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AC 1112 Basic English – I



**Instruction to the candidates:**

1. **Time: Two (02) Hours.**
2. **Answer all the questions on the paper itself.**
3. **Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and grammar.**
4. **Read each question carefully.**
5. **Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.**

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**Index Number:** .....

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**Question – 01**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (often referred to simply as E.T.) is a 1982 American science fiction family film co-produced and directed by Steven Spielberg.

In a California forest, a group of alien botanists collect flora samples. When government agents appear on the scene, they flee in their spaceship, leaving one of their own behind. The scene shifts to a suburban home, where a 10-year-old boy named Elliott is trying to hang out with his 16-year-old brother, Michael, and his friends. As he returns from picking up a pizza, he discovers that something is hiding in their tool shed. The creature promptly flees upon being discovered. Despite his family's disbelief, he lures it from the forest to his bedroom using a trail of Reese's Pieces. Before he goes to sleep, he realizes it is imitating his movements. He feigns illness the next morning to stay home from school and play with it. Later that day, Michael and their five-year-old sister, Gertie, meet it. They decide to keep it hidden from their mother, Mary. When they ask it about its origin, it levitates several balls to represent its solar system and then demonstrates its powers by reviving a dead geranium.

At school the next day, Elliott begins to experience a psychic connection with the alien, including exhibiting signs of intoxication due to it drinking beer, and he begins freeing all the frogs in his biology class. As the alien watches John Wayne kiss Maureen O'Hara in the movie *The Quiet Man*, Elliott kisses a girl he likes; but he goes too far and has to go to the principal's office.

The alien learns to speak English by repeating what Gertie says as she watches the drama *Sesame Street* and, at Elliott's urging, dubs itself "E.T." He reads a comic strip where Buck Rogers stranded, calls for help by building a makeshift communication device and is inspired to try himself. E.T. then gets Elliott's help in building a device to "phone home" by using a Speak & Spell toy. Michael notices that his health is declining and that Elliott is referring to himself "we".

On Halloween day, Michael and Elliott dress E.T. as a ghost so they can take him out of the house. Elliott and E.T. ride the former's bike to the forest, where E.T. makes a successful call home. The next morning, Elliott wakes up in the field, only to find E.T. gone, so he returns home to his distressed family. Michael searches for and finds E.T. dying in a ditch and takes him home to Elliott, who is also dying. Mary becomes frightened when she discovers her son's illness and the dying E.T., just as government agents invade the house. Scientists set up a medical facility there, quarantining Elliott and E.T. Their link disappears and E.T. then appears to die while Elliott recovers. A grief-stricken Elliott is left alone with the motionless E.T. when he notices a dead geranium, the plant E.T. had previously revived, coming back to life. E.T. reanimates and reveals that his people are returning. Elliott and Michael steal a van that E.T. had been loaded into and a chase ensues, with Michael's friends joining them as they attempt to evade the authorities by bike. Suddenly facing a police roadblock, they escape as E.T. uses telekinesis to lift them into the air and toward the forest.

Standing near the spaceship, E.T.'s heart glows as he prepares to return home. Mary, Gertie, and "Keys," a government agent, show up. E.T. says goodbye to Michael and Gertie, as she presents him with the geranium that he had revived. Before boarding the spaceship, he tells Elliott "I'll be right here," pointing his glowing finger to his forehead. He then picks up the geranium, gets on the spaceship, and it takes off, leaving a rainbow in the sky as everyone watches it leave.

a. The film E.T. was directed by whom?

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b. What were the alien botanist do in the California forest?

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c. What was the movie the alien watched, according to paragraph 3?

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d. How does the alien learn speaking English?

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e. Why did Michael and Elliott dress like E.T. on the Halloween day?

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f. How does E. T. find out that his people are returning, according to paragraph 5?

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g. How do Elliott and Michael take E. T. to the spaceship?

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h. What does E. T. say at the time of returning to the spaceship?

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i. The film E. T. was co-produced by

- a. Michael      b. Elliott      c. Steven Spielberg      d. Maureen O'Hara

j. Give a suitable title for the above paragraph

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(10 X 3 = 30 marks)

**Question – 02**

**Read the following sentences and underline the correct answer given below:**

1. I \_\_\_ watching TV when Paul and Simon arrived.

- a. is      b. are      c. am      d. were

2. She \_\_\_ to learn English during the next vacation.

- a. hoping      b. hopes      c. hoped      d. hope

3. I've never \_\_\_ hotdogs before.

- a. ate      b. eat      c. eaten      d. eating

4. The window was already \_\_\_ when I got here.

- a. broken      b. breaks      c. breaking      d. break

5. Tom is planning to go to London and by this time next week he ..... in the flight  
 a. is            b. will be    c. was            d. am
6. Last night I \_\_\_ on the carpet and fell asleep.  
 a. lay            b. laid            c. lays            d. laying
7. Jack and Jill ..... up the hill.  
 a. go            b. goes            c. going            d. went
8. Charles Darwin is often ..... the "Father of Evolution."  
 a. called        b. calls            c. calling        d. call
9. Most of us ..... to have rice and curry for lunch.  
 a. liking        b. likes            c. like            d. liked
10. The chameleon ..... in trees.  
 a. lives          b. living          c. lived            d. live

(10 X 2 = 20 marks)

**Question – 03**

**Complete the following passage by using appropriate proposition given in the brackets:**

The chameleon is a relative \_\_\_\_\_ (at / of / on / to) the lizard. It is a reptile. It can be found \_\_\_\_\_ (on / in / to / under) Africa and Madagascar. You can also find it in some parts of Asia and southern Europe. Some varieties of chameleons can grow \_\_\_\_\_ (on / to / till / for) a length of 60 centimeters. However, the most common variety does not grow more than 3 centimeters long.

The most interesting thing \_\_\_\_\_ (to / on / about / in) the chameleon is that it is able to change color. It is able to change quickly \_\_\_\_\_ (from / under / about / for) white, yellow, black, green or brown. It is able to do this because of the differences \_\_\_\_\_ (in / on / at / for) light and temperature of its surroundings.

The chameleon lives in trees. Its tail and feet can hold on \_\_\_\_\_ (out / to / on / in) the branches while it is reaching \_\_\_\_\_ (out / to / on / in) to catch its prey.

The chameleon can remain very still \_\_\_\_\_ (at / of / on / to) a branch \_\_\_\_\_ (to / on / for / under) hours. As a result, when it is hunting, its prey will not even know it is there.

(10 X 1 = 10 marks)



