

2018

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time allowed : Three 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 topics given below. You may use the outline given:

Wild Life : What does wild life consist of – importance of wild life – measures to preserve wild life

OR

Water Pollution : Meanings of water pollution – sources of water pollution – effects of water pollution – ways to prevent water pollution. **(10)**

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

- (a) Everyone respects an honest person.
- (b) A bus knocked him down.
- (c) Did the maid break the jug ?
- (d) How did you catch the thief ?
- (e) They are building a new hotel.
- (f) They will have closed the shop.

(1×6)

- (ii) Change the following into reported speech :
- The CM said, "It gives me great pleasure to be here."
 - She said to me, "How old are you ?"
 - His father said, "We shall construct a house here."
 - They said, "We saw this place three days ago."
 - His son said, "Do not worry about me."
 - The beggar said, "Have pity on me."
- (1×6)
3. (i) Make one sentence in each of the patterns given below :
- N.P. + Verb
 - N.P. + Verb + Adverb phrase
 - N.P. + Verb + N.P. + Noun complement to the object
 - N.P. + Verb + N.P.
- (1×4)
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :
- This house consists _____ five rooms.
 - I am not aware _____ the new rules.
 - My watch is superior _____ yours.
 - She was angry _____ me.
- (1×4)
- (iii) Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners :
- Bring me _____ water.
 - How _____ money do you need ?
 - This statement does not make _____ sense.
 - I am too tired to do _____ work.
- (1×4)
4. (i) Transform the following as directed. The meaning of the sentence should not change :
- He is sometimes foolish. (Negative)
 - Nobody was absent. (Affirmative)
 - Why waste time in gossip ? (Assertive)
 - If only I were young again ! (Assertive)
 - It is a horrible night. (Exclamatory)
 - That was not an example to be followed. (Interrogative)
- (1×6)
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in brackets :
- He _____ to play the violin since last year. (learn)
 - I'll pay you when I _____ my cheque. (get)
 - He _____ anything since yesterday. (not eat)
 - You _____ what she is saying. (understand)
 - He _____ this place last year. (leave)
 - She says she _____ her work by next Sunday. (finish)
- (1×6)

5. (i) Correct the following sentences :
- (a) Though he worked very hardly, he failed.
 - (b) The child is standing besides his mother.
 - (c) The beggar died from jaundice.
 - (d) Where he is going ?
 - (e) Rarely he has discussed the issue.
 - (f) I will talk to him when I will see him. (1×6)
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with models appropriate to the meaning indicated in the brackets :
- (a) I _____ see you tomorrow. (definite future)
 - (b) He _____ write with both hands. (present ability)
 - (c) You _____ leave the keys on my table. (permission)
 - (d) I am afraid he _____ not come. (probability)
 - (e) You _____ be able to see him if you hurry. (remote possibility)
 - (f) You _____ not smoke. (prohibition) (1×6)
6. (i) Use the following phrases in sentences of your own so as to make their meaning clear :
- (a) at all
 - (b) look up
 - (c) dare not
 - (d) inspite of (1×4)
- (ii) Add a suitable prefix to the words given in and fill in the blanks according to the meaning of the sentences :
- (a) We are trying to help the _____ people. (privilege)
 - (b) The food is _____ and tasteless. (cook)
 - (c) He will come to trouble because he is far too _____. (confident)
 - (d) The streets are _____ because there is a fair today. (crowd) (1×4)
- (iii) Add a suitable suffix to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks :
- (a) King Solomon was full of _____. (wise)
 - (b) They have won the _____. (champion)
 - (c) He expanded his _____. (King)
 - (d) Iron is very _____. (use) (1×4)

7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

It is important to keep a level head at all times. However, there are occasions when keeping a level head is absolutely necessary – when we achieve a big success and when we make a bad failure. An exceptional success usually inflates our ego and makes us boastful; a miserable failure fills us with dejection and makes life meaningless. Both these experiences are common in student life. A brilliant performance in one examination turns one's head while a dismal result in another makes one feel as if this were the end of the world. Both these reactions are equally flawed. Superiority complex is as deplorable as inferiority complex.

To be successful in life, one should be in total control of oneself, one should remain unmoved both by the ups and downs of life. For, he who gets broken by a stroke of bad luck is equally likely to get broken by a run of good luck too. No progress is possible in either case.

How can one keep a level head ? If our value system is correct, we will not get easily strayed in life. If a businessman gives greater importance to health, character, a happy family and friendship than to money, he will not lose his head if he suddenly turns rich or if there is a slump in business and his income suddenly goes down. Similarly, if a student's focus is on acquiring knowledge, or on personality development, one performance, whether exceptionally good or bad, will not destroy his or her balance.

We should also remember that nothing is permanent in this world. Neither good fortune will keep smiling at us nor bad luck keep hounding us all the time. Both prosperity and adversity are bound to pass, to be swallowed by a shadowy past. Why then rejoice in one and grieve at the other ?

- (i) Make a precis of the above passage and give it a suitable title. (4+2)
 - (ii) On what two occasions is it most important to maintain one's balance ? (2)
 - (iii) What are the usual consequences of an exceptionally good performance or a very bad result ? (2)
 - (iv) How can a businessman succeed in keeping a level head ? (2)
8. Write a letter to the principal of your college asking his permission to participate in an inter-school debate.

OR

Write a report to the district collector on the poor condition of roads in your colony. (12)