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ENGLISH

(Science)

(**Functional English—I**)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of
keep, hold, stand or turn :

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- (a) Make yourself at home—there's no need to — on ceremony.
- (b) The college — a record of every student's attendance.
- (c) The day he met Mira was a — point in his life.
- (d) We were disappointed when they — down our offer.
- (e) I knew the bad news would upset them, so I — it back from them.
- (f) They had to — back before reaching the summit of the mountain.
- (g) If you really want to do that, I won't — in your way.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Checklist

From research labs around the world, here are the simple additions and subtractions that result in a healthier life.

More :

+ Walking and biking

As few as five minutes of outdoor exercise substantially raises your mood and self-esteem, a review of ten studies shows. (Need more motivation? Other recent research indicates that walking 30 minutes a day lowers a man's risk of problems in bed.)

+ Eggs

You'll eat less at lunch after an egg-heavy breakfast than after a carb-packed morning meal, a recent trial suggests. In fact, your calorie consumption during the day could drop 18 percent.

+ Nuts

About 70 grams a day can significantly lower your cholesterol—especially if your bad cholesterol is high—and make you less likely to develop diabetes. (Stick to dry-roasted raw nuts.)

Less :

- Pill popping

Scientists once thought selenium supplements might cut the risk of lung and prostate cancers. But last year, a major study dashed such hopes for prostate cancer—and now decades-long research shows no lung cancer protection.

- Hesitation

If you suspect a person is having a stroke, don't wait—call an ambulance or rush him to hospital. The faster you get him there the better.

- Hamburgers

Kids who eat three or more burgers per week are about 40 percent more likely to be diagnosed with asthma than kids who never or rarely eat burgers, according to a recent study of more than 50000 children in 20 countries.

(a) Read the following questions. The answers have been provided, but they are incomplete. Fill in the blanks to complete the answers :

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(i) How much time should we devote to outdoor activities?

Ans : We should devote at least — minutes of our day to outdoor activities.

(ii) How can eggs in our breakfast help us lead a healthier life?

Ans : Eggs in our breakfast can help us lead a healthier life by making us eat — at —.

(iii) What should we eat to decrease our chances of diabetes?

Ans : We should eat more — to decrease our chances of diabetes.

(iv) What do we need to subtract from the diet of children to prevent asthma?

Ans : We need to subtract — from the diet of children to prevent asthma.

(b) The following words have been taken from the passage, 'The Checklist'. Choose the appropriate meaning from the box below :

- (i) substantially
- (ii) consumption
- (iii) supplements
- (iv) dashed
- (v) diagnosed

strike forcefully	find out	greatly
using up	add to	

(5)

Imagine you are writing for a film magazine. Write a review of a film, explaining why you recommend/don't recommend it to your readers. (Word limit 250)

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Or

Write about a favourite book of yours. Explain why you liked the book, what it is about and why you recommend it to other readers. (Word limit 250)

Imagine that you have just received this card from Rahul and Tina, two former classmates of yours. It's quite a surprise because you didn't even know Rahul and Tina were seeing each other.

Shaila and Ravi Choudhury are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tina to Rahul Barua, eldest son of Gayatri and Akhil Barua of Chandmari, Guwahati.

Write a letter to Tina and Rahul imagine that you haven't been in touch with either of them for ages.

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5. Find the mistakes in the following sentences and correct them :

- (a) If there has been robbery you should call a police.
- (b) Her brothers were all in the bed asleep when she left the home in morning.
- (c) The most houses in South of England are built of the brick.
- (d) He's in the hospital having operation.
- (e) You need permission from the planning department before building a house.
- (f) How many luggages are you going to take on plane?
- (g) He has some brown eyes and orange moustache.
- (h) What a wonderful news about Mira's sister getting scholarship!

6. The adjective NICE is used a lot in spoken English, but less in formal writing. Look at these examples and find synonyms from the box below :

- (a) He said some nice things about you.
- (b) You look very nice.

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- (c) Please be nice to them.
- (d) She's a very nice woman.
- (e) It was very nice of you to invite me.

complimentary	smart	thoughtful
likeable	friendly	generous

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