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## Backlog Arrear Examination, March 2021

ENG 2212

English Usage

Time: 2hrs

Max. Marks: 60

**I. Answer ANY FOUR of the following:**

**4\*15=60**

1. Write down the American English words for the following.

- a. flat
- b. appetizer
- c. hairslide
- d. mobile phone
- e. biscuit
- f. wardrobe
- g. cot
- h. nappy
- i. chemist
- j. bonnet
- k. postbox
- l. car park
- m. dummy
- n. pavement
- o. football

2. Give a detailed account of common errors in English language with examples for each.

3. Give the meaning for the commonly used phrases.

- a. Once In a blue moon
- b. when pigs fly
- c. A piece of cake
- d. To cut corners
- e. Break a leg
- f. Call it a day
- e. See eye to eye

4. Give the meaning and frame sentences on your own using these commonly confused words.

(i) accept/ except

(ii) affect/ effect

(iii) allowed/aloud

(iv) breath/breathe

(v) coarse/course

5. What is the role of punctuation and capitalization in English language? Explain the rules with examples.

6. State seven major differences between American and British English with examples.

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