



Functional English

Foundation Examination
Autumn 2012
Module A

6 September 2012
100 marks - 3 hours
Additional reading time - 15 minutes

Q.1 (a) Select the most appropriate word to complete each of the sentences given below: (03 marks)

- Sadia's ____ personality helps her in being a successful media professional; she always knows what to say and how to say it without offending others.
(i) dominant (ii) attentive (iii) tactful (iv) impressive
- "Your Honour, I have substantial evidence that the statement submitted by the defendant is ____." The prosecutor pleaded.
(i) anonymous (ii) abridged (iii) fabricated (iv) destructive
- "Do not worry Mr Bashir, the accident has caused no harm to your daughter; her injuries are ____ and will heal very soon." The doctor said.
(i) artificial (ii) surgical (iii) malignant (iv) superficial
- After boarding the bus, the elderly man gave a ____ glance inside to find a vacant seat.
(i) complacent (ii) humble (iii) cursory (iv) complete
- Houses in the rural villages in our country are generally made of mud walls and are often ____ with dried cakes of dung.
(i) grinded (ii) cemented (iii) plastered (iv) coloured
- Development in medical science has made significant ____ towards eradication of polio in most of the developing countries.
(i) efforts (ii) contribution (iii) advances (iv) reduction

(b) Choose the **Antonym** of the words given below: (04 marks)

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| 1. resemble
(i) resume
(ii) disperse
(iii) ample
(iv) different | 2. lax
(i) daring
(ii) careful
(iii) confused
(iv) pleasant | 3. duress
(i) dwarf
(ii) binding
(iii) freely
(iv) closed | 4. sacrosanct
(i) foolish
(ii) religious
(iii) trivial
(iv) bold |
| 5. shallow
(i) distant
(ii) near
(iii) thin
(iv) deep | 6. abundant
(i) sufficient
(ii) dearth
(iii) vacant
(iv) surge | 7. abscond
(i) abdicate
(ii) abandon
(iii) return
(iv) imprison | 8. exorbitant
(i) exclusive
(ii) steep
(iii) reasonable
(iv) distant |

Q.2 Structure the following sentences in their logical sequence: (06 marks)

- Shahzeb/and/how/have/been/long/Shazia/married
- this/playing/she/has/Nadia/been/since/was/four/piano
- all/feeling/is/tired/Romana/been/had/because/day/she/working
- early/going/are/a/next/week/party/have/we/to

- Q.3 (a) Apply the rules of Punctuation to the following sentences: **(05 marks)**
- (i) welcome home uncle and aunty cheered the enthusiastic crowd
 - (ii) where all think alike no one thinks very much
 - (iii) i wish i could stay a little longer but its already too late
 - (iv) the tourists invariably asked if the glacier was still advancing
 - (v) my neighbor who is very optimistic says we will win five gold medals
- (b) What are Acronyms? Give one example of an Acronym. **(02 marks)**
- Q.4 Change the following sentences into Reported/Indirect Speech: **(06 marks)**
- (a) "Mr. Sajid will join our office from tomorrow." Mr. Sarwar told the marketing department.
 - (b) "We wish we didn't have to take exams," said the children.
 - (c) My teacher said, "Honesty is the best policy."
 - (d) "I have been spending a lot more time with the children since you left." Moin told his wife.
 - (e) The police officer said, "Five to ten persons are dying each day from target killing."
 - (f) The director said, "My team is sitting late every day to complete this project in time".
- Q.5 Insert the most appropriate word to complete each of the following sentences and state its Homophone: **(05 marks)**
- (a) Aftab looked really weak and _____ after his long illness.
 - (b) The research student was given complete _____ to the confidential files.
 - (c) The _____ department is interviewing four candidates for recruitment in the library.
 - (d) All the children are coming _____ Faiza.
 - (e) The former _____ had made great efforts to induct and retain a cadre of competent faculty in the school.
- Q.6 Frame appropriate Questions to obtain the responses given in the following sentences: **(05 marks)**
- (a) Yes. I am waiting here for my mother.
 - (b) No. I do not know where the Grand Hotel is.
 - (c) I do not know if it will rain tomorrow.
 - (d) I did not work on Tuesday because I had a severe headache.
 - (e) The pharmacists will hold their next annual conference in Bhurban.
- Q.7 (a) Put the correct Conjunctions given below at their appropriate places in the text: **(05 marks)**
- although, and, and, and, because, when, because, before, so, until, although*
- Saeed wasn't a bright student at school, _____ he left _____ he was sixteen _____ got a job in a travel agency. He did not stay there very long, _____ he liked the work. He decided to move _____ the pay was very low _____ the hours were too long. His next job was in an import-export company. He liked that much better, _____ he travelled frequently to distant countries _____ the work was financially rewarding. He worked there for three years, _____ he really learnt the ropes of the business; then he started his own company. Now he is doing very well, _____ the work is sometimes very demanding. He says he wants to earn enough money to retire _____ he reaches fifty years.
- (b) Write the Past Participle of the following Infinitives: **(03 marks)**
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| (i) to eat | (ii) to understand | (iii) to swim |
| (iv) to dig | (v) to build | (vi) to stand |

- Q.8 Shahzeb and Samad have recently qualified as doctors and have divergent viewpoints on issues of ethics of the medical profession. Dr. Shahzeb is very much concerned about the unethical behavior of the doctors who resort to strikes to seek raise in their salaries and benefits and condemns the actions of the doctors who go on strikes. Dr. Samad, on the other hand, is of the opinion that the doctors must be compensated satisfactorily for the highly demanding nature of their professional services. He considers that they are justified in resorting to slowdowns and strikes for their reasonable demands.

