



## Functional English

Foundation Examination  
Spring 2013  
Module A

7 March 2013  
100 marks - 3 hours  
Additional reading time - 15 minutes

Q.1 (a) Re-write each of the following sentences by placing the word in brackets in its correct position.

- (i) Love, hate and fear are abstract words. (*all*)
- (ii) We plan to visit Murree in the summer. (*later*)
- (iii) One more thing I must tell you about Jamshed's batting performance today. (*just*)
- (iv) It was so foggy in the morning! We could see the signs on the motorway. (*hardly*)
- (v) How can you consider such a foolish suggestion? (*possibly*)

(05)

(b) Read the Answers to the Questions. Insert an appropriate word to complete each of the Questions for matching with their Answers.

### Answers

### Questions

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| (i) I kept it on your desk.                     | _____ | did you keep my auditing manual?                                    |
| (ii) He left last Friday.                       | _____ | did Manzoor leave for Dubai?  |
| (iii) My friend Samad will help me.             | _____ | is going to help you with your lessons?                             |
| (iv) Nothing very significant.                  | _____ | did the new councillor tell you?                                    |
| (v) She selected the pink dress.                | _____ | dress did your wife finally select?                                 |
| (vi) I need the money to pay my college fees.   | _____ | do you need the money urgently?                                     |
| (vii) I don't know. It's not my car.            | _____ | car is parked in front of my house?                                 |
| (viii) I have no idea. You should ask the chef. | _____ | do they prepare the baked fish dish we had at the restaurant today? |

(04)

Q.2 Write the correct tense of the verb in brackets in the following sentences:

(a) **Past Continuous Tense**

- (i) Sami \_\_\_\_\_ his breakfast when I went to his home this morning. (*have*)
- (ii) All the five bidders \_\_\_\_\_ purchase of that prime property for quite some time. (*consider*)

(b) **Present Continuous Tense**

- (i) The students \_\_\_\_\_ to the visiting professor's speech most attentively. (*listen*)
- (ii) Mr. Sohail \_\_\_\_\_ in a seminar in Islamabad today. (*participate*)

(c) **Future Continuous Tense**

- (i) We \_\_\_\_\_ for you near the super market when you return from office at 5:30 p.m. (*wait*)
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ Junaid to finalise the proposals on fiscal incentives to be presented to the industrialists next Monday. (*help*)

(06)

Q.3 (a) Change the Direct Speech in the following sentences to Indirect Speech.

- (i) "Your health will improve very quickly," the doctor said to me.
- (ii) Imran said to his staff, "I have to leave the office at 3:p.m. today as I have to attend the board meeting."
- (iii) "Can I help you to find the book you are looking for?" The librarian asked the young lady.

(03)

(b) Change the Indirect Speech in the following sentences to Direct Speech.

- (i) Aslam said that he was very glad to be there that evening.
- (ii) He said that he was tired and wanted to get some rest.
- (iii) He advised his sons not to fight after his death and remain united.

(03)

(c) Re-write the following sentences by changing to Active Voice.

- (i) All the three packages were opened by my secretary.
- (ii) The truck is being loaded with cement by the labourers now.
- (iii) The audience was really surprised by the speaker's rude attitude.
- (iv) Both these magnificent buildings have been built by the new construction company.

(04)

Q.4 (a) Match the appropriate Synonyms of the words given below:

	Word	Synonym
(i)	caustic	recede
(ii)	foreigner	blue
(iii)	azure	flawless
(iv)	immaculate	sarcastic
(v)	ebb	evil
(vi)	nefarious	tasteless
(vii)	clemency	alien
(viii)	insipid	mercy

(04)

(b) Identify the types of the following Nouns:

- (i) crowd
- (ii) honesty
- (iii) school
- (iv) childhood
- (v) nation
- (vi) National Stadium Karachi

(03)

Q.5 (a) Use the word '*difference*' in sentences as (i) a verb (ii) an adjective and (iii) an adverb. Indicate the part of speech used in the sentence.

(03)

(b) Insert the correct preposition in each of the following sentences.

- (i) There is such a large crowd. You will not be able to find your friend \_\_\_\_\_ all the people.
- (ii) The customers had to stand \_\_\_\_\_ a queue to be served.
- (iii) The chicken got out \_\_\_\_\_ the hole in the fence.
- (iv) How can the buses run \_\_\_\_\_ time with all these traffic jams!

(02)

- (c) Write the appropriate Comparative or Superlative forms of the words listed below to complete the following sentences:

*beautiful, fat, fast, famous, noisy, cold, low, narrow*

- (i) Because of his eating junk food and adopting an inactive lifestyle, he is the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in his class.  
 (ii) The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ today than it was yesterday.  
 (iii) Of all the paintings we have seen in the art gallery, this painting of Sadquein is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (iv) The valley at this point is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the entire mountain range.  
 (v) The small shops in the Sunday Bazaar charge \_\_\_\_\_ prices than the shops located in the fancy malls.  
 (vi) Although she is quite pretty, she is \_\_\_\_\_ for her singing talents than for her looks.  
 (vii) The active commercial cities in the world are usually the \_\_\_\_\_ as well.  
 (viii) Emails are the \_\_\_\_\_ mode of written communication. (04)

- Q.6 (a) Punctuate the following sentences:

- (i) just between you and me i dont think he is telling the whole truth  
 (ii) how can salim shazia and i ever thank you enough for your generous support  
 (iii) pass the fruit tray please  
 (iv) its a really good cell phone but i cant afford it  
 (v) one of the assigned readings is michael porters five forces model (05)

- (b) Explain the term Phrase. (02)

- Q.7 Select the meaning which is most relevant to the following Idioms.

