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**CREDIT BASED FOURTH SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.S.W. DEGREE
EXAMINATION APRIL 2013**

GENERAL ENGLISH – PAPER IV

Time: 3 Hrs

Max.

Marks: 80

SECTION – 1: Vocabulary

I. Synonyms, antonyms, malapropisms.

A. Choose from the options given, the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

i) My mother coaxed me to sing, but I refused.

- a) Persuade b) Force c) Scolded

ii) There was a call for a bandh against tremendous increase in the price of daily commodities.

- a) Incredible b) Reasonable c) Unfair

iii) Willy Loman's hopes of becoming a successful businessman ended in a reverie.

- a) Accomplishment b) Daydream c) Depression

B) Give the antonyms of the underlined words.

- i) The doctor made futile efforts to revive the patient.
- ii) The politician's integrity was a stake.
- iii) The radiant light of the sun brought cheers after the heavy downpour.

C) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in brackets.

- i) I was ____ tired and wanted a _____ place to nap. (quiet, quite)
- ii) My mother shouted, "Don't _____ the clothes in the bag. (dump, damp)
- iii) _____ by the spread of yellow fever in Africa, the country _____ to the WHO for help. (appalled, appealed).
- iv) My brother ran with a _____ to hit the snake that was hidden in a _____ of tiles. (stack, stick)

SECTION – 2: Literature

II. A) Answer any Four of the questions given below in 150 words. 4x

- i) Write a note on Miramasi's hallucinations in a drunken state.
- ii) What change does Miramasi bring about in Baba?
- iii) Give reasons for Tara's discomfort in her own house.
- iv) Describe the episode of Tara's hair being cut by Bim.
- v) What was the political situation in India when Raja wanted to join Jamia Millia for Islamic Studies?
- vi) Describe the circumstances in which the children are placed before and after the death of their mother.

B) Answer One of the questions in 300 words. 1x1

- i) Describe the 'Bee Episode' in your own words and reflect on how it serves as an analogy for the relationship between the two sisters.
- ii) How would you elaborate on the line, "She was the tree that grew in the center of their lives and in whose shade they lived"?
- iii) What kind of childhood have the siblings Bim, Raja and Tara experienced in the Das household?

SECTION – 3: COMPOSITION

III. A) Press Release.

Write a press release of about 300 words on the 'Agno fest' – a university level cultural fest that your college is going to organize.

B) Editing and Proof Reading.

Rewrite the following passage after making the necessary corrections.

Sheela an unmarried spinster was in a hurry to catch a bus at 9a.m. to reach the college to a lecture. But, she missed a bus and her brother who is on his way to work dropped her.

C) Minutes of the Meeting.

As the Secretary of the NSS of your college draw up an agenda for a meeting to finalize the NSS camp to be held during the mid – term vacation. Also, assume that the meeting has been conducted and write the minutes of the meeting.

D) News Reporting.

Write a news report of 150 words on the following information. You may add your own details. Give a suitable title.

What – Celebrating 100 years of Rabindranath Tagore’s Nobel Prize in Literature.

How – Exhibition on wheels, the train will be starting from Calcutta and going to all

the major stations in all states of India, showcasing life and works of the author.

Popular books on sale too.

Where – when – The train will be in Mangalore from 7th to 20th of April,

Why – To popularize art and literature by inviting the general public and students from

schools and colleges, entry free.

E. Advertisement

Draft the layout of an advertisement for a herbal handmade soap marketed by Neev Co. Ltd.

SECTION – 4: Reading Comprehension

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words.

Saru’s relations with her husband began to be tense because Manohar was not prepared to realize that his wife was a doctor also and she returned home exhausted. He expected her at home at the scheduled hour and to look after the home as a wife would. She found in her analysis of the situations, “It is because I am something more than his wife that he has become what he is. If I can go back to being nothing but his wife... and yet was I ever that?..... he may no longer resent me. And then”... Therefore she thought that it would be better if he left her alone, allowed her much needed respite. But the trouble was how she should say this to him. Should she discuss the situation with him or tell him firmly and emphatically?

