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Course Title: Communicative English - I
Time: 2 Hours

Course Code: PGEN101AET
Total Marks: 35

Note: This question paper consists of three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part-A contains 05 compulsory questions of multiple choice/ fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (5x1=05 marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions, of which students are supposed to answer 05 questions. Answer a descriptive question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 04 marks. (5x4=20 marks)

Part-C contains 02 questions, of which students are supposed to answer 01 question only. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (1x10=10 marks)

Part-A

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Once, a wise man from Damascus named Luqman was asked how he became so respected and knowledgeable. He replied, "By speaking the truth, fulfilling promises, and avoiding matters that do not concern me." People said, "But you were once a slave!" He smiled and said, "Yes, but wisdom and character can free a man even when his body is bound." He advised his son, "My son, if words are silver, then silence is gold. Speak only when your words are better than your silence." His son listened carefully and followed his father's advice. In time, people began to honour him too, for he had learned the art of wise speech."

- Who was Luqman and from where did he come?
(a) From Baghdad (b) From Cairo (c) From Damascus (d) From Basra
- According to Luqman, what three things made him wise?
(a) Reading books, travelling, and speaking less
(b) Speaking truth, keeping promises, and avoiding useless matters
(c) Praying, eating well, and sleeping early (d) Being rich and famous
- What did Luqman mean by "silence is gold"?
(a) Speaking less is valuable and wise (b) Silence is boring
(c) Gold is better than words (d) Talking always brings respect
- How did Luqman's son become respected?
(a) He became rich (b) He followed his father's advice
(c) He travelled far and wide (d) He wrote a book
- What is the main message of the passage?
(a) Wisdom comes from silence and good character (b) Education gives wisdom
(c) Wealth brings honour (d) Travel makes a person wise

Part-B

- What are the different stages of the writing process? Explain briefly.
- What is the difference between skimming and scanning? Give an example of each.
- Explain the role of feedback in communication.
- Define verbal and non-verbal communication with one example each.
- What are some common barriers to effective listening?
- Mention three important features of a formal email.
- What are the key elements of a good paragraph?
- Explain the importance of etiquette in conversation.

Part-C

- Write an essay on "The Importance of Writing Skills in Academic Life."
- Discuss different types of communication with examples.
