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Roll No. : .....

2023 (Annual)  
ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Time allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

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

1. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following. You may use the outline provided : (10×1=10)

**Natural Disasters :** Landslides, Floods, Earthquakes, Cyclones – meaning – causes – effects of Natural Disasters – ways to control Natural Disasters, saving loss of life and property.

OR

**Air Pollution :** Meaning – Sources of air pollution – effects – ways to prevent air pollution.

2. (i) Change the following into indirect speech : (1×6=6)

- (a) The station master said to me, "Are you a tourist ?"
- (b) I said to her, "Don't open my bag."
- (c) The principal said to Harsh, "Are you going to sing a song today?"
- (d) The farmer said, "I had been waiting for rain for one month."
- (e) He said, "I live in a beautiful boat house."
- (f) My son said, "Where do you work ?"



(ii) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** lines :

(1½×2=3)

- (a) Who was the bearded man in the story "Three Questions" ?  
 (b) Why did the King want to know answers to three questions ?

(iii) Answer the following question in **30-40** words :

(3×1=3)

Why was the King advised to go to magicians ?

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

(1×4=4)

- (a) He has taken the right decision.  
 (b) I should help my friend.  
 (c) The shopkeeper sold all the chocolates.  
 (d) Do not wash these plates.

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

(1×4=4)

- (a) Can you speak about \_\_\_\_\_ Constitution of India ?  
 (b) I want to become \_\_\_\_\_ engineer.  
 (c) My mother found \_\_\_\_\_ one rupee note.  
 (d) She needs \_\_\_\_\_ glass of water.

(iii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

(1×4=4)

- (a) Oil floats \_\_\_\_\_ water.  
 (b) This story was written \_\_\_\_\_ O. Henry.  
 (c) I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.  
 (d) She has been searching \_\_\_\_\_ a house.

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

(1×4=4)

- (a) John \_\_\_\_\_ play on the guitar. (ability)  
 (b) I am out of town. I \_\_\_\_\_ attend the meeting. (remote possibility)  
 (c) If I were a doctor, I \_\_\_\_\_ cure him. (imaginary condition)  
 (d) Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ follow the traffic rules. (compulsory)

(ii) Transform the following sentences as directed : (1×4=4)

- (a) Everybody wants to be a winner. (Interrogative)
- (b) None but the science graduates can apply for this job. (Affirmative)
- (c) It is a wonderful catch. (Exclamatory)
- (d) She is wise. (Negative)

(iii) Change the degrees of the following sentences as directed : (1×4=4)

- (a) Mumbai is bigger than most other cities in India. (Positive)
- (b) No other beverage is as popular as tea. (Superlative)
- (c) Few other writers of our times are as successful as Leo Tolstoy. (Comparative)
- (d) Platinum is the most precious metal. (Positive)

5. (i) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in brackets : (1×6=6)

- (a) The school \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic next month. (Organize)
- (b) She \_\_\_\_\_ her favourite movie last night. (watch)
- (c) Who \_\_\_\_\_ your old car when you were at home ? (drive)
- (d) I \_\_\_\_\_ stamps since 2012. (collect)
- (e) If you help me I \_\_\_\_\_ you. (help)
- (f) People \_\_\_\_\_ English all over the world. (speak)

(ii) Rearrange the following words into logical sequence to form a sentence : (1×6=6)

- (a) sleeping/cats/some/are/garden/the/in
- (b) go/library/I/to/Sunday/every
- (c) quality/good/helmet/wear/a/we/must
- (d) vehicle/park/here/your/don't
- (e) likes/a neat/clean/and/everyone/house
- (f) coffee/favourite/my/drink/is/cold



6. Write an e-mail to your friend inviting him to attend the wedding of your elder sister. (12)
7. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper advocating the establishment of a Public Library in your town. (12)
8. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (12)

The next time you take printouts unnecessarily or you throw a paper into the bin, think for a minute as to how many trees have been felled to manufacture something you use so often everyday. Using recycled paper conserves natural resources. You can drastically reduce the number of trees cut down for manufacturing paper. Making paper from discards instead of trees not only saves forests, but it also reduces energy use by up to three quarters and requires less than half as much water. Items that are made of paper and may be recycled are called the loose paper, a few examples are paper bags, envelopes, cardboard, wrapping paper, newspapers and cardboard egg-trays. Parents and schools can train children to make paper products. This is amazing that if only a single sheet is saved by each child, 40,000 trees could be saved per year by students only.

**Questions :**

- (i) Why do you need to think before you take print-outs unnecessarily ?
- (ii) Name the products that can be obtained from recycled paper.
- (iii) How can schools help in creating awareness about paper recycling ?
- (iv) How many trees could be saved per year by students only ? Write some ways to do it.
- (v) Write the synonyms :
- (a) Conserve
- (b) Discard
- (vi) Write the antonyms :
- (a) Increase
- (b) Save