

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY

B.A. / B.Com. / B.Sc. DEGREE COURSE IN ENGLISH

FIRST YEAR - SECOND SEMESTER

(Revised Syllabus under CBCS w.e.f. 2020-21)

**ENGLISH PRAXIS COURSE - II
A COURSE IN READING & WRITING SKILLS**

I. UNIT

- Prose** : 1. How to Avoid Foolish Opinions Bertrand Russell
Skills : 2. Vocabulary: Conversion of Words
: 3. One Word Substitutes
: 4. Collocations

II. UNIT

- Prose** : 1. The Doll's House Katherine Mansfield
Poetry : 2. Ode to the West Wind P B Shelley
Non-Detailed Text : 3. Florence Nightingale Abrar Mohsin
Skills : 4. Skimming and Scanning

III. UNIT

- Prose** : 1. The Night Train at Deoli Ruskin Bond
Poetry : 2. Upagupta Rabindranath Tagore
Skills : 3. Reading Comprehension
: 4. Note Making/Taking

IV. UNIT

- Poetry** : 1. Coromandel Fishers Sarojini Naidu
Skills : 2. Expansion of Ideas
: 3. Notices, Agendas and Minutes

V. UNIT

- Non-Detailed Text** : 1. An Astrologer's Day R K Narayan
Skills : 2. Curriculum Vitae and Resume
: 3. Letters
: 4. E-Correspondence

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Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 75

- I) Answer any THREE of the following questions (3X5=15)**
- a. Summarize Russell's, "How to Avoid Foolish Opinion"
 - b. Write Noun forms for the following words by adding a Suffix:
i) Manage ii) free iii) pollute iv) create v) Maintain
 - c. Write one word substitutes for the following
i) A Government by one
ii) One who looks at the bright side of things
iii) A position for which no salary is paid
iv) One who eats too much
v) That which cannot be avoided.
 - d. Match the following into appropriate collocations:

A	B
i) Strong	i) Privacy
ii) Happy	ii) mistake
iii) some	iii) ending
iv) works	iv) coffee
v) Terrible	v) perfectly
 - e. Avoiding stupidity is easier than seeking brilliance. Explain
- II) Answer any THREE of the following questions; (3X5=15)**
- a. Compare Torvald's and Nora's attitudes toward money
 - b. How does Shelley describe the power of West Wind
 - c. Describe Florence Nightingale
 - d. Define Skimming
 - e. Define Scanning
- III) Answer any THREE of the following questions (3X5=15)**
- a. What's the theme of "The Night" Train at Deoli?
 - b. Critically appreciate the poem "Upagupta"
 - c. Why does the narrator say it is a game in the Night Train at Deoli
 - d. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
Slavery can broadly be described as the ownership, buying and selling of human beings for the purpose of forced labour. The institution of slavery is as old as civilization. Many nations and empires were built by the muscles of the slaves.

Overtime people have found many reasons to justify slavery. Slaves were usually considered somehow different than their owners. They may belong to different race, religion, nationality or ethnic background. By focussing on such differences, slave owners felt that they could deny basic human rights to their slaves.

- i) What is the purpose of the institution of slavery?
 - ii) What is a slavery?
 - iii) How were the empires built?
 - iv) How were the slaves different from their masters?
 - v) Give the meaning of 'deny'
- e. Make notes on the following passage.
Early rising is the secret for a happy life. We all wish to live long but we cannot. We go against Nature. Nature likes us to work during day and to rest at night. But we do not obey this law of Nature. We do not go to bed early. We read or write late into night. Some of us keep playing, dancing and drinking whole night. So, we do not rise early. Our health breaks down and we fall ill. Nature takes revenge. We have to suffer for our disobedience. But birds and animals are healthy. They do not need a doctor every day. They sleep early and rise early. This simple habit will give everything. So, it is said: "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise"

IV) Answer any **THREE** of the following questions. **(3X5=15)**

- a. Write a critical appreciation of the poem the Coromandel Fishers
- b. Make hay while the sun shines. Expand
- c. How does Sarojini Naidu a day in the lives of the fishermen?
- d. Imagine that you are the manager of a company. You want to inform your employees of an important meeting. Write a suitable notice.
- e. Explain minutes.

V) Answer any **THREE** of the following questions **(3X5=15)**

- a. Justify the title "An Astrologer's Day"
- b. Prepare a CV for the post of a Sales Executive
- c. Write a letter to your friend about Corona crisis at your native place
- d. Write a resume for your dream job
- e. Assume that you received the letter of appointment for the post of General Manager from Splendour Pvt Ltd. Send an email to the company thanking them for the offer.

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