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Name of the course: B Com Programme

Name of the paper: English Fluency

Semester: III

Marks: 75

Time limit: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Students will attempt any **FOUR** questions.

All questions carry **equal marks (18.75)**.

Q. 1. Comprehension

Read the passage given below to answer the questions that follow:

Computers are machines that can help us in many ways. But they cannot think or do things on their own. Humans have to feed them with information and tell them what to do with it. They cannot come up with any new information. But they can save much time and work. For example, all the information and the office files can be stored in a computer's "memory". If a clerk were to trace any information from a particular file, the computer would only take seconds to find it. It would take a clerk days or even weeks to go through every file if no computers were used.

The first computers were huge and costly. They filled up almost the whole floor of large offices. Later, because of the usefulness and demand for computers in business, scientists soon found ways to produce cheaper and smaller computers. They invented chips which made it possible to store more information in less space.

Today, computers are not only cheaper, but also *more compact*. They can just be placed on top of an ordinary writing table. They can even be carried from place to place easily.

Computers are not only used in offices by companies, but they are also used at home, by families who can afford them.

Robots, on the other hand, are not mechanical people. They are only moving parts controlled by a computer. A robot can do the same work for twenty-four hours, and yet, it does not complain or get tired.

In Japan and in some places in America, robots are used in factories to assemble cars. As computers become more common in businesses and factories, people fear that someday computers and computer controlled robots will put human out of work. Some people also fear that someday computers will become smarter than Man and take over the world.

- a. In what ways are computers useful? (2)
- b. What were the first computers like? (2)
- c. What are some fears that people have about computers? (2)
- d. Find out synonyms of the following words/phrases from the given passage:
Inexpensive, Create, Machine like, Build. (4)
- e. Write a summary of the above passage. (8.75)

Q.2. Write a debate (Favouring or Against the motion) on the given topic as per the points that follow:

Multitasking leads to stress.

You may use the following tips:

- Write an overview of the topic and opening statement. (6.75)
- Give two facts/anecdotes in support of your opinion. (6)
- Write two questions which you think your opponents might ask you on the basis of your presentation. (6)

Q.3. Your friend falls ill frequently. Write a letter to her advising her about the benefits of healthy diet and exercise to build her immunity. (18.75)

Q.4. Write a dialogue between two college going friends about the advantages of knowing how to drive. (18.75)

Q.5. a. Prepare a rough draft (5 points) describing a visit to the Hills during winter. (8.75)

b. Develop the rough draft that you have prepared into a paragraph (250 words). (10)

Q.6.a. Write a paragraph (200 words) on 'Failure is the Stepping Stone to Success'. (8.75)

6.b. Edit and rewrite the following paragraph: (10)

Christmas and New Year are special (1) days. Everyone is at (2) the mood to celebrate (3). It is the end in (4) one year and the beginning (5) of another. It is time to put a (6) regrets and the frustration (7) behind and to make the (8) new start. It is a time to (9) believing that things will change. It is a time with (10) hope.