Write a dialogue of **four** arguments from **each** of these individuals expressing their respective viewpoints with logical reasons against and in support of the doctors' strike. **(08 marks)**

- Q.9 (a) Insert the appropriate Articles in each of the following sentences: **(04 marks)**

- (i) _____ Pakistani, _____ Indian, _____ Sri Lankan and _____ Englishman went together to see the One Day Cricket match in Dubai.
- (ii) _____ tiger is _____ ferocious animal.
- (iii) _____ rich should help _____ poor.
- (iv) _____ bird in hand is worth two in _____ bush.
- (v) _____ girl in _____ pink dress is _____ student of mine.
- (vi) _____ black car and _____ red motorcycle both belong to the gentleman who lives across the street.
- (vii) Would you like to have sugar in your tea? Yes, _____ little please.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns. **(04 marks)**

- (i) Aisha did all the cooking _____.
- (ii) You always take _____ too seriously.
- (iii) _____ are my favourite pair of shoes.
- (iv) The shopkeeper from _____ I bought the suitcase has closed his business.
- (v) All those tenants _____ rents have been increased arbitrarily can file an appeal to the rent controller.
- (vi) The ladder on _____ I was standing slipped and I fell down.
- (vii) It was your friend in Dubai _____ told me of your accident.
- (viii) The house _____ is rather small, but the garden is really spacious.

- Q.10 Write an informal letter to Nasir Ahmed, your former college friend, who is presently living in the United Kingdom, asking him to visit Pakistan for a 10-day mountaineering expedition in Gilgit. Also request Nasir Ahmed to persuade Sultan Khan, a close common friend also living in the UK, to participate in the expedition (all of you have keen interest in mountaineering and had previously gone together on several expeditions). You have not seen your friends for the past 3 years and it would be real fun to spend some time together and re-live old fond memories.

You should make your letter appealing to convince your friends to accept the invitation.

Assume you are **Rashid Ahmed** and are living in Islamabad and your friend Nasir Ahmad lives at 264, Larson Building, Vista Avenue, London, United Kingdom. **(10 marks)**

- Q.11 Exercise is a powerful activity people can do regularly to improve health. Exercise plays an important part in reducing weight, improving pulse rate, increasing lung capacity and maintaining equilibrium in blood pressure.

Psychological benefits of exercise are impressive for mentally healthy individuals, but are even stronger for mentally-challenged persons. Although benefits of exercise towards good mental health are less recognized, recent research supports the existence of lasting relationship between regular exercise and mental health. Evidence shows that regular exercise can prevent dementia later in life.

Thirty minutes of exercise e.g. swimming, walking or jogging and other aerobic exercises, 3-5 times a week improves mood and can prevent depression in both mentally fit as well as mentally-challenged individuals. Persons doing 3 or more hours of sports a week are 30 percent less likely to experience depression than those who do not engage in sports activities. Benefits of exercise are more apparent if one pursues the program for four months and more.

Regular exercise by busy executives helps to:

- divert attention from stress and worry
- improve self-esteem and induce a sense of mastery which overcomes depression
- elevate body temperature which reduces muscle stiffness similar to the effects of saunas and steam baths
- increase level of alertness and concentration.

Mentally-challenged persons have reported that exercise reduces anxiety, lifts their moods and increases their self-esteem.

Tiredness, busy work schedule and lack of motivation are usual reasons and laziness is often the cause for not exercising.

Group exercise activities are particularly useful for those who are socially isolated. Outdoor activity in pleasant settings enhances the beneficial effects of exercise.

An exercise regime should be of an activity that one enjoys. Millions of people who jog regularly are aware of the physical and psychological benefits of running. Approximately 40,000 people a year run in each of the Marathons in London and New York and this is a fraction of those who apply to participate in these events.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the Passage. **(01 mark)**
- (b) Exercise can play a vital role in: (Select the appropriate option(s) given below) **(01 mark)**
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| (i) improving your pulse rate | (ii) increasing your blood pressure |
| (iii) reducing your weight | (iv) increasing your lung capacity |
| (v) all of the above are correct | (vi) only three of the above are correct |
- (c) Identify **three** advantages of exercise for mentally-challenged persons. **(1.5 marks)**
- (d) A substantial number of persons who are interested in jogging participate in the annual Marathons in London and New York. **True/ False** **(0.5 mark)**
- (e) According to the author the advantages of exercise are more impressive for mentally healthy persons than for those who are mentally-challenged. **True/False** **(0.5 mark)**
- (f) According to the author, a good regime of exercise should be: **(01 mark)**
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| (i) at the most for a period of four months | (ii) daily at least for 30 minutes |
| (iii) undertaken 12 - 20 times in a month | (iv) two of the above are correct |
| (v) one of the above is correct | |
- (g) Give **three** reasons why people do not engage in exercise activities. **(1.5 marks)**
- (h) Why is it important for busy executives to do exercise? **(01 mark)**
- (i) Write a **Précis** of 120-130 words **(07 marks)**

Q.12 Write an Essay of approximately **350** words on any one of the following topics:

- (a) Widespread use of Cellular Telephones – A Blessing or A Curse
 - (b) Unrestrained increase in population is responsible for our economic problems
 - (c) A strong democracy is essential for the prosperity of the country
 - (d) Measures to check the rising rates of traffic accidents in our major cities
- (Word count carries mark)** **(15 marks)**

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