## DOON UNIVERSITY

## MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2017, SCHOOL OF MASS COMMUNICATION

M.A INTEGRATED MASS COMMUCATION, IIND SEMESTER, LANGUAGE SKILLS-II, COMM-149

Time-2hrs

MM-30

## Section- A

Define the following terms:

(4x2=8)

- 1. Past Perfect Continuous Tense
- 2. Indirect or Reported Speech
- 3. Objective Essay
- 4. Direct Speech

Section-B

(5x2=10)

- 5. Write a letter to the Head of the Department, requesting him to engage games coaches for various games so that the honour of the University can be raised during Inter- University Competitions.
- 6. Read the following passage carefully and write a *Precis* in your own words which should be approximately one-fourth the length of the passage.

The ability to take the right decisions in life is often the only way to a successful and satisfactory life. It is often the most difficult action to take because of many factors in life which involve human emotions. Right decisions may often hurt our near and dear ones as they may not always be easy to act upon. For example punishing a dear friend for a genuine mistake to maintain discipline at the work-place-or-deny an opportunity to a close-relative-to-avoid-criticism-can-be-challenging but often the right decision which might hurt the emotions of the involved individuals.

Sometimes we know what the right decision or action is and yet we feel too lazy or tempted to take it. That is why it is said that self-discipline is the most difficult to impose. It is only after we lose something precious or suffer in some way that we realise and learn the most important lessons of life. Therefore suffering is also an important factor for us to learn to take right decisions and make wise choices. We often choose the wrong company and lose our sense of direction. We start depending on hypocrites. It is only after a shocking realization that we mend our ways and start taking the right decisions; no matter how difficult or challenging the path may be.

We are often lured by money, power, fame and other materialistic temptations and feel that our decisions should help us climb the social ladder but society is not always the right choice. Many social customs need to change to create a better future and that decision lies with each one of us; we should not be pressurized by social pressure.

Freedom of thought and action are the most prized possessions a person can have; yet using that freedom wisely is the greatest challenge. Politics and manipulations of all sorts coexist in our world and the right decision is mostly non-existent. Every decision is influenced unless we can go deep into the truth; i.e. the universal truth. Something that is right for everyone and that helps everyone to move ahead in the right direction is called the universal truth. It is right there in front of us but most of us cannot see it as our selfish motives, temptations and laziness prevents us. It is called a myth and said to exist only for the most selfless and enlightened beings and yet if we could just trust our conscience instead of killing it by all kinds of practical and logical arguments we all shall realise how easy it is to realise the universal truth and create the mythical heaven on earth.

So the first step in taking the right decision is to try and find our conscience and distinguish it from our ego, temptations and ulterior motives. To try and keep our conscience alive and try and get used to listening to it, no matter how impractical or illogical it may seem. Working towards the good of humanity again seems a myth-but only to the selfish lot. We all know that it is possible and we need to make it work.

Section-C

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7. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:

The election results sometimes prove that the Indian citizen does not know the value of his/her vote.

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