She wanted to talk to her husband about the difficulties she was facing due to lack of support, a working wife required from her husband, but she could not speak of it due to a strange hesitation. On a particular day, she came home late due to an emergency which only she could deal with. She had asked Nirmala to ring up home to inform that she would be late, yet when she reached home she found her husband sitting with a brooding expression, not willing to talk to her. Willy-Nilly, she had to speak to express her repentance for no fault of hers. She readied herself quickly, covered Abhi, put away the book Renu had been reading, switched off the light and asked her maid to put the food on the table. Her husband joined only after she had

served for both. He refused to answer when she asked whether children had eaten well.

Then it became clear to her that her husband had not taken all this in a good spirit. She had to say that she wanted to give up working. She mustered up courage to say, “Manu, I want stop working. I want to give it all up...my practice, the hospital, everything,” adding tht she was tired, not so much in body as in mind. Her husband knew well the consequences of her giving up practice, hospital at all. He asked, “can you bear to send the children to a third – rate school? To buy them the cheapest clothes, the cheapest of everything? To save and scrape, and still have nothing after the first few days of the month? No Saru, there can be no going back. We have to go on.” He presented realities of life but said nothing to assuage her injured psyche.

- a. How was Saru’s relationship with her husband?
- b. Give a suitable title for the passage.
- c. How did the husband react when Saru came home late?
- d. Was Saru’s decision of giving up her profession for family harmony welcomed by her husband? Give reasons.
- e. Find a word from the passage which means the following.
 - i. Whether one wishes or not
 - ii. An interval relief
- f. What does a working wife expect from her husband?
- g. Who are her children?

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SECTION – 1 Grammar

II. Synonyms, antonyms, malapropisms.

A) Choose from the options given the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

1. The man was so drunk that he lurched with every step he took.
a) Vomited b) Lunched c) Swayed
2. All the seminar papers at the conference were banal in quality.
a) Excellent b) Ordinary c) Adequate
3. I cringed when the teacher called out my name in the classroom
a) Recoiled b) Cried c) Smiled

II. Give the antonyms of the underlined words.

1. The writer was livid on realizing that her book had been banned.
2. She looked radiant on her wedding day.
3. Luscious mangoes were being sold at the supermarket yesterday.

III. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in brackets.

1. Abstract philosophy _____ me. (intimates/intimidates)
2. The tiger is a _____ animal. (cavernous/carnivorous)
3. Every politician seems to be involved in a _____. (scum/scam)
4. The expression has now become _____ and is not used in ordinary communication. (absolute/obsolete).

SECTION – 2: Literature

IV.A) Answer any Four of the questions given below in 150 words.

1. Comment on the circumstances of the death of Tara’s father and what follows the event.
2. What is the significance of the summer of 47 for Hyder Ali’s family?
3. Write a note on Bim’s association with her students.
4. Bring out the difference between Mira Masi and Tara’s mother.
5. When and why does Bim say, “God, no, not again, not again”?
6. Why does Tara think that her father had murdered her mother?

B) Answer One of the questions in 300 words.

1. Discuss the adequacy of the title Clear Light of Day.
2. Raja is a pivotal character in the happenings of Clear Light of Day. Discuss.
3. Highlight the important episodes in Part II of Clear Light of Day.

SECTION – 3: Composition

V.A) Press release.

Write a press release of about 300 words on a soft skills training programme, to be conducted in your organization by a group of experts from outside the country.

B) Editing and proof reading.

Five months passed away in the same way. A hundred rupee changed hands. He never enquired what she is doing with it. But saramma told with him in the third month that she had won a raffle for thousand rupees.

C) Minutes of the meeting.

As secretary of the Teenage Girls' Club in your area, draw up an agenda for a meeting to finalize a fund raising cultural programme to aid a charitable cause. Also assume that the meeting has been conducted and write the minutes of the meeting.

D) News reporting.

Write a news report of 150 words on the following information. You may add your own details. Give a suitable title.

What – Building collapses in Mumbai, but the residents are safe.

How – Old building, the building owners society was conducting renovation work; portions of the building had been removed. Residents had been asked to vacate temporarily.

Where and when – In a colony in Mumbai during the night.

Why – possibility of weak structure or deliberate demolition, causes still being investigated.

E) Advertisement.

Draft the layout of an advertisement for wedding attire for males, both adult and children.

SECTION – 4: Reading comprehension

VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words.

The cold light of a dying moon washed the garden. A vanished fragrance lingered in the air. As of old a formless dream hung over it all.

I, just I, on this shore of solitude.

I do not know where you are.

