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FACULTY OF ARTS AND CULTURE

**First Year Second Semester Examination in Arts and
Culture 2011/2012 (Special Repeat)(March 2014)**

CC – 1201 Basic English

Time: Two Hours

Question No: 01

Read the passage and answer the questions below:

Water is a valuable natural resource. Pure water is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. But it is not at all simple and plain and is vital for all life on Earth. Where there is water, there is life, and where water is scarce, life has to struggle.

So what is it about water that makes it so important to us? And what is it about water that makes it water?

You probably know that the chemical description of water is H_2O , that is, one atom of oxygen bond to two atoms of hydrogen. The hydrogen atoms are "attached" to one side of the oxygen atom, resulting in a water molecule having a positive charge on the side of the hydrogen atoms and a negative charge on the side of the oxygen atom. Since opposite electrical charges attract, water molecules tend to attract each other, making water kind of "sticky". The side with the hydrogen atoms the oxygen side (negative charge) of another water molecule.

All these water molecules attracting each other means they tend to clump together. This is why water drops are, in fact, drops! If it wasn't for some of Earth's forces, such as gravity, a drop of water would be ball shaped- a perfect sphere. Even if it doesn't form a perfect sphere on Earth, we should be happy water is sticky.

Water is called the "universal solvent" because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. This means that wherever water goes, either through the ground or through our bodies, it takes along valuable chemicals, minerals, and nutrients.

- a) What are the features of Pure Water?
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- b) Where do you find life?
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- c) What happens when water is scarce?
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- d) What is the chemical description of water?
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- e) What makes water "sticky"?
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- f) How do the water molecules clump together? What will happen when they clump together?
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- g) When will the water drops be ball shaped?
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- h) Why water is called the "universal solvent"?
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- i) What does water take along with it wherever it goes?
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- j) Write a suitable heading for the passage?
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(3 X 10 = 30 marks)

Question No: 02

Select the correct group of letters from within the bracket and complete the following words:

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| 1. Stre..... | (a) tch | (b) cht | (c) het |
| 2. O.....ionally | (a) ccas | (b) cass | (c) ccass |
| 3. Con..... | (a) sept | (b) cept | (c) scept |
| 4. Electri..... | (a) sity | (b) ccity | (c) city |
| 5. Trem..... | (a) endous | (b) enduos | (c) andous |
| 6. Han.....chief | (a) ky | (b) dker | (c) ker |
| 7. Uni.....sity | (a) var | (b) ver | (c) vur |
| 8. Fa.....lty | (a) ca | (b) ce | (c) cu |

9.thetic (a) Eas (b) Ies (c) Aes
 10.mester (a) Se (b) Sa (c) Su

(2 X 10 = 20 marks)

Question No: 03

Underline the correct word

Teachers (i) **(a) teach (b) teaches (c) teaching** in schools. They (ii) **(a) assist (b) assists (c) assisted** the students in their studies. They (iii) **(a) explain (b) explains (c) will explain** lessons, (iv) **(a) correct (b) corrects (c) corrected** exercises and (v) **(a) gives (b) given (c) give** them. Mrs. Malini is good teacher. She (vi) **(a) coming (b) come (c) comes** to school early every day by bus and (vii) **(a) help (b) helps (c) had been helping** the students in their studies. She (viii) **(a) teaching (b) teaches (c) teach** English. She (ix) **(a) treat (b) treats (c) will treat** us very kindly. She (x) **(a) retired (b) retire (c) will retire** from her service very soon.

(1 X 10 = 10 marks)

Question No: 04

Complete the blanks with the correct word from those given within the bracket.

Home gardening is not only (i) **(a) a (b) an (c) the** interesting hobby, but also a very paying one in these days of high vegetable prices. Also (ii) **(a) many (b) much (c) any** of the vegetables available in the market are (iii) **(a) a lot of (b) much (c) several** days old. Where we have a home garden, we can cut down on (iv) **(a) the (b) a (c) an** family expenses and we can save (v) **(a) much (b) many (c) all** money for other needs of the family.

(1 X 5 = 5 marks)

Question No: 05

Change the following in to passive voice:

Eg: They sell rice by kilo.
 Rice is sold by kilo by them.

- a. They hold care race once a year.

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b. Some people take food twice a day.

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c. Kamalin takes her pet to the doctor every month.

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d. We conducted English classes last year.

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e. Someone stole Soma's bicycle last night.

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(3 X 5 = 15 marks)

Question No: 06

Write one of the following topics about 100 words.

- a) The First day Experience at the University.
- b) The Value of Education Today.
- c) The Unforgettable Experience in Your Life.

(1 X 20 = 20 marks)