

First Semester

HS 3152 — PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH – I

(Common to : All Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.
  - (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English for seven years now.
  - (b) But last year I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) hard enough for English, that's why my marks \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ be) really that good then.
  - (c) During my last summer holidays, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (send) me on a language course to London.
2. Take a look at the following four sentences. Each sentence has a key-word. Choose which word has the same meaning as the key-word.
  - (a) I was GLAD to hear that you liked my song.
    - (i) happy
    - (ii) surprised
    - (iii) disappointed
    - (iv) hopeful
  - (b) She had the ARDUOUS task of carrying all the luggage.
    - (i) expensive
    - (ii) difficult
    - (iii) easy
    - (iv) short
  - (c) Welcome to my ABODE.
    - (i) farm
    - (ii) car
    - (iii) family
    - (iv) home
  - (d) Many people believe in ghosts, but I am SCEPTICAL.
    - (i) scared
    - (ii) honest
    - (iii) doubtful
    - (iv) decided

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.
- (a) Compare your answers \_\_\_\_\_ your partner.
  - (b) This key holder is very special \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - (c) Apples and peaches are \_\_\_\_\_ the same box.
  - (d) Write \_\_\_\_\_ me soon.
4. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate phrasal verb.
- (a) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ an explanation of his conduct.
  - (b) Julie \_\_\_\_\_ us yesterday.
  - (c) The publishers are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ a cheap edition of their new dictionary.
  - (d) How did these things \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Fill in the blanks with correct homophones.
- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ too much at dinner.
  - (b) The movie starts at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock sharp!
  - (c) We had a quick \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.
  - (d) The \_\_\_\_\_ on her back tire didn't work.
6. Use the hints and form a compound noun.
- (a) Trip taken by a newly wed couple.
  - (b) Machine used for cleaning dishes.
  - (c) Food remaining from a previous meal.
  - (d) Opposite of software.
7. Read the sentence and choose the correct fixed expression from the options highlighted in bold text.
- (a) My daughter said I should take my umbrella, and
    - (i) **just as well**
    - (ii) **just as good**
    - (iii) **just as lucky** too. While I was out it started pouring with rain.
  - (b) I can't promise he'll listen to me and change his mind, but
    - (i) **I'll see what I can do**
    - (ii) **see that I may do**
    - (iii) **see what I will do.**
  - (c) I moved to New York in 2010, and my life has been great
    - (i) **ever after**
    - (ii) **ever since**
    - (iii) **ever more.**

- (d) My friends don't believe in life after death. They say there's
- (i) **no true thing**
  - (ii) **no real thing**
  - (iii) **no such thing** as heaven and hell.
8. Choose the correct relative pronoun.
- (a) This is the room which / where I keep my computer.
  - (b) I'm sure that's the man who / whose picture was in the paper.
  - (c) What's the name of the film who/ which you saw?
  - (d) Christmas is the time of year when / where there are many parties.
9. Punctuate the following sentences.
- (a) He is not really nice looking and yet he has enormous charm
  - (b) When I was a child I could watch TV whenever I wanted to
  - (c) It is a fine idea let us hope that it is going to work
  - (d) Mrs. Solomon who was sitting behind the desk gave me a big smile
10. Identify the type of sentence in the following whether they are simple compound and complex sentences.
- (a) The son went to play so the father started working.
  - (b) He lost his money but he did not lose his patience.
  - (c) Roses are beautiful flowers.
  - (d) We stopped by the roadside for lack of food.

**PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)**

Question 11 is compulsory.

11. (i) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (10)
- Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour.
- Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in north-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamilnadu and

Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, secondly to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties: Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains leaves of cineol, limonene and hence is more aromatic. India is the world's largest producer and exporter emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom.

The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August-February. Cardamom reaches at yielding stage two years after the plantation. The primary physical markets of cardamom are Kumily Vandenmodu, Jhekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala and Bodynaikkaur and Cumbum in Tamilnadu.

Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and contributes upto 60% in total production. Karnataka produces around 25% of the total production cardamom. Ooty is the main producer of cardamom in Tamilnadu and contributes around 10-15% of the total production. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000 ton cardamom per year. Due to low quality of cardamom from Guatemala, it remains available at cheaper rates.

- (1) Mysore variety contains leaves of:  
(A) Limonene (B) Cineol  
(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) None of these
- (2) Indian Cardamom is:  
(A) Poor in quality (B) Average in quality  
(C) Better in quality (D) None of these
- (3) Guatemala produces cardamom:  
(A) More but poor in quality  
(B) Less but good in quality  
(C) More and good in quality  
(D) Less and poor in quality
- (4) Main harvest season of cardamom in India is:  
(A) August-February (B) August-March  
(C) November (D) February-April
- (5) Cardamom reaches at its yielding stage in  
(A) Immediately after plantation  
(B) Depends upon the plantation  
(C) One year after plantation  
(D) Two years after plantation

- (6) India produces cardamom of:
- (A) One type (B) Two types  
(C) Three types (D) None of the above
- (7) Which of the following is the variety of Indian cardamom?
- (A) Malabar cardamom  
(B) Mysore cardamom  
(C) Both (A) and (B)  
(D) None of the above
- (8) Which the following production of cardamom produces by Karnataka?
- (A) 25% (B) 10%  
(C) 15% (D) 60%
- (9) Find the synonym of the word 'distributor' given in the passage 3.
- (A) Expensive (B) Known  
(C) Producer (D) Exporter
- (10) The synonym of the word 'fragrance' given in the passage 3.
- (A) Aroma (B) Variety  
(C) Contain (D) Hence

(ii) Make notes of the passage given in question 11 (i). (6)

- (a) You are the project leader for a team and plan to take your team out for a movie. Draft an email with a minimum of 70 words and a maximum of 100 words to your team members informing the same. (16)

Or

- (b) Explain the steps involved in writing a field report. Also, write a sample field report.

- (a) Write a technical Blog in 250 words on a topic of your choice. (16)

Or

- (b) Present a review of any simple household gadget of your choice.

- (a) Write a set of 16 recommendations on how to protect oneself from summer. (16)

Or

- (b) Explain in detail in 250 words on how to write a newspaper article.

15. (a) Write a descriptive essay on the topic :- Characteristics I like of my friend. (16)

Or

- (b) Write a narrative essay on the topic :- A memorable moment of failure or success.
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