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Semester End Examination -Spring 2025

Course Code: GEEL-1106

Course Title: Advanced English

Time: 2 hours & 30 minutes

Marks: 40+ 10 (Listening)

Reading part-25

Read the following passage and answer the questions

To many people, especially working people, co-operation means the *Co-operative Movement*. This movement was started by working people for the benefit of working people. It began in Rochdale, an industrial town in the North of England, in 1844. In that year a group of people who were employed in the factories of Rochdale decided that they would open a shop. This may not perhaps be considered a very original decision, or one that could be important for anybody except the people who took it. It was, however, of worldwide importance, though nobody could have guessed this at the time. The decision was, in fact, original in one very important detail, namely that it was taken by people who were to be the customers as well as the owners of the shop. A small sum of money was contributed by each member of the scheme. None of them was able to contribute much, but the total of their contributions was sufficient to pay for the premises of the shop and for the goods which were needed to stock it. The profit which was made by the sale of the goods to members was used to buy more goods, and any money left over after these goods had been bought was divided out amongst the members. In this way they were able to buy necessary goods at reasonable prices and also to share in the profit from their own enterprise.

The main principles which were adopted by the Rochdale cooperators when they opened their shop were: 1. Open membership: Anyone living in the Rochdale area was allowed to join, 2. Democratic control (one member, one vote), 3. Distribution of surplus income amongst members, once all other expenses had been paid, 4. Political and religious neutrality, 5. Trading for cash only: Members had to pay for their purchases before they could take them away from the shop, 6. Encouragement of education. These principles have been recognized throughout the world as the basis of a genuine co-operative movement. From its humble beginnings in Rochdale the movement has spread to many countries. Local Co-operative Societies have been founded for trading throughout Britain, and a central organization, the Co-operative Wholesale Society, manufactures a wide variety of goods which member Societies can buy from it to sell in their shops. It also acts - as a link between them and helps them to co-operate nationally as well as locally. The International Co-operative Alliance has also been founded to make this co-operation possible amongst members of the movement with similar principles all over the world, in any country where such societies have been or will be founded. It would take a long time to describe all the activities which have been started as a result of the decision taken by the Rochdale Co-operators. Almost 13 million people are members of the Co-operative Movement in Britain, and societies have been founded abroad for all sorts of purposes from simple trading and running shops to hiring farm machinery to members who cannot afford to buy their own; and *Marketing Societies* have been recognized as the best way for producers of food and other crops to sell their produce. This result of their decision to co-operate was certainly not foreseen by the founders of the Rochdale Co-operative Society, but it is the best memorial to them and to their enterprise.

1. Answer the following questions according to the instructions given.

- a) What was the purpose of setting up Co-operative Societies? 1
- b) How did they collect money to open the shop? 1
- c) "This result of their decision to co-operate was certainly not foreseen by the founders"- Explain. 2

2. Find adjectives from the passage which fit these definitions.

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- a) not false
- b) all over the world
- c) never thought of before
- d) remaining after expenses have been paid

- h) The-----of dinosaurs occurred millions of years ago. (Fill in the gap with word taken from the passage.)
- i) Choose a word from the passage meaning the same as 'capable of being endured'.

Grammar part -10

6. Answer the following questions according to the instructions given.

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- a) He started to run fast _____ he should be late for the class. (Use suitable conjunction in the gap)
- b) We reached there. The sun was setting at that time. (Combine these sentences into a simple sentence)
- c) It doesn't worth to say lies about it. (Correct this sentence)
- d) The two first pages of my book has been lost. (Is this sentence correct? Correct the sentence if incorrect)
- e) The country was hit very (hard/hardly) by the drought. (Choose the correct adverb)
- f) Students should not be indifferent _____ their studies. (Use appropriate preposition)
- g) He can not walk a mile _____ ten miles. (Use correct phrase to fill up the gap)
- h) Had he been more careful, he (not make) the mistake. (Use the verb in the conditional structure)
- i) I will cut my hair tomorrow. (Correct this sentence based on the causative verb)
- j) Knowing the fact all present on the spot smiled. (Write whether the underlined word is gerund or present participle)

Writing part- 10

7. To ensure the public health "Food Adulteration" must be brought under control. Do you agree to this statement? Explain your position. 05

8 Write a letter to the sales manager of a company complaining about a damaged product that you have brought recently? 05

Listening-05

9. Listening test will be taken by the course teacher in a convenient time.

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