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Name of the Course: **Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course- (OC)**

Name of the Paper: English –A

Semester : II

Maximum marks: 75

Time limit: 3 + 1 (One hour reserved for downloading of Question Paper, scanning and uploading of Answer Sheets)

There are 6 questions. You have to answer **any THREE**.

All questions carry equal marks of 25 each.

Each answer must be written in 500-800 words.

**1.** Explain any two barriers to communication with examples. Also suggest effective strategies to overcome them.

**2.** Prepare a **dialogue** on the given situation:

You are interested in bringing about a complete change of menu in the college canteen and replacing all junk food items with healthier options. However, your best friend enjoys eating the junk food available in the canteen. Carry out a dialogue convincing your friend about the importance of eating nutritious and healthy food.

**3.** Imagine that you have to **interview** an illustrious sportsperson who is an alumnus of your college on the need to highlight the importance of physical fitness as much as academic excellence in educational institutions. Write an interview containing both the questions you would ask and the responses received.

**4.** Prepare a **public speech** on the following:

Development at the cost of ecology will only lead to destruction and complete depletion of natural resources.

**5.** Read the following passage carefully and then **paraphrase** in your words:

Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all and has a great effect on our lives. It brings pleasure, pride and gives us a sense of fulfillment. It inspires us to do even better. But how do we define success? There are many different tactics for how to be

successful in life, but the strategy that works best for you may depend on your view of success itself. We often think of it as doing well at work or earning a high salary. While professional accomplishments can be one piece of the puzzle, it leaves out many other important areas of life. Family, relationships, academics, and athletics are just a few areas where people may strive for success. Your individual definition of what success is may vary, but many might define it as being fulfilled, happy, safe, healthy, and loved.

It is the ability to reach your goals in life, whatever those goals may be. So, what can you do to boost your chances of achieving these things? What are some of the habits of successful people? Although there is no single right way to be successful as what works for one person might not work for someone else yet there are some basic steps you can follow that can improve your chances of being successful in life, love, work, or whatever happens to be important to you.

Everybody hopes to be successful in life but success smiles only on those who have a vision, a proper plan and a never-give-up approach. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and objectives. Clarity of aim is a must to succeed in life followed by a focused approach and a well thought out plan of action. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles in the path of success. One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire leads to nothing. Moreover, the desire should be weighed against factors like competence and resources. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. Without passion, dreams seldom lead to success. One should always have a positive approach and remain in high spirits. Lack of such an attitude may lead to inferiority complex and disillusionment. Time is also a crucial deciding factor. Only the punctual and the committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of how we may rise if we are laborious since hard work is one of the basic requirements of achieving success. Remember the saying "Every success story is about 5% inspiration and 95% perspiration." It is the patience, persistence and the perseverance which play a decisive role in a man's journey to accomplishment. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated. The only real limits on what you can do, have, or be are self-imposed. Once you make a clear, unequivocal decision to change your life by casting off all your mental blocks and throw your whole heart into the accomplishment of some great goal, your ultimate success is virtually guaranteed, as long as you don't stop.

6. You are a subscriber of a monthly magazine named "Youth Speaks" which gives a platform to young people to voice their concerns regarding several issues related to the younger generation. **Write a letter** to your cousin giving details about the magazine, describing how you have enjoyed reading it and convincing her to become a subscriber too.