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Course name: Preparatory English
Course code: HS 00001

Time: 3 Hrs.

Full marks: 60
No.: 31

All questions are compulsory

Section I: Write a composition in about 400 words on any one of the following topics: (15)

- a. Advantages and Disadvantages of Students using Mobile Phones
- b. 2012
- c. Reality Shows
- d. Is global climate change man-made?
- e. Hostel Life

Section II: Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in not more than 400 words (15x2=30)

1. "The Lion and the Mosquitoes" is an allegory about the superiority of collective strength over individual strength. Do you agree with it? Discuss your answer.
2. It is said that the child is the father of man. Justify this statement with reference to "The Wooden Cup".
3. In "Together for Life" how does On-kur exhibit his love and commitment for his partner?

Section III: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (3x5=15)

Acupuncture is an ancient form of medical treatment in which every small and very thin needles usually made of stainless steel, are inserted into specific points into the body in order to relieve pain or to improve health. The treatment is believed to have been practiced in China as early as 4000 years ago and it is still used today. According to acupuncture – experts of China, the human body is thought to consist of 14 meridians or channels, of which 12 were bilateral and 2 were not, and it is through these meridians that the vital energy flows. Along these meridians are situated 365 points where energy is concentrated. Now the number of these points has increased to 800. The drawings for the exact positions of these points are available even today. With the help of these drawings, the needles are inserted at specific points for a particular disease. The needles do not go deep and the process is quite painless. A single treatment may last only 10 minutes.

In recent years, acupuncture has been accepted even in the West as a branch of alternative medicine. Acupuncture is extensively practised in China, Japan and even in the USA. It is proved to be an effective treatment for relieving pain. It has been used to treat malaria, stomach disorders, rheumatic pain and a number of other diseases.

But above all, man must learn the art of being happy. This mechanical life has kept him away from nature. Tension, stress, depression, worry, disappointment, etc., affect man's health a lot. Happiness is the secret of good health. Let us be clean in our habits, let us pour out our emotions, let us maintain cordial relationship with all, let us enjoy nature and let us be happy. What else do we need to keep ourselves healthy?

- a) Write the contextual meaning of the underlined words. (bilateral, meridians, alternative and mechanical, depression)
- b) What is acupuncture? Whether it is fair to undergo this type of treatment?
- c) Why acupuncture treatment is recommended in medical field?
- d) How acupuncture treats men to experience happiness in life?
- e) Do you like acupuncture? Why?