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FIRST SEMESTER

Subject: Functional English (BCOM23-105/BCOM24-105)

Date: 19/05/2026

Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions (10)

Psychology is the study of human behaviour of how people behave and why they behave in just the way they do. Its chief purpose is to know more about human nature and human activity. In the past psychology was defined as the science of soul or mind but it is not possible to have any direct knowledge of the soul or mind. Whole behaviour is objective and can be observed, both soul and mind are just assumptions, and even if we agree that they are justifiable assumptions, they cannot be observed and are not a proper object of scientific study.

Later psychology was defined as the science of consciousness or conscious experience, but nobody has been able to say what makes us conscious of things and people around us, and in any case there are a number of things an individual does without being aware of them. Many people bite their nails or move their heads and are surprised when their attention is drawn to these acts. They perform them unconsciously.

Besides, anybody's experiences are from his own private and personal world into which others cannot enter. It is known directly only to him who has that experience. But a person's behavior is open to everybody to observe, it can be directly studied and it is better to confine the study of psychology to behaviour alone, to those activities of the individual which can be observed, compared and analyzed by all. It is a systematic study of all that man does in response to his world of things and persons.

Questions :-

A. Find the words from the passage that are similar in meanings to the following:

- (a) character
- (b) guesses
- (c) individual
- (d) orderly

B. State whether the following statements are true or false:

- (a) In the past psychology was defined as the science of body.
- (b) Behavior is objective and can be observed.
- (c) Many people bite their nails consciously.
- (d) Psychology is the systematic study of human behavior

C. Answer the following questions:

- (a) How is psychology defined?
- (b) How did people define psychology later?
- (c) Can a person's behavior be observed directly? If so how?
- (d) Give a appropriate title to this passage.

- Q. 2. Give short -responses to the following (Any 5) (10)**
1. Introduce yourself in the new classroom.
 2. You are new in the city, ask somebody to help you to find the address.
 3. Request your boss for a leave to attend a marriage in the family.
 4. You are late in the party arranged for you, apologize for your late arrival.
 5. Ask for permission from your friend to use his computer.
 6. Time is money. Respond.
 7. "Child labour is a crime" Agree or Disagree. Give a valid reason for your answer.
- Q. 3. Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below. (10)**
1. You are a candidate for an interview. You greet the interviewers and introduce yourself. The interviewers respond to your greeting and introduce themselves. Write a short dialogue between you and interviewers.
 2. Your friend wants to invite you to a movie on Saturday. You are free and so you accept the invitation. Write a brief dialogue.
- Q. 4. Write a letter (Any One) (10)**
1. Your friend who had an accident has his hand in plaster. Write a warm and chatty letter to him to cheer him up.
- OR**
2. Write a letter to a book keeper as you are need of some books which are not easily available. Request him/her to get those books explaining how beneficial it will be not just for you but also for other students.
- Q. 5. Write an Essay in about 300 words on (any one) of the topics given below: (10)**
1. My dream holiday destination
 2. Importance of balanced diet
- Q. 6. Rewrite the sentences referring to the brackets (10)**
1. Who is ____ girl sitting there?(the , a ,an)
 2. The boy fell ____ the bicycle.(use the correct prepositions)
 3. She always _____.(speak) softly. (use the correct form of verb)
 4. Rama is as old as _____ (I, Me)
 5. The fox said , " These grapes are sour"(change to indirect speech)
 6. The King gave him a reward.(Change the voice)
 7. Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.(Change the degree)
 8. Name all the tenses in English language.
 9. It is a very wonderful opportunity.(change to exclamatory sentence)
 10. Men who worked hard enjoy life fully.(name the part of speech of the underlined word)