Once on a night like this when we had sat together in this garden I had thought of the unknown end to come and sighed.

You had asked me with concern, 'Why do you sigh in sadness?'

I had asked, 'When I sink into the darkness of dead memories, who will remember me?'

'I will!' you had said. 'My girl, thought of you will come to me with the silver light of the morning star, through the golden rays of the rising sun, borne on the fresh fragrance of spring. When I hear the clouds bursting into mighty peals of thunder, when I see the blinding flash of lightning, my soul will come running to you.'

That moment is long past.

Now remains only this living moment of time!

Between the two the vast ocean that is time undulates, wave upon wave. All hope is ended. The wings of thought have weakened. I am descending. Moment... by...moment. I am merging with the darkness of memories that are no more. And yet tender leaves sprout. Buds blossom. Spring comes in its freshness. A formless dream hangs over the garden bathed in moonlight. In the silence that fills the world my heart blossoms into thought.

‘My girl, why did you not come?’ I remember that precious moment when your call came joyously floating to my ears.

‘This night of a spring is coming to an end. This loneliness is burning me up. My girl, why have you not come yet?’

‘When the tender leaves move to the rhythm of your soft heartbeats;

When the soothing moonlight peeps out through your sweet smile;

When the breeze of the night caresses me with the cool fragrance of your tender body;

My girl, I hear the sound of your impatient footfalls. She’s coming! She’s coming! She’s coming! My princess so full of love is coming! My heart has known no rest. Why do you make it beat so fast?’

‘My girl, why have you not come?’

1. Where is the speaker seated?
2. For whom is the speaker waiting?
3. What, according to you, is the ‘formless dream’ of the speaker?
4. Did the girl come in the end?
5. What is the vast ocean compared to, here? What does the comparison convey?
6. What is the relationship of the speaker to the girl mentioned here? Justify your answer.
7. Why do you think the speaker says, ‘all hope is ended’? Give examples of other lines which convey the same thought.

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Section – 1: Vocabulary

I. Synonyms, antonyms, malapropisms:

A) Choose from the options given, the word closest in meaning to the underlined word:

- i) The minister distributed saris to the women as he contrived to gain their votes.
a) plan b) create c) invent
- ii) The temple bustled with people at the Car Festival.
a) commotion b) became active c) relaxed
- iii) The doctor was cynical about Suresh's recovery.
a) optimistic b) skeptical c) hopeful

B) Give the antonyms of the underlined words:

- i) Today's closing of the stock market disillusioned the investors.
- ii) That sports car is an inexcusable extravagance.
- iii) The machines became sulky and refused to work.

C) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in brackets:

- i) The teacher asked the students to..... their hands if they support the cause against the in price. (rise, raise)
- ii) The of the glass windows due to heavy winds left the room in a (clutter, clatter)
- iii) It was in the That they found tombs with perfect (cemetery, symmetry)
- iv) The..... of the board members towards the proposal caused the Of the company in a year. (dissent, descent)

Section – 2: Literature

II.A) Answer any Four of the questions given below in 150 words:

- i) Give reasons for Tara's discomfort in her own house.
- ii) What are Bim's feelings for Raja in their childhood?
- iii) How was Miramasi different from Tara's mother?
- iv) Why is aunt Mira brought to Tara's house?
- v) Compare and contrast Bim and Tara as school going children.
- vi) Write a note on Bim's association with her students.

B) Answer One of the following questions in 300 words:

- i) What is Bim's realization as the novel *Clear Light of Day* ends?
- ii) Write an essay on the relationship between Bim and Tara.
- iii) Raja is a pivotal character in the happenings of *Clear Light of Day*. Discuss.

Section 3: Composition

III.A) Press Release:

Write a press release of about 300 words on the initiative taken by the Women Empowerment Cell of St. Agnes College to organize a rally condemning the atrocities against women.

B) Editing and Proof Reading:

Rewrite the following passage after making the necessary corrections.

After the setting of the sun set, the crows returned at their nest. But one of the crow hit a electric live wire and fall dead.

C) Minutes of the Meeting:

As the Secretary of the Fine Arts Association of your college draw up an agenda for a meeting to finalize the Fine Arts day. Also, assume that the meeting has been conducted and write the minutes of the meeting.

D) News Reporting:

Write a news report of 150 words on the following information. You may add your own details. Give a suitable title.

