



## Functional English

Foundation Examination  
Spring 2014  
Module A

6 March 2014  
100 marks - 3 hours  
Additional reading time - 15 minutes

Q.1 (a) Match the appropriate antonyms of the words given below:

	Word	Antonym
(i)	attractive	sad
(ii)	dismal	arrogant
(iii)	intentional	stout
(iv)	merry	spicy
(v)	bland	repulsive
(vi)	humble	accidental
(vii)	candid	cheerful
(viii)	slim	secretive

(04)

(b) Complete the given sentences with the most appropriate clause listed below:

### Sentences

- (i) The sooner we get started \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) If you don't want to be late for your school \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) However hard she tried, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Although these lotteries are a waste of money \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Concerns about your weak financial resourcefulness \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) A sound system of elementary education \_\_\_\_\_.

(03)

### Clauses

- *could not make both the ends meet*
- *had to pay through the nose*
- *should be nipped in the bud*
- *you'd better leave immediately*
- *plays a vital role in the building of a nation*
- *they are very popular with the gullible people*
- *the earlier we will reach our destination*
- *would adversely affect your business*

(c) Structure the following sentences in their logical sequence:

- (i) the/worry/reach/will/time/I/don't/on/office
- (ii) a /record/proven/with/a/good/ offer/franchise /track/should /product /a
- (iii) every/in/it/highly/expect/perfect/way/someone/be/is/unreasonable/to/to

(03)

Q.2 (a) Punctuate the following sentences:

- (i) some are born great some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them
- (ii) you can bake them or fry them or steam them there are various options
- (iii) she answered dont be ridiculous
- (iv) the following tools are required a hammer a phillips screwdriver and a wrench
- (v) would you be good enough to leave my office immediately

(05)

(b) Insert the correct word in the blank space from the words given in the brackets.

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ people place \_\_\_\_\_ or the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ wealth above everything else in their dealings with others. (*material, materialism, materialistic*) (1.5)
- (ii) The two friends \_\_\_\_\_ strongly on many issues. They have \_\_\_\_\_ interests in sports and music and literary pursuits, but these \_\_\_\_\_ have not affected their friendship in any manner whatsoever. (*differences, differ, different*) (1.5)

(c) Mention the difference, if any, in the meanings of the following sentences:

- (i) If you tried again you might succeed.  
 (ii) If you tried again you would succeed. (03)

Q.3 (a) Identify the tense in each of the following sentences:

- (i) I have been to Peshawar recently.  
 (ii) The children were watching TV all evening.  
 (iii) The room in the hotel offered a wonderful view of the mountains.  
 (iv) I will have completed the report by tomorrow.  
 (v) I had been waiting for Shahzeb for 2 hours when he arrived.  
 (vi) They have been building this bridge for several months.  
 (vii) I am thinking of writing a book on music.  
 (viii) When do I start to work?  
 (ix) I had never seen so many different varieties of fishes in an aquarium.  
 (x) By the end of February this year, I will have been working here for ten years. (05)

(b) Construct a sentence using the word 'Environment' as:

- (i) a noun (ii) an adjective (03)

(c) Insert the correct verb in each of the following sentences:

- (i) Fifteen thousand rupees \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money to spend on a dress shirt.  
 (ii) After taking courses in meditation, his understanding and attention span \_\_\_\_\_ improved considerably.  
 (iii) Driving and speaking on cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ a crime in several countries.  
 (iv) Every invoice and purchase order \_\_\_\_\_ to be approved by the internal auditor.  
 (v) Neither her parents nor her sister \_\_\_\_\_ his new friend.  
 (vi) The most important criterion for admission to the program \_\_\_\_\_ leadership abilities. (03)

Q.4 (a) Insert appropriate Pronouns in the following sentences:

- (i) Thank you for inviting Junaid and \_\_\_\_\_, but we both have to attend our alumni reunion dinner that night.  
 (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ are you trying to fool by offering this lucrative bait!  
 (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ car is parked in front of the main office entrance?  
 (iv) Saulat's family isn't that supportive, but \_\_\_\_\_ helped him this time in his hour of need.  
 (v) Either Humayun or Habib will bring \_\_\_\_\_ laptop.  
 (vi) Did you finish the whole cake \_\_\_\_\_! (03)

(b) Insert the most appropriate conjunction in each of the following sentences:

- (i) How you can expect your children to be truthful \_\_\_\_\_ you yourself tell lies.  
*(since, because, when, as)*  
 (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a married person, he has to take care of his family.  
*(like, because, moreover, as)*  
 (iii) I can't travel next week because I will be busy. \_\_\_\_\_ my passport has expired.  
*(furthermore, moreover, however, besides)*  
 (iv) Do not leave the house \_\_\_\_\_ I return from the office.  
*(when, soon, until, before)* (04)

(c) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate collective noun given below:

**panel, wad, bench, chest, bunch, herd**

- (i) a \_\_\_\_\_ of new currency notes (iv) a \_\_\_\_\_ of experts  
 (ii) a \_\_\_\_\_ of judges (v) a \_\_\_\_\_ of cows  
 (iii) a \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers (vi) a \_\_\_\_\_ of drawers (03)

Q.5 Convert the following sentences into Direct and Indirect form of speech as applicable:

- (i) He said, "What a wonderful time we have had during our school days."
- (ii) He said that they would examine the report the following day.
- (iii) I said, "I am very happy today."
- (iv) Rashid insisted that they had plenty of time.
- (v) "I am going away," she said "and I am not coming back."
- (vi) Rehan said that he had been waiting for that opportunity for several years.

