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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

GROUP – A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for the following : $10 \times 1 = 10$

i) Synonym of *Proficiency* is

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| a) knowledge | b) efficiency |
| c) expertise | d) intelligence. |

ii) The word *Scrutinize* means

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| a) examine | b) penetrate |
| c) indicate | d) control. |

iii) The antonym of *Latent* is

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| a) dormant | b) apparent |
| c) hidden | d) explicit. |



- iv) To make the house more comfortable, we have decided to have central heating
- a) installed b) established
- c) settled d) involved.
- v) *To put down in black & white* means
- a) to distinguish clearly b) to write down on paper
- c) to seal the envelope d) to tell the truth.
- vi) The recognition of a disease from its symptoms is called
- a) genetic b) diagnosis
- c) detection d) identification.
- vii) The *pungent* smell of farmland tells me I'm close. Choose the antonym.
- a) repellant b) sweet
- c) attractive d) uneasy.
- viii) Complete the sentence with one of the words underneath :
- If you had the opportunity, which of these would you ?
- a) ask b) choose
- c) envisage d) accept.
- ix) Choose the best meaning of the word, *gainsaying*.
- a) exaggeration b) doubt
- c) forecast d) contradiction.



- x) To *pester* someone is to
- bribe for one's selfish end
 - spoil out of excessive love
 - annoy with frequent requests
 - agonize out of anger.

GROUP – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. Make sentences showing the difference in meaning between the following pairs of words : 5×1

- Accept : Except
- Access : Excess
- Principle : Principal
- Fair : Fare
- Gait : Gate

- 3 Do as directed : 5×1

- i) He worked hard for his final examination.

(Change into an interrogative form)

- ii) The bag is too heavy to be moved.

(Turn into a complex sentence)

- iii) The host country has arranged the party and signed a treaty.

(Make it a simple sentence)

- iv) She loves him very much. (Use 'Cannot but')



- v) No ordinary man can do this.

(Avoid Negative construction without changing the meaning)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms : 5×1

- i) Oil (find) underground trapped in the rock layers.
- ii) When petroleum engineers search for oil, they (look) for certain types of rock layers or strata.
- iii) They also set off explosions on the ground and record the waves (reflect) from the underground rock layers.
- iv) This (call) seismic surveying.
- v) He (be) too weak to walk.

5. Insert appropriate prepositions : 5×1

- i) He was born Rampur village and now lives Delhi.
- ii) The room is filled sweet scent of roses.
- iii) The road winds the hill a number of tunnels.
- iv) Little Jack Horner sat a corner.
- v) They put barricades the road.



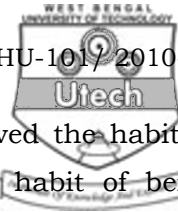
GROUP – C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The function of the universities is not merely to send out technically skilled and professionally competent men, but it is their duty to produce in them the quality of compassion. The quality which enables the individuals to treat one another in a truly democratic spirit. Our religions have proclaimed from the very beginning that each human individual is to be regarded as a spark of the divine. *Tat twam asi*, that art thou, is the teaching of the “Upanishads”. The Buddhists declared that each individual has in him a spark of the divine and can become a Bodhisattva. These proclamations by themselves are not enough. The minds and hearts of the people require to be attended. We must strike to become democratic not merely in the political sense of the term but also in the social and economic sense. It is essential to bring about this democratic change, this democratic temper, the kind of outlook by a proper study of the humanities, including philosophy and religion. There is a great verse which says that in this poison – tree of Samsara are two fruits of incomparable value. They are the enjoyment of great books and the company of good souls. If we want to absorb the fruits of a great literature, we read them, not as we do cricket stories read them with concentration. Our



generation in its rapid travel has not achieved the habit of reading the great books and has lost the habit of being influenced by the great classics of our country. If these principles of democracy in our Construction are to become habits of mind and pattern of behaviour, principles which change the very character of the individual and the nature of the society it can be done only by the study of great literature, of philosophy and religion. That is, even though our country needs great scientists, great technologists, great engineers, we should not neglect to make them humanists. While we retain science and technology, we remember that science and technology are not at all.

- a) What, according to the author, is the duty of universities ? 1
- b) How is compassion defined ? 1
- c) Why is proper study of the humanities essential ? 2
- d) What does the study of great literature achieve for us ? 2
- e) Explain any *two* of the following in your own words : 2×2
 - i) Truly democratic spirit
 - ii) Cricket stories
 - iii) Humanists.
- f) Make précis of the passage given above and give it a suitable title. 5



7. Write an essay of not more than 200 words on any one of the following topics : 15
- a) The technological miracles of the 21st Century.
 - b) Time as a tyrant of modern life.
 - c) Environmental awareness.
8. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your views against ragging and urging more stringent measures to stop this menace with reference to recent tragic death.

OR

Write a report for a local newspaper on the two-day Seminar on "Industrialisation in West Bengal" hosted by your college, giving details of the presentation made by various eminent speakers on the subject. 15

9. DASCAMP Private Limited, DE/35, 9th floor, Shivam Height, New Delhi-15 have advertised in newspaper, asking for applications from B.Tech graduates with two years experience. You have a good academic record but only six month's experience.

Reply to the advertisement in such a way that other qualities counterbalance the lack of experience. Write to the Personnel Manager enclosing your CV.

OR

You have received a complaint that an order for canned food is very late. In apologies for this delay, state that strikes in the industry are responsible for it, and say how you can now help. 15

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