What – Sneha, a college student commits Suicide

Where – Mangalore

Why – She was addicted to drugs and was not able to survive the de-addiction treatment.

E) Advertisement:

Draft the layout of an advertisement for an Android Smart phone with a deluxe large display manufactured by Samsung.

Section 4: Reading Comprehension

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words:

Mr. Jones was the owner of a manor farm. There were many animals in his farm. He was a drunkard and did not take proper care of animals. He used to beat his animals black and blue. One night when Mr. Jones was sleeping, he had a disturbance and fluttering in the farm. In the farm, Old Major, a boar sent a message to all the animals of the farm that they should meet the Major. In his message he said that he had a strange dream that very night. He wished to convey the contents of the dream to the other animals.

All the animals gathered at the big barn at midnight to listen to old Major. Among the animals, there were three dogs, Bluebell, Jessie and Pitcher, the two card horses, Boxer and Clover, a donkey Benjamin and the white mare, Molly. All the animals sat in a peculiar manner. The pig sat down in front of the platform on which the Old Major was lying. When all the animals sat down the Old Major cleared his throat and told the animals that his life was very short. Therefore, he wanted to convey an important message to them. He told the animals that the life of the animals was full of troubles. He disclosed the fact that man exploited the animals for his interest. All the miseries of the animals have become short. The Major was of the opinion that in England no animal was free. Animals were able to produce everything. But man enjoyed the fruits of their labour. When man found that certain animals were of no use, that animal was sent to the house of the butcher. Major said, “No animal

escapes the cruel knife in the end.” According to him, all men were enemies and all animals were comrades. “Whatever goes upon two legs an enemy, whatever goes upon four legs or has wings is a friend.” In order to revolt against man, he declared that no animal should live in a house, or sleep in a bed, or wear clothes or drink alcohol or touch money. He also declared that no animal should kill other animals because all of them were equal. All the animals called Major a comrade.

At the end of the long speech, Major told the animals about his dream. He told them that it was a dream of that land where no animal was slave of man. At last he sang a song which he had sung in his childhood. The song was related to the freedom and glorious future of the animals. All the animals were impressed by the song. They called the song “Beasts of England”.

- a) Who is Mr. Jones?
- b) What did Old Major suggest to show their revolt against man?
- c) Name the animals that gathered at the meeting.
- d) What is “Beasts of England”?
- e) Find a word in the passage which has the following meaning.
 - i) a person who slaughters animals for food
 - ii) to misuse or take advantage of
- f) Find from the passage the antonym of the following word.
 - i) familiar

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GENERAL ENGLISH – IV

Time: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Section – 1: Vocabulary

I. Synonyms, antonyms, malapropisms:

A) Choose from the options given, the word closest in meaning to the underlined word: (03)

i. The daughter-in-law could not endure the insults of the mother-in-law any longer.

- a) tolerate b) survive c) abide

ii. Santosh did not comprehend the significance of the principal's remark.

- a) appreciate b) understand c) enclose

iii. His statement was a superfluous one.

- a) important b) unnecessary c) needed

B) Give the antonyms of the underlined words: (03)

i. The Indian cricket team celebrated its victory.

ii. Ramesh was sure about his success in CA final examination.

iii. The ancient beliefs are unacceptable to the younger generation.

C) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in brackets: (04)

i. _____ taking my sons I took my nephews too to visit the castle _____ the lake. (Besides, Beside)

ii. I went to _____ votes for the student council election in my _____ shoes. (canvas, canvass)

iii. I _____ my son against driving the car, but he does not heed my _____ (advice, advise)

iv. The student welfare officer imparts moral _____ to the student union _____ member. (council, counsel)

Section – 2: Literature

II. A) Answer any Four of the questions given below in 150 words: (4×5=20)

i. What makes Bakul choose Tara and not Bim for a life partner?

ii. Describe the circumstances in which the children are placed, before and after the death of their mother.

iii. What change does Miramasi bring about in Baba?

iv. Describe the episode of Tara's hair being cut by Bim.

v. What are Bim's feelings for Raja in their childhood?

vi. Why is aunt Mira brought to the Das household?

B) Answer One of the following questions in 300 words: 1×10=10

i. Discuss the appropriateness of the title "Clear Light of Day".

ii. Describe the 'Bee Episode' in your own words and reflect on how it serves as an analogy for the relationship between the two sisters?

iii. How does aunt Mira reflect the status of widowed women in Indian Society?