- (i) It's no use splitting hairs.  
 (a) having a hair transplant  
 (b) wearing a wig  
 (c) entering in serious discussions over petty or meaningless issues  
 (d) showing off one's knowledge to impress others.
- (ii) To be in hot water.  
 (a) to survive in extremely adverse circumstances  
 (b) in deep trouble  
 (c) show frustration when the circumstances are not favourable  
 (d) to be accident prone.
- (iii) He really knows his ropes.  
 (a) an individual who is very knowledgeable about his job  
 (b) an individual who is articulate and can convince others with arguments  
 (c) an individual who is very manipulative in his dealings with others  
 (d) an individual who strictly follows the rules and regulations.
- (iv) Cry over spilt milk.  
 (a) raise unnecessary hue and cry to obtain sympathy from others  
 (b) worry excessively about trivial matters  
 (c) express sorrow over a loss which cannot be repaired  
 (d) mourn over a substantial financial loss.
- (v) Nip it in the bud.  
 (a) plant a seed whose flower blossoms in early spring  
 (b) an evil which should be stopped in its inception stage  
 (c) a childhood friend who has defrauded you  
 (d) an individual who has a passion for gardening. (05)

Q.8 Happiness is conducive to good health. Happy people are healthy people and healthy people are happy people. Happiness is a state of mind achieved by imbibing healthy affirmative thoughts, ideas and feelings. With negative thoughts one cannot be in a happy frame of mind. A prolonged state of unhappy mind leads to poor mental health.

Many people live the greater part of their lives on the deferred payment plan. They expect that occurrence of a future event or arrival of some individual in their lives would bring a sea change in their circumstances and give them lasting happiness. Only you can decide how happy or unhappy you are to be. Waiting for a future event or person to come and bring you life's greatest gift of happiness will cause disappointment.

A state of happiness is prerequisite to experience the rewards of well-being. The word disease signifies a state of unhappiness – 'dis ease' – and causes most psychosomatic illnesses. You can become happy by neutralizing all negative thoughts festering in your mind. If you lose faith in your own self, feel lonely, distressed or sorry for yourself, then you are creating a pattern of unhappiness and setting yourself up for mental and physical illnesses. Happiness is a natural state and therefore it should be experienced far more times than an unhappy or unnatural state. It may not be possible to be happy all the time, but you should make up your mind to be happy most of the time.

Marriages are more successful when both husband and wife are happy. Cheerful businessmen are more successful than pessimistic ones. A happy person thinks better, performs better, sees and observes better, hears and feels better and has a relaxed mind and body. Stomach, liver, heart, indeed all internal organs function better when you are happy.

Practice happy thinking and release yourself from distorted thinking which draws unhappiness towards you. You have the innate capability to manage and overcome the pressures of worry, fear, anxiety and frustration before they overwhelm you and lead to emotional and physical illness. Happiness and good health go hand in hand and can be achieved by practicing happy thinking habits.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the Passage. (01)
- (b) According to the author, diseases of liver and heart have only superficial relevance with an individual's mindset and occur primarily from physical ailments and malfunctioning of the human body. **True/False** (0.5)
- (c) The passage seeks to demonstrate that a life of happiness and good health are mutually exclusive for most people. **True/False** (0.5)
- (d) Feelings of unhappiness and negative mental outlook can best be avoided by:
- creating faith in one's own self
  - waiting happily for occurrence of a favourable event
  - adopting a cheerful lifestyle and thinking beyond one's own self
  - developing a strong defensive sense of self-pity
- (i) one of the above is correct  
(ii) two of the above are correct  
(iii) three of the above are correct  
(iv) all the above are correct. (02)
- (e) Identify **four** distinctive characteristics of truly healthy individuals. (01)
- (f) List **four** human concerns whose poor management and handling are responsible for the problems of mental and physical illness in the world. (01)
- (g) List **four** main causes of Psychosomatic Illnesses stated in the Passage. (01)
- (h) Write a **Précis** of 110-120 words of the above passage. (*Word count carries marks*) (07)

Q.9 Aggressive advertisement campaigns launched in the media by sellers of different products and services have far-reaching influence on our life-styles and the manner in which we, as consumers, spend our incomes. The role of advertisements is often a contentious issue and both the proponents and opponents offer convincing arguments to justify their respective viewpoints.

Khalid and Wahid are consumer rights protection activists and have strong opinions on the uses and abuses of advertisements and the manner in which they affect the different members of the society.

Write a dialogue of **four** arguments **each** from Khalid who is in favour of the role of advertisements and Wahid who feels that advertisements impact our lives negatively. **(08)**

Q.10 Write a letter on behalf of Mega Electronics Company, a leading distributor of electronic products, to Mr Abdul Khaliq informing him that his request for replacement of an under warranty cell cannot be accepted as the immersion of his cell phone in water has resulted in loss of warranty rights.

Mr Abdul Khaliq is a prominent businessman and, therefore, the letter should be worded politely. However, the letter should state the position of Mega Electronics Company with clarity.

Assume your name is Saadullah Khan and you are the Customer Services Manager of Mega Electronics Company. **(10)**

Q.11 Write an Essay of approximately **350** words on any one of the following topics:

- (a) Adverse Impact of traffic jams in our important cities
- (b) Good Education is essential for prosperity of the nation
- (c) Wealth does not necessarily bring happiness
- (d) Political Activism – Good or bad for the country

*(Word count carries mark)*

**(15)**

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