

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks:100

**Instructions:** (1) Attempt all questions. (2) Marks are indicated against each question.

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (15)

Some people have wrong impression that making a speech is an ordinary job and requires no specific art. When we watch people swimming in a pool, we think that there is nothing difficult about it but we get to know the gravity of the situation as we actually jump in the tank and swim. Similarly when we hear a speaker addressing an audience, we do not properly appreciate his hardship. We get to know the difficulties involved when we take the floor during a public debate ourselves and face the gathering. The first and the foremost task of the speaker is to get over the stage fright. Unless he succeeds in doing this he cannot make a good speech in spite of the best preparation. The floor appears to be sliding from under his feet and the material so carefully prepared gets muddled up.

- (a) Suggest a suitable title for the above passage. (03)  
 (b) What does a common man believe about making a speech? (04)  
 (c) What obstacles does a speaker face during a public debate? (04)  
 (d) What should be the first and foremost task of the speaker? (04)

Q2. Write a Summary of about one third of the passage given in Question No. 1. (05)

Q3. Answer any TWO of the following questions: (10)

- (i) What did the writer's mother in "London Road" feel about his leaving home and how did she express her feelings?  
 (ii) What questions Mary did not ask Bill in the story "Early Autumn". Discuss.  
 (iii) What was the surprise ending of the story "The story of an Hour".

Q4. Read the following passage and answer the given questions: (10)

A day like this would make many people think that they were in Utopia, yet this little excerpt from the life of one man is not as impossible as it might sound. In fact, parts of the preceding story are already true for some people. The factors guiding us into this more productive, less strenuous and much more leisurely life-style are always centered around one thing: new technologies.

- (i) Write the title of the text from which the above passage has been taken? (02)  
 (ii) What do you think the word "Utopia" means? (02)  
 (iii) What do you think is the connection between "Utopia" and the title of the text? (03)  
 (iv) Give the meanings of the underlined words in the passage. (03)

Q5. Write an essay on ONE of the following topics: (15)

- (i) Our Future – How I see it  
 (ii) Mobile Phones: a Necessity Or a Curse  
 (iii) The Importance of English

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Q6.(a) Imagine yourself a TV anchor and ask a taxi driver 5 WH questions about traffic related problems in the city. (05)

(b) Change the voice: (05)

We play our national anthem at every important event. Hafeez Jalandhari wrote it very beautifully. Many writers have translated it in many languages. It generates love, patriotism and pleasure in our hearts.

(c) Change the following into indirect speech. (10)

I said to the leader, "what have you done for the nation that you are so proud?" He replied, "Don't you see how rich I am and how many people depend on me for so many things."

(d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verb in the brackets. (05)

I am enjoying my work at the office. I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) a lot about the job. Soon they \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (move) me to another office in Dubai. They \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me about it last week. I \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ leave at the end of the month. I \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) a bit sad about it.

(e) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: (05)

I love being \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ an island. We arrived here almost a week \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_, and I can't believe the time is passing so fast. We finally completed the journey here \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ about 11 o'clock. The journey was not too bad but we had to wait age's \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the air port for our flight.

Q7. Send your CV and a covering letter to the Secretary Education Sindh for the post of HST. The candidate must be B.Sc or B.Com 1<sup>st</sup> division M.Sc will be considered an additional qualification.

OR Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern over day to day rise in the prices of the edibles.