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Q.6 Distance learning is a mode of education in which the instructor and the students are not physically present in a traditional class room setting. It is a recent phenomenon and offers internet based online learning opportunities to prospective students.

Sameer, an accountant in a textile mill, intends to seek enrolment in a distance learning program in Financial Management. However, Basit, his colleague, advises him against pursuing studies in the distance learning program.

Write a dialogue of **four** arguments **each** between Sameer who is in favour of the distance learning courses and Basit who is of the opinion that such courses are not worth the time, money and effort expended on these programs.

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Q.7 Diligent Bank Limited has offered you a position of Controller in their Treasury Division. Competition for the position was intense and you have received the letter of appointment after careful consideration of your credentials by the management. You have been asked to report to the Director Human Relations on 20 March 2014 and assume responsibilities. However, it would not be possible for you to report on the stated date as you have to attend to certain personal matters.

Write a letter to the Director Human Relations stating that you may be allowed to report on 05 April 2014 and cite reasons for your request. The letter should carry a polite tone and the reason for your request should be significant to elicit a positive response.

Assume that your name is **Saeed Ahmed**.

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Q.8 Some people treat money as virtual extension of their lives. This feeling may be obsessional to the point that money is considered to guarantee a paradise on earth. Of course, they are wrong. The rich are also vulnerable to sickness, accidents and other exigencies like the poor.

In a life of inner peace, money has only symbolic significance: it is the means to purchase necessities of life. Reconciled people do not have to create 'synthetic-aliveness' by inciting envy in others. For synthetically-alive people, money is power to compete for love, prestige, and to promote a punishment/reward system. Accumulation of money by such people creates a fortress mentality: it is considered as the bulwark against incursions and also to project a sense of superiority or a kind of self-conferred nobility. Money is used for self-aggrandizement, vindictiveness, besides friendship and charity.

We have become a possessions-oriented society rather than a people-oriented society. Personal possessions include palatial houses, latest model cars, designer clothes, club memberships, etc. This calls for constant action – dependency on always doing something – a habit which we also unfortunately inculcate in our children. Enticing advertisements constantly increase our appetite for more things. Goals are created to get something 'worth living for' but we feel an almost immediate emptiness soon after the thing is acquired. So we think of still newer things: this obviously requires money.

As it is highly malignant, 'money sickness' kills. Of course it isn't money that kills, rather the people who kill. Money obsessiveness is ruthless, destructive and dehumanizing - people are seen as properties with money making potential.

Belief that money has power to provide a secure, happy and healthy existence is a delusion. Appropriate priorities can create the realization that people and relationships take precedence over things.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the Passage. (01)
- (b) Accumulation of money by 'synthetically-alive' individuals confers on them:
- a genuine aura of nobility and superiority over other people
  - a life of inner peace with healthy relationships with other people
  - a life which is substantially free from anger, resentment and envy
  - an assurance that they themselves and their progeny will enjoy a life of satisfaction and contentment
- (i) one of the above is correct  
(ii) two of the above are correct  
(iii) three of the above are correct  
(iv) all of the above are correct  
(v) none of the above is correct (02)
- (c) According to the author, moneyed individuals:
- are immune from sickness and other exigencies
  - do not suffer from effects of delusion
  - seldom experience feelings of dissatisfaction and pangs of wants as they possess the amenities that they need
  - at times resort to use of money to promote friendship and for purposes of charity
- (i) one of the above is correct  
(ii) two of the above are correct  
(iii) three of the above are correct  
(iv) all of the above are correct  
(v) none of the above is correct (02)
- (d) The passage highlights that the principal target of aggressive advertisements are:
- the reconciled—people who have several unmet needs
  - the people—oriented segments of the society who are keen to demonstrate their acceptance and authority to others
  - the possessions—oriented members of the society who have an insatiable appetite for acquisition of newer products
  - those people who use money to show their importance and acceptance in the society
- (i) one of the above is correct  
(ii) two of the above are correct  
(iii) three of the above are correct  
(iv) all of the above are correct  
(v) none of the above is correct (02)
- (e) Both the reconciled and the synthetically-alive individuals use money to compete for love and prestige and to implement a self-satisfying reward system. **True/False** (0.5)
- (f) Money is a malignant sickness which is pervasive in our society and leads people to commit brutal acts. **True/False** (0.5)
- (g) Write a Précis of 120 words of the above Passage. (*Word count carries marks*) (08)

Q.9 Write an Essay of approximately 350 words on any one of the following topics:

- (a) Fear of consequences of failure inhibits human creativity  
(b) Aggressiveness in competitive sports – good or bad  
(c) Justice delayed is justice denied  
(d) A sound system of mass public transport is essential for our growing cities  
(*Word count carries marks*) (15)

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