

**MASTER OF COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS
(MCA) (NEW)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MCS-214 : PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

AND ETHICS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *Answer all questions.*

1. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions below it :

Happiness is like the Sun; it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and

dissolve them to experience happiness. You don't have to create happiness. All you have to is calm your mind because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. Happiness is not something far away and unattainable. Happiness does not depend on circumstances, objects or events.

It is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires and worries. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. The restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm,

you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.

You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and mud sinks, you can see the treasure.

You can experience more and more happiness in your life. Only the thoughts stand in our way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes

active again and the sense of happiness disappears.

- (i) What is common between Sun and happiness ? 2
 - (ii) How can we enjoy the moments of happiness in our life ? 2
 - (iii) How does the restlessness of our mind come in the way of happiness ? 2
 - (iv) How can we detect the treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake ? 2
 - (v) Give a suitable title to the passage. 2
 - (vi) How does calmness of mind help in achieving happiness ? 2
- (b) Find words/phrases from the above passage 1 (a) which mean the same as follows : 3
- habituated, disperse, visible.

2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :

5×2=10

- (i) Social media etiquette
- (ii) Skills required for group discussion
- (iii) Copyright issues
- (iv) Significance of ethical life at personal and professional life

3. Fill in the blank with *a/an, the* or no article :

5×1=5

- (i) The teacher gave him easy question.
- (ii) Water is necessity.
- (iii) Senior citizens are important members of our society.
- (iv) Indian girl and European boy got married last week.

4. Make the sentences of the phrasal verbs given below in such a way that their meaning becomes clear :

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(i) go on

(ii) pick up

(iii) come up with

(iv) go back

(v) find out

(vi) break in

(vii) call on

(viii) turn out

(ix) back up

(x) put up

5. Write a letter to your friend about a new online course you have joined. You may discuss : 10

- (i) The features of the course
- (ii) Professional and employment value
- (iii) Personality and social development involved

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