

2017

**ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

निश्चित समय : तीन घंटे]

Time allowed : Three Hours]

[अधिकतम अंक : 70

[Maximum Marks : 70

- Note :*
- Question No. 1 is compulsory, answer any FIVE questions from the remaining.*
  - Solve all parts of a question consecutively together.*
  - Start each question on fresh page.*
  - Answer must be written in English only.*

1. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following :

Natural Disasters : Landslides, Floods, Earthquakes, Cyclones – meaning – causes – effects of Natural Disasters – Ways to Control Natural Disasters Saving loss of life & property.

OR

Water Pollution : Meaning – sources of water pollution – Effect of water pollution – Ways to control water pollution, the need to save water for future generations. 10

2. (i) Change the following into indirect speech :

- She said, "I hate examinations".
- The prophet said, "Your son will be a great man."
- The policeman said, "Why did you shoot your friend."
- His mother said, "Do not insult the poor."

(ii) Identify the pattern of the following sentences :

- (a) Birds fly.
- (b) She plays badminton.
- (c) Rama is a doctor.
- (d) She likes her coffee hot.

(iii) Use the following idioms/phrases in sentence of your own :

- (a) Pass away
- (b) Set right
- (c) Bring about
- (d) Call off

(4+4+4)

3. (i) Change the voice of the following :

- (a) They are learning music.
- (b) Inform the police.
- (c) She gave her sister a watch.
- (d) Who wrote Ramayana ?

(ii) Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ant is \_\_\_\_\_ very hardworking insect.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Shatabdi Express is one of \_\_\_\_\_ fastest trains.

(iii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

- (a) Wait \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- (b) I have lived in Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.
- (c) Distribute the sweets \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
- (d) Sunil Sat \_\_\_\_\_ his father in the Car.

(4+4+4)

4. (i) Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliaries suitable to the meaning given in brackets.

- (a) We \_\_\_\_\_ respect our parents. (moral duty)
- (b) It \_\_\_\_\_ rain tonight. (remote possibility)
- (c) You \_\_\_\_\_ stay out of house after dark. (prohibition)
- (d) He \_\_\_\_\_ hide the truth from his father. (lack of courage)

(ii) Transform the following sentences as directed :

- (a) She dances very gracefully. (exclamatory)
- (b) Rajesh has completed his project. (Interrogative)
- (c) Sumit has passed the examination. (Negative)
- (d) Why are you late for office ? (affirmative)

(iii) Add a suitable suffix to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks :

- (a) Atom is \_\_\_\_\_ . (destructible)
- (b) They overcame all \_\_\_\_\_ . (hard)
- (c) He is an \_\_\_\_\_ man. (reasonable)
- (d) He has been lame since \_\_\_\_\_ . (child) (4+4+4)

5. (i) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

- (a) She usually \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) tea but today she \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee.
- (b) I \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) you up twice yesterday but \_\_\_\_\_ (get) no answer.
- (c) He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) away two hours ago. He has \_\_\_\_\_ (not return) yet.

(ii) Correct the following sentences :

- (a) Moon is a crescent today.
- (b) Mumps are a bad disease.
- (c) Child cries when he is hungry.
- (d) I have not seen him since I have left college.
- (e) The luggage are very heavy.
- (f) The earth is revolving around the sun. (6+6)

6. Write a letter to your father thanking him for the gift of a laptop and explaining how useful it is for your work in the college. (12)

7. Write a report on the 'blood donation camp' held in your college. (12)

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines.

Machines were made to be man's servants yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern taskmasters. They must be fed with coal, given petrol to drink, oil to wash with and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, blow up and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very carefully. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines and time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule over the animal world.

- (i) What is the third great defect of our civilization ?
  - (ii) What has science given us ?
  - (iii) What is the important role of machines ?
  - (iv) How can we maintain the machines ?
  - (v) Write from the passage words which mean :
    - (a) Strict
    - (b) Worker
  - (vi) Write whether the following statements are true or false :
    - (a) Most men spend their lives looking after and waiting upon machines.
    - (b) Science has given us powers fit for the gods.
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**(2×6)**