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Course Code: ELL-1101 **Course Title: Four Skills**
Time: 2:30 Hrs. Full Marks: 50

(Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.)

Part I: Reading (20 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Many people have heard of Helen Keller. She is famous because she was unable to see or hear, but learned to speak and read and went onto attend college and earn a degree. Her life is a very interesting story, one that she developed into an autobiography, which was then adapted into both a stage play and a movie. How did Helen Keller overcome her disabilities to become a famous woman? Read onto find out.

Helen Keller was not born blind and deaf. When she was a small baby, she had a very high fever for several days. As a result of her sudden illness, baby Helen lost her eyesight and her hearing. Because she was so young when she went deaf and blind, Helen Keller never had any recollection of being able to see or hear. Since she could not hear, she could not learn to talk. Since she could not see, it was difficult for her to move around. For the first six years of her life, her world was very still and dark.

Imagine what Helen's childhood must have been like. She could not hear her mother's voice. She could not see the beauty of her parent's farm. She could not recognize who was giving her a hug, or a bath or even where her bedroom was each night. Sadder, she could not communicate with her parents in any way. She could not express her feelings or tell them the things she wanted. It must have been a very sad childhood.

When Helen was six years old, her parents hired her a teacher named Anne Sullivan. Anne was a young woman who was almost blind. However, she could hear and she could read Braille, so she was a perfect teacher for young Helen. At first, Anne had a very hard time teaching Helen anything. She described her first impression of Helen as a "wild thing, not a child." Helen did not like Anne at first either. She bit and hit Anne when Anne tried to teach her. However, the two of them eventually came to have a great deal of love and respect.

Anne taught Helen to hear by putting her hands on people's throats. She could feel the sounds that people made. In time, Helen learned to feel what people said. Next, Anne taught Helen to read Braille, which is a way that books are written for the blind. Finally, Anne taught Helen to talk. Although Helen did learn to talk, it was hard for anyone but Anne to understand her.

As Helen grew older, more and more people were amazed by her story. She went to college and wrote books about her life. She gave talks to the public, with Anne at her side, translating her words. Today, both Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller are famous women who are respected for their lives' work.

1. Answer the following questions.

1x5 =5

a. What was the biggest problem of Helen Keller in her Childhood?

- b. How can you understand that Anne Sullivan was a patient teacher?
 - c. Why did Helen need a translator?
 - d. What is Braille?
 - e. Why is Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller famous for?
2. Write if the sentences are true or false. If false give the correct answer. 1x5=5
- a. Helen Keller was a born blind.
 - b. Anne Sullivan started teaching when Helen was a teen-ager.
 - c. Anne Sullivan was very favourite to Helen from the very beginning.
 - d. Helen's childhood was very pleasant.
 - e. It was very unlikely that Helen could learn to speak without the assistance of Anne.
3. Make sentences of your own with the following words. 1x5=5
- a. Disabilities
 - b. Recollection
 - c. Recognized
 - d. Impression
 - e. Amazed
4. Write a summary of the passage in not more than five sentences. 5

Part 2: Writing (30 Marks)

1. Write a review of the book you have recently read. 10
Or, Write a review of the film you have recently watched.
2. Suppose, you work for a local daily newspaper. After a road accident in your city, you went to the spot and interviewed different people.
Now write a report on the basis of your interview for your paper. 10
3. Write an email to the customer care representative of Airtel complaining about poor network on campus. 10