Section 3: Composition

III.A) Press Release:

(05)

Write a Press release of about 300 words on the initiative taken by the N.S.S. group of St. Agnes College to organize a blood bank camp in collaboration with KMC Hospital, Mangaluru.

B) Editing and Proof Reading:

(05)

After I reaching the railway station at 4p.m. in the evening, I engage an porter to carry my luggages. I was in a long journey to North India.

C) Minutes of the Meeting:

(05)

As the Secretary of the Commerce Association of your college draw up an agenda for a meeting to finalise the commerce Fest a state level business/commerce fest. Also assume that the meeting has been conducted and write the minutes of the meeting.

D) News Reporting:

(05)

Write a news report of 150 words on the following information. You may add your own details. Give a suitable title.

What - A 20 year old Tanzanian woman student stripped and assaulted by the mob in a mistaken identity.

When - Bangaluru, 31st January, Sunday night

Why - the mob mistook the victim's car being involved in a road mishap on same night when a 20 year old, drunken Sudanese man ran over a woman fatally.

E) Advertisement:

(10)

Draft the layout of an advertisement for a fairness skin product manufactured by Lakme.

Section 4: Reading Comprehension

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words: (1×10=10)

It was the beginning of November when we left Calcutta for Harsingpur. The place was new to me, but the scents and sounds of the countryside pressed round and embraced me. The morning breeze coming fresh from the newly ploughed land, the sweet and tender smell of the flowering mustard, the shepherd boy's flute sounding in the distance, even the creaking noise of the bullock-cart, as it groaned over the broken village road, filled my world with delight. The memory of my past life, with all its fragrance and sound, became a living present to me, and my blind eyes could not tell me I was wrong. I went back, and lived all over again my childhood. Only one thing was absent: my mother was not with me.

I could see my home with the large peepul trees growing along the edges of the village pool. I could picture in my mind's eye my old grandmother seated on the ground with her thin wisps of have untied, warming her back in the sun as she made the little round lentil balls to be dried and used for cooking. But somehow I could not recall the songs she used for cooking. But somehow I could not recall the songs she used to croon to herself in her weak and quavering voice. In the evening, whenever I heard the bellowing of cattle, I could almost watch the figure of my mother going round the sheds with a lighted lamp in her hand. The smell of the wet fodder and the pungent smoke of the straw fire would enter into my very heart. And in the distance I seemed to hear the clanging of the temple bell.

a) When did the author leave for Harsingpur?

(2)

b) List two scents that the author mentions in the first paragraph. (2)

c) List two sounds that the author mentions in the first paragraph. (2)

d) Complete the following sentences: (2)

i) Only one thing was absent when I went back to Harsingpur-----

ii) In the distance I could hear -----

e) Find a word from the passage which mean the following: (2)

i) a sharply strong smell

ii) a deep inarticulate sound

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GENERAL ENGLISH
Paper IV – Creative and Communicative English

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 80

Section – A: Vocabulary

I. Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words from the choices given within brackets and rewrite the sentences using the same: (1×5=5)

1. My father was elated at my performance in the examination. (proud, happy)
2. Her poise expressed both dignity and grace (good posture, speech)
3. The solitude of the place sets one dreaming. (isolation, absence)
4. The swamiji finished his discourse with a request for choosing the path of wisdom. (dialogue, comment).
5. As Nuclear weapons are so common, war will be a catastrophe for the world. (disaster, failure)

II. Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words from the choices given within brackets. (1×5=5)

1. It was a palpable display of betrayal. (doubtful, capable).
2. Santosh reached the pinnacle of his success. (vertex, base)
3. She lay down on the bed distraught and stared at the night sky. (troubled, happy)
4. The winning candidate was exultant in his victory speech. (miserable, encouraged)
5. The police kept a vigilant eye on the criminal. (careless, dreamy)

III. Choose the appropriate word and fill in the blanks using the suitable form: (1×5=5)

1. Leon's dog was sitting by the door ____ (whine, wine)
2. A small boy had been ____ by a tiger. (mall, maul)
3. We had to ____ our trip when we heard John's mother was ill. (intercept, interrupt)
4. He ____ his lungs out. (sprawling, bawling)
5. I am not sure how to ____ the problem. (reproach, approach)

Section – B: Literature

IV. Answer any Two of the following: (2×5=10)

1. I was happy and contented enough in my state of singleness. A companion did not make me particularly elated. No acceptance. No rejection. Nothing from me.
2. In the days when I was away in Allahabad for my M.A. Examination her relations with mother deepened. I was a figure on the fringe.
3. "Go then, my stupid, sea-faring son. In ancient times people crossed the seas alone, in quest of their destinies. Good thing today there are friends to tow you and act as God fathers too.
4. "Bhaiya is talking to me like an adult for the first time in my life. I don't really know what has given me this standing".

