

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

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words. 10  
Discuss the three stages of the process of listening.

**OR**

Discuss the tips for telling engaging stories.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 10

Socrates taught that “The man who is master of himself is truly free”. By being master of oneself he meant first knowing oneself, one’s faults and weaknesses and one’s good points without making any pretence and without being vain, and then being able to control oneself. This knowledge of himself was what helped a man to be courageous, and the courageous man has very important sort of freedom from fear. Socrates himself, because he was not afraid of the consequences, always felt free to teach what he thought was right, however unpopular this might make him with the powerful people in Athens.

No wonder all his pupils loved Socrates. But he made some dangerous enemies by his strange way of teaching and asking questions. Some of the rulers in Athens did not like people to be encouraged to ask questions for fear they would begin asking questions about what their rulers were doing. So they accused Socrates of teaching young men wicked things and leading them to throw off their religion. This was false, for in fact Socrates was a very religious man. At last his enemies had him arrested, and he was condemned to death.

Questions

- a) What kind of man is truly free, according to Socrates?
- b) How did Socrates have enemies?
- c) Why did some rulers dislike people to be encouraged to ask questions?
- d) What was Socrates accused of?
- e) How can it be said that the accusation was false?

**OR**

Discuss in 150 words how to write a paragraph.

3. Answer the following questions in about 50 words **any two**. 10

- a) What is the main purpose of the listener while listening to announcement?
- b) Mention two activities one can take up to prepare before listening to a talk.
- c) Complete the following dialogue.  
(Geeta Marathe and Madhu Kumar meet at the post office They stay in the same locality, but do not know each other very well. It is two O'clock in the afternoon)  
Madhu : -----, Mrs. Marathe.  
Gita : -----, Mrs. Kumar -----?  
Madhu : -----, -----, ----- Mrs. Marathe?  
Gita : -----, ----- I came to buy some stamps and inland letters.  
Madhu : I must send this and to my friend. It's her birthday next week ----- Mrs. Marathe.  
Gita : -----, ----- Bye!  
Madhu : -----.
- d) Narrating stories and events help us to improve our communication skill. Discuss.

4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words. **any two**. 10

- a) Discuss the difference between skimming and scanning.
- b) What should we do while reading the text.
- c) Rearrange jumbled sentences below so as to have well written paragraph.  
They are chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature and peace.  
It is awarded from funds bequeathed by Alfred Nobel, a Swedish inventor and philanthropist.  
In 1969, economics was added to the list.  
Nobel's will designated six areas for which prizes could be awarded.  
Prizes in these six areas are presented in December every year, in the presence of the king of Sweden, as a fitting tribute Alfred Nobel.  
The Nobel prize is considered to be one of the most prestigious awards made to people whose work benefits humanity.  
The funds are administrated by the Nobel foundation in Stockholm.
- d) What is report writing?

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