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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

SAMPLE ADMISSION TEST FOR BS (ENGLISH) 4 YEARS

Max Marks: 50

Time: 2hrs

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

Water makes up about 75% of the adult human body and around 85% of our brain. It is vital for almost every bodily function. The bad news is that we lose water all the time, through our skin – especially if hot or exercising – and even through breathing. Very few of us replace the amount of water we lose – to do so would mean drinking at least 8-10 glasses of water each day.

Not drinking enough water can cause headaches, lethargy, dry skin and a multitude of other ills. So instead of rushing to the doctor, why not try increasing your water intake first? Water is possibly the simplest, most natural remedy in the world. So will tap water do?

If you just want to increase your fluid intake and reduce dehydration then tap water is fine, but because it has gone through a cleaning process it is considered by some people to be rather bland or tasteless. Natural mineral water has a better taste and contains some of the minerals essential to our health, such as calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium and bicarbonates. It is pure, untreated water, bottled at source. The source must be proven free of pollution and protected so that the water is safe to drink. After two years of stringent tests to prove that the water has a constant composition, it can be described as natural mineral water. Unlike tap water, it does not need to be disinfected because of the process of filtration, which occurs as the water travels through the upper layers of the earth to the source. This can take many years. During this process the toxic bacteria die.

Whatever type of water you decide to drink, the important thing is to drink more. Drink some water when you wake up- this is when the body is at its most dehydrated. Keep a bottle by you on your desk at college or at work and a bottle in your rucksack to sip wherever you are. Remember also to drink a glass of water before going to bed. You will feel a lot better for it!

- (a) What is the recommended daily intake of water for one adult?
- (b) Give **two** problems arising from not drinking enough water.
- (c) Give **one** disadvantage of drinking tap water.
- (d) How long does it take to complete tests on mineral?
- (e) What benefit does the process of mineral water filtration have?
- (f) When does the body need water most?
- (g) Write a short summary (about 50 words) of the passage.

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Q.2: You have just read a poster about a travel writing competition and decide to enter. Write your entry for this competition. Your article should be about **130- 150** words long.

Q.3: Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- i) All of must abide.....the laws of our country.
- ii) We do not agree.....your proposal.
- iii) I applied.....the principal.
- iv) Do not boast.....your wealth.
- v) He came.....condole.....me on my grandfather's death.
- vi) I differ.....you in this matter.
- vii) I am glad.....you success.
- viii) No government is hostile.....social reforms
- ix) Sajid is insensible.....danger.
- x) He is proficient.....Mathematics.

Q.4: Write a composition on any **One** of the following topics:

- a) Importance of English
- b) Role of Media
- c) Democracy- the solution of Pakistan.

Q.5: Write down critical appreciation of the following poem.

I wandered lonely as a Cloud
That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:-
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company:
I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the Daffodils.