stations and bus terminal was tightened.

### **Unit - IV Grammar (Reported Speech)**

Q. 4 (a) Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech of narration: (09)

1. "Call the first witness," said the judge.
2. "What do you want?" he said to her.
3. My teacher often says to me, "If you don't work hard, you will fail."
4. He said, "Alas! I am ruined."
5. I said to Maria, "Will you lend me a pencil?"
6. "I will meet you again," he said to me.
7. Meetu said to Teenu, "Have you watched *Tiger Zinda Hain?*"
8. The teacher said to him, "Do not read so fast."

9. She said, "How lovely the house is!"
10. Mitali said, "I have bought a new scooter."
11. He said, "My wife is unwell today."
12. Lucy said to her friends, "I will call you next Monday."
13. Dharam said to John, "Can I use your bike?"
14. Guru Nanak said, "There is only one God."
15. Neera said to Raghu, "How slow 2G mobile is!"
16. The principal said to us, "Please, don't shout."
17. Dooby said to me, "I shall defeat you."
18. The doctor said to the patient, "Exercise daily and don't eat oily food."
19. The teacher said to the Principal, "This is what these students are doing here now."
20. Vimal said to me, "Can you lend me some money?"
21. Babloo said, "How beautiful this movie is!"
22. Veena Vanik said to Aasif, "What gift will you give me on my birthday?"
23. I said to my partner, "How are you today?"
24. Gandhi always said, "Truth always wins in the end."
25. Baldevsinh said to Jay and Veeru, "I'll teach you a lesson."
26. Ajay said to Arshad, "How many movies shall we shoot this year?"
27. He said to his mother, "Can you give me some food now?"
28. Teacher said to students, "You should switch off your mobiles in the classroom."
29. The painter said, "What a beautiful scene is this!"
30. Suresh Kalmadi said to the reporters, "I am not responsible for the scam."
31. The father said to his son, "Do you want to fly kites today?"
32. Copernicus said, "The earth moves round the sun."
33. Tom said to Jerry, "Will you come to my house tomorrow?"
34. Amitabh said to me, "When are you coming to Mumbai?"
35. The children said to Grandma, "Tell us a story, please."

### General English - VI - Model Question Paper

#### (India: A Journey through Stories)

1. (a) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief: (09)
  - (i) Why were duels fought? What were the basic rules for the duellists?
  - (ii) Describe the guest house in which Mr. Dhanda stayed.
  - (iii) Where did the grandfather bring Tutu from and why? How much did he pay for her?
  - (iv) What plans did Mr David have for Promodni? What assurance did he give to Mrs Bhandari?
  - (v) Why did Annabella shoot Charles Bruce?
- (b) Write a short note on any **one** of the following: (08)
  - (i) The supernatural element in *A Duel in Lucknow* (ii) Promodni (iii) Tutu and her mischiefs
2. (a) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief: (09)
  - (i) Who invited the author to Captain Shaheen's restaurant in New York? Why?
  - (ii) When did the author visit Kutch and why?
  - (iii) Which village did the boy belong to? Why had he come to Suchitgarh?
  - (iv) How did the girl's family manage to travel from Bombay to Kutch without money?

(v) How did Captain Shaheen and the Indian soldiers feel after hearing the boy's reply?  
(b) Write a short note on any one of the following: (08)

- (i) Captain Shaheen (ii) The title - **The Rams**  
(iii) The Kutch earthquake as a boon for the girl's family

3. Write a press report on any one of the following: (17)

- (i) a train accident (ii) an earthquake (iii) the celebration of the Republic Day

4. (a) Turn the following sentences into indirect speech of narration: (09)

- (i) The teacher said to me, "I will forward you the message as soon as I get it."  
(ii) Dominique Lapierre said, "India is my love."  
(iii) Mallika said, "My daughter is preparing for her board exams."  
(iv) The mathematician said to the children, "Two and two make four."  
(v) The lion said to the jackal, "Beware of false friends."  
(vi) The beggar said to tourists, "Will you give me a rupee?"  
(vii) He said to me, "I always read English newspapers."  
(viii) I said to my friend, "Where is my mobile?"  
(ix) The stranger said to me, "What do you mean?"

(b) Choose the correct option. (05)

(i) The famous duel of Lucknow was fought on ----- October, 1851.

- (a) 10<sup>th</sup> (b) 14<sup>th</sup> (c) 16<sup>th</sup>

(ii) Promodni's only pastime was to -----.

- (a) watch television (b) run around the house (c) play with her toys

(iii) Grandmother liked Rocky as Ruby's fiancé because of his -----.

- (a) looks (b) manners (c) voice

(iv) The girl in the tent offered a ----- to the author.

- (a) charpoy (b) mat (c) stool

(v) The little boy had run away from his-----.

- (a) friends (b) home (c) school

(c) Match the words in column "A" with their meanings in column "B": (05)

- |        | "A"         | "B"                    |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|
| (vi)   | Dilapidated | - a short trip         |
| (vii)  | Excursion   | - a group of vehicles  |
| (viii) | Confetti    | - enmity               |
| (ix)   | Feud        | - ruined               |
| (x)    | Convoy      | - bits of colour paper |

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