

Unique Paper Code : **62031102_OC**
Name of the Course : **BA Programme (CBCS) OC**
Name of the Paper : **English – A (Advanced English)**
Semester : **I**
Marks : **75**
Time limit : **3+1** (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Attempt any **THREE** questions

All questions carry equal marks

Word limit for answers to Question No.s 1, 2 & 3 is **500-800** words

1. You appeared for a job interview that was conducted online. It was a novel experience for you. Write a diary writing describing the experience. 25
2. Write a paragraph on the increasing levels of air toxicity in Delhi. Also suggest ways and measures to curb it. 25
3. Read the given passage extracted from an article by Claire Wolters and do as directed:

Wildfires can burn millions of acres of land at shockingly fast speeds, consuming everything in their paths. These rolling flames travel up to 14 miles an hour, which converts to about a four-minute-mile pace, and can overtake the average human in minutes.

In 2020, the wildfire season in the US-which lasts from June through September-promises to be particularly devastating. This summer is expected to be the hottest on record, with drought conditions predicted in California through September. In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic has derailed mitigation efforts-such as homeowner assistance programs and controlled burns-due to concerns over social distancing and respiratory dangers. By the end of June, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection had responded to nearly double the number of fires than it had in the entire 2019 season.

Destruction caused by wildfires in the US has significantly increased in the last two decades. An average of 72,400 wildfires cleared an average of 7 million acres of US land each year since

2000, double the number of acres scorched by wildfires in the 1990s. In 2015, the largest wildfire season recorded in US history burned more than 10 million acres of land.

Because much of the US is expected to get hotter and drier with climate change, wildfire risk is generally expected to rise. At the same time, as the population in the US rises and people increasingly move into rural and wilderness areas, more homes and other structures are likely to be placed in harm's way. That's why it is critical to understand how wildfires get started.

Though they are classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as natural disasters, only 10 to 15 percent of wildfires occur on their own in nature. The other 85 to 90 percent result from human causes, including unattended camp and debris fires, discarded cigarettes, and arson. Naturally occurring wildfires can spark during dry weather and droughts. In these conditions, normally green vegetation can convert into bone-dry, flammable fuel; and warm temperatures encourage combustion. With these ingredients, the only thing missing is a spark-in the form of lightning, arson, a downed power line, or a burning campfire or cigarette –to wreak havoc. Natural or man-made, three conditions must be present for a wildfire to burn: fuel, oxygen, and a heat source. Firefighters call these three elements the fire triangle. (387 words)

(i) Make appropriate notes based on your understanding of the passage. 10

(ii) Write a summary in about 130 words and give it a suitable title. 12+3

4. You have come across a vacancy in a newspaper for a sales manager for a reputed apparel brand. Keeping in mind the eligibility criteria as advertised in the newspaper, prepare the following:

(i) Your Resume/CV 15

(ii) A covering letter addressed to the appropriate authority 10

5. Write a letter to your friend about a new hobby/skill you have acquired in the lockdown period. 25

6. Write a formal letter of appreciation to an NGO functioning in your state that has been lauded for rendering best health care services and care to the poor and needy in the current times. 25