

B.A. / B.Com. B.Sc. F.Y. (NEP) Semester-II  
**BAO95 / BSC2OB24 - Open Elective B - English - Introduction to Basic Language Skills**

P. Pages : 2

Time : Two Hours



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Max. Marks : 40

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1. Answer the following questions in around 150 words. **Any one** **10**
- i) Use an example of your own to illustrate the three stages of effective listening.
- ii) What are the tips for telling stories.
2. Answer the following questions in around 150 words. **Any one** **10**
- i) What are the points to keep in mind while preparing to read a text?
- ii) Imagine that you are an education officer with the Maharashtra Board of Secondary Education. You have been asked by the secretary of the board to investigate rumours of cheating in three examination centres during the 2022 board examinations. Write an official report, presenting facts and making recommendations.
3. Answer the following questions in about 50 words. **Any two.** **10**
- i) Discuss the importance of taking notes while listening to talks.
- ii) What are TED talks? Give an example.
- iii) Revati and Dhruv are good friends. They meet outside a restaurant after a month. Write dialogues on the given situation.
- iv) Narrate the story with the help of given points in your own words.  
Bicycle – late for ...- shortcut – lost
4. Answer the following questions **any two.** **10**

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep, earlier known as the Laccadives, is an archipelago or chain of islands in the Arabian sea, spreading over an area of 32 square km and consisting of 10 inhabited and 17 uninhabited Islands.

Malayalm is spoken on all the islands except Minicoy, where the people speak a language known as Mahl. The entire population of Lakshadweep has been classified as scheduled Tribes because of their economic and social backwardness. Ninety-three percent of the population is Muslim. The main occupations of the people are fishing, coconut cultivation and coir twisting. Tourism is an emerging industry.

The early history of Lakshadweep is largely unknown. According to local tradition, people from the mainland first settled on these islands during the time of Cheraman Perumal, the last king of Kerala, who was converted to Islam by some Arab merchants, probably in the 19<sup>th</sup> century AD. For several centuries, Lakshadweep was

ruled by the king of Cannanore (now Kannur). In the year 1783, the administration of the islands was taken over by Tipu Sultan, at the request of some of the islanders. After the battle of Seringapatam in 1799, when Tipu was defeated by the British, the islands were annexed by the East India company and were administered from Mangalore.

Lakshadweep was made a union territory in 1956 and its name was changed from Laccadives to Lakshadweep in 1973.

- a) What was the earlier name of Lakshadweep? When did it get its new name?
- b) How many islands are there in Lakshadweep?
- c) What is the religion of the people of Lakshadweep? What language do they speak?
- d) What are the chief occupations of the people of Lakshadweep?
- e) When did the British take over the administration of Lakshadweep and why?

- i) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Education is a necessary aspect of life regardless of whether the person is a boy or a girl. An individual can become smarter, learn new things, and gain knowledge of global realities with the help of education. One of the most important components of women empowerment is education. Additionally, it aids in ending discrimination based on gender. The first step in empowering women to choose the lifestyle they want to live is education.

Women who have higher education are more productive at work. A well-informed woman possesses the abilities, knowledge, talent, and confidence necessary to excel as a mother, employee, and resident. In our nation, women make up about half of the population. Young ladies and women assume a significant role in building a society. They can show their youngsters and the kids around them. Through this, those youngsters will think emphatically about their country, and the crime percentage will definitely diminish. Men and women need the same opportunities to contribute to the growth of the nation since they are like two sides of the same coin. Without the other, one cannot exist.

- a) What are the benefits of education in individual's life?
- b) What is the most important component of women empowerment?
- c) Which is the first step in empowering women?
- d) What are the benefits higher of education to woman?
- e) What is the role of young ladies and women?

- ii) Write a paragraph of about 50 words on the topic: 'Practice makes man perfect'.

- iii) Write a brief newspaper report of around 50 words on the topic: 'An international cricket match'.

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