V. Answer any Two of the following questions in 150 words: (2×5=10)

1. How does the mother treat her niece Neera? What are Vishaal's feelings about the differential treatment meted to him?
2. How does the close friendship between Basu and the narrator get strained?
3. What does Vishaal have to express about his work life in the USA?
4. Examine how Vishaal's father began brow beating him after his return from America?

VI. Answer any One of the following in not more than 250 words: (1×10=10)

1. Comment on the relationship between Vishaal and Martha.
2. How is the narrator different from Basu in his nature and manner of dealing with life?

Section C: Composition

1. Press Release (1×5=5)

Imagine that Karnataka Government, is organizing a mega awareness campaign in the town to bring about awareness regarding rain water harvesting in the general public. Write out the draft of a press release to intimate the public about this awareness campaign.

2. Editing and proof reading – Edit the given paragraph and correct the errors. (5×1=5)

Two man held a struggling, crazed dog down into a table. Its mouth is smothered with saliva and a bite from its jaws might caused death. Besides them stood Louis Pasteur, holding a narrow glass tube in one hand.

3. Minutes of the Meeting (1×5=5)

Imagine that you are the secretary of the students' union council. Write out the agenda and draft the minutes of the meeting held to plan a fashion show 'Miss. Daijiworld' you are planning to conduct it as a ticket show to fund the differently abled children of St. Agnes Special School.

4. Advertisement (1×10=10)

Draft a layout for an advertisement for an ayurvedic toothpaste that is to be launched shortly in the market.

Section D: News Report

Write a news report based on the following details: (1×5=5)

What : There has been an accident
When : Yesterday evening
Where : Near Nitte College, Nitte, Karkala
How : A final year Engineering Student, riding on his bike at high speed hit against a truck.

Other Details: The student met with spot death due to severe head injury and loss of blood. A case has been registered for a detailed enquiry.

Section E: Reading Comprehension (1×5=5)

It has been rightly said that when a man is sitting behind a steering wheel, his car becomes the extension of his personality. There is no doubt that the motorcar often brings out a man's very worst qualities. People who are normally quiet and pleasant may become unrecognizable when they are behind a steering wheel. They swear, they are ill-mannered and aggressive, wilful as two-year olds and utterly selfish. All their hidden frustrations, disappointments and jealousies seem to be brought to the surface by the act of driving.

The surprising thing is that society smiles on the motorist and seems to condone his behaviour. Everything is done for his convenience. Cities are allowed to become almost uninhabitable because of heavy traffic; towns are made ugly by huge car parks; the countryside is spoilt by road networks, and the mass annual slaughter becomes nothing more than a statistic, to be conveniently forgotten. It is hightime a world code was created to reduce this senseless waste of human life. With regard to driving, the laws of some countries are notoriously lax and even the strictest are not strict enough. A code which was universally accepted could only have a beneficial effect on the accident rate here are a few examples of some of the things that might be done. The driver should be made to take a test every three years or so; the age at which young people are allowed to drive any vehicle should be raised to at least 21; all vehicles should be put through annual test for safety. Even the smallest amount of alcohol in the blood can impair a person's driving ability. Maximum and minimum speed limits should be imposed on all roads. Governments should lay down safety specifications for manufacturers, as has been done in the USA. All advertising stressing power and performance should be banned. These measures may sound harsh, but surely nothing should be considered as too severe if it results in reducing the annual toll of human life. After all, the world is for human beings, not for motor-cars.

1. What is the effect of alcohol on the driver?
2. Pick out two words that describe the attitude of the driver of a car.
3. List two things that are done for the convenience of motorists.
4. Why does the writer describe motorists as wilful as two-years olds'?
5. Give one example from the passage for what can be done to prevent accidents.
