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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
1A01ENG : Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

A hatter is a person who makes hats. Hatters are also known as milliners. People have been wearing hats for a long time. So, millinery is an old profession. We can trace the use of the word back to the 1600s.

Perhaps the most famous real-life milliner is Coco Chanel. She founded the Chanel brand after World War I. Her brand is still popular today. But the most famous milliner of all may be the Hatter from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The Hatter first appears in Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel in "Chapter Seven - A Mad Tea-Party". The Hatter claims to Alice that it is always six o'clock and so it is always tea-time. He speaks in riddles to which he does not know the answer. And he changes his seat at the table at random. This character is known as "the Mad Hatter," and even the Cheshire Cat calls him mad.

In Carroll's time, many hatters suffered from mental illness. In fact, the phrase "as mad as a hatter" was in print in 1829. This was several decades before Carroll's character appeared. It is now understood that this madness was due to mercury exposure.

Mercury was once a secret ingredient in hatting. Hatters would steam and press animal fur. Then they would add a compound made from mercury to stabilize the fur. They called this process felting. It made for some nice hats. It also gave hatters mercury poisoning.

Erethism, also known as "mad hatter disease," is a mental disorder. It is due to having too much contact with mercury. Those who suffer from it shake beyond their control. Their personalities may change. They may lose their memories. Or they may hallucinate. It is a damaging condition.

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Speaking of madness, the small city of Danbury, Connecticut, was once known as "Hat City." During the 1800s and 1900s, as many as 75% of American-made hats came from Danbury. And a lot of workers from this city got mercury poisoning. There were so many cases that the condition was known as the "Danbury shakes." The madness of it all is that people knew the cause.

Although the hazards of mercury had long been known, it wasn't studied until the 1860s. Yet by 1869 science proved the health hazards that mercury posed to hat makers. And in 1874 and 1888 people created new, safer methods of felting using acid. But the American hat industry continued to use mercury for another 60 years. Isn't that maddening ?

The use of mercury in hatting finally ended during World War II. It wasn't because people discovered that it was hazardous to workers. (They already knew that.) It was because mercury was needed to create detonators for the war effort. Connecticut banned the use of mercury in hat-making in 1941. To this day the banks of the Still River in Danbury still test high for levels of mercury waste.

Give short answers to all the following questions.

- 1.1) What does the word 'millinery' mean ?
- 1.2) What causes erethism ?
- 1.3) Which all literary works are presented in the passage ?
- 1.4) What damage has mercury caused to Still River ?
- 1.5) What is felting ?

(5×1=5)

Attempt any two of the following questions in two or three sentences.

- 1.6) What are the dangers associated with 'mad hatters' disease ?
- 1.7) What is peculiar to 'The Mad Hatter' in *Alice in Wonderland* ?
- 1.8) How did the usage of mercury stop in hat making ?

(2×2=4)

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Education has many benefits. It helps us understand the world around us and think critically and creatively. It also gives us the skills we need to succeed in the workforce and contribute to our communities. Education can open up new opportunities and give us a sense of accomplishment and self-satisfaction.

Additionally, education helps promote equality and social mobility. It gives individuals the tools and knowledge they need to rise out of poverty and achieve their full potential. Education is also a key factor in reducing discrimination and promoting understanding and tolerance between different cultures and groups.

In short, education is an important part of our lives and has the power to transform individuals and communities.

Give short answers to **all** the following questions.

- 2.1) What is the importance of education in our lives ?
- 2.2) How does education promote equality and social mobility ?
- 2.3) How can education change individuals and communities ?
- 2.4) Write some benefits of education.
- 2.5) Why is education an investment in the future? (5×1=5)

3. Answer **any fourteen** of the following.

- 3.1) Correct the following sentence.  
He shot the tiger but missed.
- 3.2) Use the appropriate modal from the given options and complete the sentence.  
Tom \_\_\_\_\_ to be at home (used/ought)
- 3.3) Complete the sentence using appropriate modal.  
The phone rang but I didn't hear it. I \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.
- 3.4) Complete the table with the correct form of the verb.

Present tense	Present Participle	Past Tense	Past Participle
bring			

- 3.5) Correct the following sentence.  
He was searching his lost pen everywhere.
- 3.6) Convert the following into a yes/no question without changing the tense.  
They will forgive him.
- 3.7) Convert the sentence into passive voice.  
I hope that she will come.



- 3.8) Correct the following sentence.  
We are confident to win the game.
- 3.9) Fill up using appropriate word.  
They do/does their work well.
- 3.10) Convert the following sentence into reported speech.  
She said, "Venu will write well."
- 3.11) Convert the following sentence into reported speech.  
Teacher asked the students, "have you understood this lesson ?"
- 3.12) Add the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.  
He loves literature, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3.13) Add the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.  
Rani hadn't completed her work.
- 3.14) Select a synonym for the word 'leave' from the following.  
Accurate, Abandon, Avenge, Precise
- 3.15) Select the antonym for the word 'artificial', from the following.  
Natural, Precious, New, Rare
- 3.16) What are the two different meanings of the word 'lead' ?
- 3.17) Identify the idiom in the following sentence. What does it mean ?  
All culprits were brought to book without delay. (14×1=14)
4. Answer **any one** of the following topics in **not more than two** pages.
- 4.1) Write an essay on "Kerala- God's own land".
- 4.2) Write an essay on "drug addiction". (1×6=6)
5. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages.
- 5.1) As the Secretary of the Arts Club, of your college, write a letter to a celebrated artist inviting him/her to inaugurate the Arts Club.
- 5.2) Prepare a CV and cover letter for the post of Accountant in ABC Computers, Trivandrum. You are replying to the advertisement placed in The Indian Express. (1×6=6)
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