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Center for General Education (CGED)

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Course Title: Advanced English Course Code: UREL-2303

Marks: 30

Time: 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.

Reading-10

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions

Let us climb the hill that rises behind the village and look back. The village seems almost unchanged in the valley.

A large area of green vegetation surrounds the homes of the villagers. Look carefully. Has the general appearance of the village changed in this changing world? Through the trees you can still see in the main street the same shops that were there when you and I were boys, before we went away. Look at the shapes of the fields. There is no change there. But you will notice some difference in the village school. It is being enlarged. Several more classrooms are being added to it, though you can still make out the lines of the old buildings that we knew when we were pupils there.

It is not late enough yet for the shopkeepers to light their lamps, but we must walk down the hill again before it is too dark to see the path.

Most of the older villagers have been happy enough to spend their whole lives here. Now, of course, they are too used to the place to want to move away or to travel far. But for many young people, life here is not varied enough to satisfy them. The place seems much too quiet. There is nothing here to interest them. Their parents tell them that city life is very hard and too competitive to suit them; but the young men and women answer that conditions in the country are too limited to offer them opportunities for making a good living.

Naturally the mothers and fathers of these young people want to keep their children with them. Although life is sometimes hard, they say, working on the land is peaceful. They are very friendly with their neighbors. They share their joys and sorrows. They help each other in misfortune. They are never lonely.

Very often the young men and women do not listen to them. The city has too many attractions to offer, with its busy streets, fine shops, bright lights, cinemas and other entertainments. Many young villagers earn quite enough money in the city to have a comfortable life there but not all of them are so fortunate. They do not yet know how difficult it is to get work, and they do not yet know what temptations await them. Some succeed, but many more fail.

A. Answer the questions as directed

1x8=8

- a. Aren't you ready -----? No, I'm -----getting dressed. (Fill in the gaps with 'still' or 'yet')
- b. It is very late. We cannot get there on time. (Join the sentences with too...to)

- c. What is the plural form of 'valley'?
- d. I am not tall. I cannot touch the fan. (Join the sentences with **enough...to**)
- e. Write the noun form of 'fail'.
- f. Make a sentence with the word 'temptation'.
- g. Students should avail -----what are in front of them. (Choose a word from the passage to fill in the gap)
- h. Amusement (Find a word in the passage with meaning similar to this)

B. Trace out two attractions of city life and two for village life.

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Grammar-12

2. Fill in the blanks with a, an and the where necessary

0.5x8=4

- a. Most secondary schools have----- reference library.
- b. Every part of the earth receives sunlight during -----day.
- c. -----distance of ----- sun from ---earth is about 93 million miles.
- d. Venus is -----most beautiful of all - ----planets. It has ----very soft light.

3. Fill in the blanks with preposition and conjunction

0.5x8=4

We have government, the police i ----the law court ii -----prevent iii----- to punish such criminal acts iv----- all men ought to observe certain rules v -----conduct. Everyman ought to behave with consideration vi-----other man. He ought not to steal, cheat vii-----destroy the property viii-----others.

4. Write the correct form of verbs

1x4=4

- a. When I (have) my dinner, I went to bed.
- b. I (wait) for you until you arrive.
- c. You (do) anything tomorrow morning?
- d. She (be) unconscious since four o'clock.

Writing-08

5. Write a letter to your friend about the importance of computer knowledge at present time.

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Or

Write a paragraph on-

The study tour that you enjoyed