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ENG 1601

LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE

Marks: 60

Duration: 2 Hrs

Answer the following (Any Four)

1. Read the dialogue and answer the following questions:

(4x15=60)

AT THE POST OFFICE

MICHEAL: Excuse me.

COUNTER CLERK: Yes?

MICHAEL: I want to send this parcel, please.

COUNTER CLERK: Do you want to send it by letter post or parcel post? It'd be seven rupees fifty paise by letter post, and five rupees twenty-five paise by parcel post.

MICHAEL: You'd better send it by letter post. It might be quicker.

COUNTER CLERK: All right. Anything else I can do for you?

MICHAEL: Yes. Could you weigh this letter, please?

COUNTER CLERK: It's just over twenty grams. It'll cost you one rupee forty paise. Here're the stamps for the parcel and the letter. Will you affix them, please?

MICHAEL: I also want twenty inland letter sheets and ten stamped envelopes.

COUNTER CLERK: By all means. But wait a minute, please. Let me first give you the receipt for the parcel. Here's the receipt. And here's the postal stationery.

MICHAEL: Thank you very much. Can I leave the parcel there on the desk in front of you?

COUNTER CLERK: Yes. But put the letter in the box over there.

MICHAEL: Oh, yes. Thank you very much.

Read the following questions and answer the following:

1. Where does the dialogue take place?
2. How many people are taking part in the dialogue? Who are they?
3. Do we know the name of the Counter Clerk? Is it a man or a woman? Do we know?
4. Michael wants to do three things at the post office. What are they?
5. Are the two people in the dialogue polite to each other?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (5x3=15)

Cardamom, the Queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate loamy soil rich in organic matter distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour

Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in North-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the Southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 cm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms, and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges. The small variety, known for its exotic quality throughout the world, is now traded in India's commodity future exchanges. Traditional auction markets also exist for trading in small cardamom in the country,

Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. It is often adulterated and there are many inferior substitutes from cardamom-related plants such as Siam cardamom, Nepal cardamom, Winged Java cardamom etc. however, it is only Elettaria cardamom which is the true cardamom. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties : Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains levels of cineol and limonene and hence is more aromatic.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

- a) Why is Indian Cardamom unique?
- b) What is special about the Mysore quality of Cardamom?
- c) Mention the inferior substitutes from cardamom- related plants.
- d) Explain is the purpose of the Cardamom.
- e) Write a suitable title for the passage.

3. Write an argumentative essay on Health and hygiene and the harmful effect of using mobile phones. (15 Marks)

4. Write an essay on “Junk the Junk Food” to create an awareness among children that junk food is unhealthy and unhygienic. (15 Marks)

5. Develop a conversation between a professor and student regarding a new robotic machine that waters plants and discuss how it works. (15 Marks)

6. Discuss the importance of English as an international language. (15 Marks)
