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ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL

COMMUNICATION

Time : 1½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : (i) This paper has two sections.

(ii) Attempt all questions from Section A.

(iii) Attempt any two parts from each question in Section B.

Section-A

1. Follow the instructions in each question and choose the correct option for the following questions. 5×1

(a) I cannot put up with that nasty fellow.
Choose the correct meaning of put up.

- (i) Postpone

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- (ii) Wait and see
- (iii) Allow it to take its own course
- (iv) Prevent

(b) At last the strike was _____. Fill in the correct answer from the following options.

- (i) worked on
- (ii) called off
- (iii) stood for the
- (iv) run out

(c) Some interesting matters _____ in our discussion yesterday. Fill in the correct answer from the following options.

- (i) came up
- (ii) got up
- (iii) came in
- (iv) came about

(d) When the boy was put into a boarding school, he quickly fell into line without his usual indiscipline behaviors. Choose the correct meaning of put into.

- (i) Stood in a line

- (ii) Turned straight
 - (iii) Became orderly
 - (iv) None of these
- (e) The army had to yield to the advancing enemy. Meaning of yield is :
- (i) Break upon
 - (ii) Give in
 - (iii) Welcome
 - (iv) Break to

2. Follow the instructions in each question and choose the correct option for the following questions. 5×1

- (a) What is your best definition for the following word "Foolish Wisdom" ?
- (i) Wisdom found through blind faith
 - (ii) Wise decision
 - (iii) Sane decision
 - (iv) All of the above
- (b) An Oxymoron uses _____ terms one after the another in order to project.
- (i) Contrasting and consenting
 - (ii) Identical and inconsistent
 - (iii) Inconsistent and consenting
 - (iv) Opposite and contradictory

(c) Their restlessness was projected like a _____ for help. Select the correct option for completing the sentence.

- (i) Zero Tolerance
- (ii) Silent scream
- (iii) Love hate relationship
- (iv) Minor crisis

(d) The teacher asked the students for unbiased opinion, it means :

- (i) Free from bias
- (ii) Being partial
- (iii) A biased opinion
- (iv) None of the above

(e) Rajan seems to be clearly confused for not being able to make decision. Figure of speech 'clearly confused' means ?

- (i) Being perplexed or disconcerted
- (ii) Being disordered or mixed up
- (iii) Mixed emotions
- (iv) All of the above

3. Choose the correct option from the given choices for the highlighted Phrases : 5×1

(a) I really don't want to do this but my **back is against the wall.**

(i) Doing something you don't want to but also expressing that you are making a proactive choice.

(ii) Forced to do something that you would rather not.

(iii) Something that can be done quickly.

(iv) Feeling not well.

(b) I'll **keep an ear to the ground** for any updates on the Project.

(i) To work harder or perform better.

(ii) To make choices you don't want to or normally wouldn't.

(iii) To be ready for making amendments.

(iv) To listen for new information.

(c) I thought he was definitely going to lose but he **had an ace up his sleeve** and caught up in points.

(i) To believe someone

- (ii) To be deceived completely
 - (iii) To have hidden and untold advantage.
 - (iv) All of the above
- (d) I have a **bigger fish** to try before I reach my destination.
- (i) There is something more important to take care of.
 - (ii) To hear information directly from the person involved:
 - (iii) Something with less importance.
 - (iv) To waste time trying to do something you cannot.
- (e) He did every homework assignment but didn't submit his major project. **Absolutely penny wise and pound foolish.**
- (i) To worry about to or to obsess over unimportant details while ignoring the important ones.
 - (ii) To worry about to or to obsess over important details while ignoring the unimportant ones.

(iii) To focus on the smaller tasks rather than the tedious ones.

(iv) Making sure the task is yet to be completed.

4. Follow the instructions in each question and choose the correct answer for the following questions : 5×1

(a) Which of the following is true for Précis writing ?

- (i) It should be brief and coherent
- (ii) It should be formal in nature
- (iii) It should be the essence of the subject matter given
- (iv) All of the above

(b) Which of the following best describes a Paragraph ?

- (i) It is a group on sentences
- (ii) It is an incoherent group of sentences
- (iii) It is a group of sentences that give out a single idea
- (iv) It is a logical progression of words

- (c) In an interview when you do not know an answer, you should :
- (i) admit you do not know the answer
 - (ii) bluff
 - (iii) remain quiet
 - (iv) keep guessing
- (d) _____ is a structured conversation where one participant asks questions, and the other provides answers. Fill in the suitable answer from the given options.
- (i) Spoken or done with preparation
 - (ii) Spoken or done without preparation
 - (iii) Spoken or done in front of public
 - (iv) Spoken in front of few audience
- (e) Which kind of interview includes a process in which the employability of the job applicant is evaluated ?
- (i) Stress interview
 - (ii) Screening interview
 - (iii) Group interview
 - (iv) Behavioral interview

Section-B

5. Attempt any *two* questions : 5×2

(a) Correspond the following text precisely.

Coffee is traditionally grown in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in India. It is predominantly an export oriented commodity and 65% to 70% of coffee produced in the country is exported, while the rest is consumed within the country. In the international market, Indian Robusta is highly preferred for its good blending quality. Arabica coffee from India is also well-received in the international market.

Coffee is an export product with low import intensity and high employment content. This is evident from the fact that more than six lacs persons are directly employed and an equal number of individuals get indirect employment from this sector. Arabica is a mild coffee, but

the beans are more aromatic; it has a higher market value compared to Robusta beans.

On the other hand, Robusta has more strength and is therefore used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta. The cool and equable temperature, ranging between 15°C and 25°C , is suitable for Arabica, while for Robusta, a hot and humid climate with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 30°C is suitable.

Arabica requires more care and nurture and is more suitable for large holdings, whereas Robusta is suitable irrespective of the size of the farm. Arabica is susceptible to pests and diseases such as White Stem Borer, and leaf rust, and requires more shade than Robusta. The harvest of Arabica takes place between November

and January, while for Robusta, it is from December to February.

(b) Write the meaning and use it in a sentence of the given phrasal verbs below :

(i) Let on

(ii) End up

(iii) Call off

(iv) Walkout

(v) Lash out

(c) Explain different types of Interviews

6. Attempt any *two* questions : 5×2

(a) Explicit “When appearing for an interview, one should take responsibility of one’s actions and decisions”.

(b) What is Précis writing ? Elaborate the general tips for writing an effective Précis.

(c) Write an Essay on ‘Negative Obsession with Artificial Intelligence’ in 150 to 200 words.

7. Attempt any *two* questions : 5×2

(a) Write the meaning of the given idioms and also use in sentences of your own :

(i) A far cry

(ii) Don't count your chickens before they hatch

(iii) Hit the nail on the head

(iv) A black sheep

(v) To cry wolf

(b) Write a Paragraph on "Impact of Digital Learning in Academics" in 250 to 300 words.

(c) Construct a Paragraph using ten Oxymorons in a Paragraph.