

**INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY**  
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**End Semester Examination Dec 2019/Jan 2020**  
**DNS (Diploma in Nautical Science)**  
**Semester -I**

**UD11T4107 – English, Human Factors and Maritime History**

**Date: 16.12.2019**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Pass Marks: 35**

**Note:** All questions carry equal marks. **Question No. 1 is compulsory.**  
Answer **any Six** from remaining **Seven** questions.

**Q1. Answer the following questions: (2x5= 10 Marks)**

- a) List five duties of a Deck cadet. (at least 100 words)
- b) Write a note on Scindia Steam Navigation Company. (at least 100 words)

**Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5x2= 10 marks)**

I could see the two squirming creatures that dangled from their fingers in some sort of "fine" worm contest. For a second, I wondered how one went about qualifying a fine worm. Cringing, I made up my mind. This was definitely their project. I'd leave it to them. Besides, it might be more fun to stand back and simply see what grows out of this garden.

I watched as they poked the seeds into the black topsoil. They planted tomatoes, squash and green beans. I watched as they carefully transplanted the tomato plants into the ground. I listened to the spurts of laughter, the dialogue that passed back and forth.

Answer the following questions:

- a) Whom does "I" refer to in the sentence, "I could see the two squirming creatures that dangled from their fingers in ... worm contest"?
- b) Whom does "their" refer to in the sentence, "I could see the two squirming creatures that dangled from their fingers in ... worm contest"?
- c) What does the word "squirming" imply?
- d) What does project refer to in "this was definitely their project"?
- e) Explain the significance of the title of the story from which this passage has been extracted?

**Q3. Give short answers: (at least 100 words on each) (2x5= 10 marks)**

- a) What did the Postmaster request the authorities in Calcutta for? Why? Was his request accepted?
- b) Which incident snapped the last thread of Maanji's faith in 'The Refugee'?

**Q4. Do as directed (10x1= 10 Marks)**

**Fill in the blanks:**

- a) He's not free on the 27th. We'll have to find an \_\_\_\_\_ date. (alternate / alternative / alternately)
- b) They have been repairing this ship \_\_\_\_\_Monday. (for / from / since)

**Insert an appropriate preposition:**

- c) I'm looking forward \_\_\_\_\_being a grandmother.
- d) You're just the person I was looking \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) I am worried \_\_\_\_\_where she is.

**Insert an appropriate article:**

- f) I have got \_\_\_\_\_one-rupee coin.
- g) I have many friends in \_\_\_\_\_United States.

**Change the voice (active to passive / passive to active):**

- h) A child could understand his theory.
- i) A friend of ours is repairing the roof.
- j) People Speak English all over the world.

**Q5.** Imagine that you are Ashok Paliwal currently working in Horizon Shipping Company as a Risk Manager. You wish to apply to Gems Shipping Company for the Head of Payroll Department. For this purpose, prepare a cover letter and a resume. (10 marks)

**Q6. Give short answers: (at least 100 words on each) (2x5=10 marks)**

- a) Write a note on Interpersonal Communication Barriers.
- b) Describe the steps (process) in communication.

**Q7.** Your ship is hired from a company and while you are onboard, you have a small accident. As a Second Officer, you are instructed to write a report to your company to explain the incident.

You need to explain the following:

- When and where was the ship hired?
- Describe how the accident happened?
- What kind of action did you take after the accident?

You should write at least 200 words.

(10 marks)

**Q8. Select the correct option:**

**(10x1=10 Marks)**

- a) According to the story 'The Umbrella Man' how does the lady distinguish between a man and a gentleman?
  - I) by the specs he wears
  - II) by the shoes he wears
  - III) by the watch he wears
  - IV) by the dress he wears
- b) What is the name of the pub in which the old man placed an order for whisky in the story 'The Umbrella Man'?
  - I) The Red Lion
  - II) The Red Tiger
  - III) The Red Wine
  - IV) The Red Garden
- c) Out of the following four options given below, three are alike in some way and one is different. Choose the odd one out.
  - I) Charlie
  - II) Foxtrot
  - III) Juliet
  - IV) Umbrella

- d) Which is the correct letter code of 'N':
- I) Nova
  - II) November
  - III) New
  - IV) Nectar
- e) Which of the following is not a characteristic of communication?
- I) It is a process.
  - II) It aims at exchanging information.
  - III) It is a social activity.
  - IV) It may not lead to any response or reaction.
- f) 'MAYDAY' is used to announce:
- I) a distress message
  - II) an urgency message
  - III) a safety message
  - IV) urgency and safety both
- g) A colleague sharing official information with the other of an equal hierarchical level is \_\_\_\_\_ communication:
- I) Upward
  - II) Downward
  - III) Horizontal
  - IV) Vertical
- h) What is true about technical message?
- I) It follows set pattern.
  - II) It is for specific audiences.
  - III) It is mainly objective.
  - IV) All of the above
- i) What is SMCP?
- I) Standard Management Communication Phrases
  - II) Standard Marine Communication Phrases
  - III) Standard Marine Control Phrases
  - IV) Standard Merchant-Navy Communication Phrases
- j) Reading a text quickly in order to find specific information is called:
- I) Intensive
  - II) Scanning
  - III) Skimming
  - IV) Prediction

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