



**AEEN – 404**

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(NEP) (Freshers and Repeaters)  
Paper – IV : ADDITIONAL ENGLISH**

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** i) Answer **all** the questions.  
ii) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

- I. A) Summarise **any one** of the passages given below, give a suitable title and underline the topic sentence. 10

Sports is such an activity that it can be taken up by anyone, at any age and any point in life. Adults, children, and elders – everyone alike can take part in sports. Many regard sports as a mere co-curricular or extra-curricular activity in schools. However, sports play an equally important role as does education in a person's life – To achieve overall and all-round development in life, one should be well-versed in both sports and culture. While training sharpens the mind, sports sharpen the body and fitness. Thus, both are essential. There are numerous advantages of involving oneself in sports. First and foremost, as known by all and very definitively, competitions increase the physical fitness of an individual. Additionally, sports also contribute to building stable mental well-being of a person. Various researchers show that people who are in the daily practice of sports in any form record better mental as well as physical health. Moreover, sports also eliminate the risk of a person catching diseases or facing any bodily interruptions. Competitions increase immunity and increase people's stamina. A lot of people take up a lot of different kinds of sporting activities. There are many outdoor sports; these include cricket, badminton, football, hockey, volleyball etc. Indoor sports such as various board games, table tennis, chess etc. are also popular. One can choose from a large variety. While outdoor sports contribute heavily to building the physical aspect of one's being, indoor games have a more psychological impact. However, none of the activities can be categorised in a hard and fast way. Every sporting activity contributes to the well-being of a person, both physically and mentally.

OR

It is a matter of great pleasure to go for a walk by the countryside, especially for those who live in noisy cities and hardly find time to visit such places. The countryside has its own magical charms. A walk here removes the boredom and monotony of the hectic life of cities. Countryside presents

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sights, scenes and sounds that are very soothing and delightful. One feels elated and happy by taking a walk through the countryside. Such a walk helps us discover nature in all her beauty. Lush green fields, dancing plants, the vast landscape, with farmers ploughing their fields, women working at the wells, villages singing folk songs in the open fields, the tinkling of the bells tied to the necks of bulls, cows, buffaloes etc., are the sights and sounds to enjoy. The dense groves of the trees and the sweet sound of the chirping sparrows render melodious music. All this is so enchanting that we envy the peace of the countryside. The cool, fresh air which we get in the countryside is not available in the cities and towns. Smoky and dusty atmosphere of the cities makes life difficult. The artificial life of the cities is nothing compared to the serene, calm, quiet and peaceful life of the countryside. The blooming flowers, the green trees and women carrying pitchers on their heads can only be seen by having a walk through the countryside.

It is rightly said, "God made the country and man made the town." It seems even God resides in the countryside because the purity and simplicity of the countryside is more congenial than the humdrum life of cities and towns. In the countryside, we find nature in its various moods and thoughts. Nature is the teacher, healer, and mother of man. Thus, a walk in a countryside is pleasant because we breathe the pure and fresh air and see the objects of nature that are very pleasing and delightful and that elevate our spirits as well as refresh our minds.

- B) Make notes for **any one** of the passages given below, giving a suitable title using linear or diagram method.

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Mobile phones are the latest invention of technology and nowadays are being used all over the world. The medium for communicating with people is a lot easier due to the huge use of mobile phones. However, there are both advantages and disadvantages to using a mobile phone. A student can also use a phone to immediately contact their parents in case of any student's emergency. Mobile phones are considered very useful and have proven their importance to call security forces or an ambulance in emergencies like fires, medical issues, or maybe an accident. A mobile phone is used to call or text someone and has multi-purposes like sending emails, taking pictures if someone doesn't have a camera or communicating with people online, and making new friends. Nowadays, everything is being done online, and by using a mobile phone, one can effortlessly do almost everything with a single touch. Online banking, access to modern services and apps, improved networking capabilities, and online shopping are major tasks that can be performed using mobile phones. But on the other side, the disadvantages of mobile phones are also there. As mobile phones are





a constant, real-time communication and always available avenue, the incoming calls, texts, social-media related notifications, or emails can get into someone's phone within seconds. It is convenient in some cases, but while in a meeting or attending a lecture, if the mobile phone starts to ring, it interrupts and disturbs everyone. As communication becomes easy due to mobile phones, the gripping feeling to text, make calls, or video calls while working, studying, or driving is a big distraction. Reports suggest that close to nine individuals die due to road accidents caused by phone distracted drivers every day. Isolation is also one of the huge negative impacts of using mobile phones. Everyone is busy using mobile phones even if they meet face-to-face, which is also one of the major causes of harm between relationships in an individual's life. The health problems due to the massive use of mobile phones are increasing day by day. Playing mobile phone games and having late night chats on bright screen results in damage to the eyes. According to research, the network can cause skin cancers. Insomnia, eye cancer, and even infertility is some of the health problems caused by mobile phones' huge use.

OR

The food we eat seems to have profound effects on our health. Although science has made enormous steps in making food more fit to eat, it has, at the same time, made many foodstuffs unfit to eat. Some research has shown that perhaps eighty percent of all human illness are related to diet as well, especially cancer of the colon. People of different culture are more prone to contract certain illness because of the characteristic food they consume.

The food related to illness is not a new discovery. In 1945, Government researchers realized that nitrites and nitrates (commonly used to preserve color in meat) as well as other food additives caused cancer. Yet these carcinogenic additives remain in our food and it becomes more difficult all the time to know which ingredients on the packaging labels of processed food are helpful or harmful.

The additives we eat are not at all so direct. Farmers often give penicillin to cattle and poultry and because of this, penicillin has been found in the milk of treated cows. Sometimes similar drugs are administered to animals not for medicinal purpose but for financial reasons. The farmers are simply trying to fatten the animals in order to get higher price on the market. In spite of the food and drug administration, the practices continue.

A healthy diet is directly related to good health. Often we are unaware of detrimental substances we ingest. Sometimes well meaning farmers or others do not realize the consequences of adding these substances to food without our knowledge.



II. A) Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences **each**. (2×5=10)

- 1) The unknown citizen worked in \_\_\_\_\_ factory.
- 2) What is the message conveyed in the poem 'Invictus' ?
- 3) What was the self confession made by the poet in 'Telecom Conversation' ?
- 4) Who are the poet's friends in the poem 'White Paper' ?
- 5) How was the child different from her schoolmates according to poet 'Kamala Das' ?
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for delivering the baby of Jack and Jill.
- 7) Aunt Jane gave Jack a cheque of hundred pounds as a wedding gift. (True or False)

B) Answer **any four** of the following questions in **a** paragraph. (5×4=20)

- 1) Nothing could change the 'Philosopher's ease' in the poem 'A Character' – Explain.
- 2) Peacetime as its victims just as war time – substantiate this with reference to the poem the 'Unknown Citizen'.
- 3) Comment on the sudden change in the tone towards the end of the poem "Telephone Conversation".
- 4) How does the poet vent out his anger in the poem "White Paper" ?
- 5) The poet says that children are funny things in the poem 'Kindergarten' – Describe.
- 6) What was Jack's justification for buying the house on instalment ?

C) Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **two** pages. (10×1=10)

- 1) Comment on the telephone conversation between the land lady and the prospective tenant.
  - 2) Discuss the social issues addressed by the poet and their redressal in the poem 'White Paper'.
  - 3) Justify the title of the play 'Never Never Nest'.
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