



F.E. (Semester – I) (Revised in 2007-08) Examination, May/June 2014  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 100

- Instructions :** 1) Attempt **any five** questions in **all**.  
2) It is compulsory to answer at least **one** question from **each** Module.  
3) Last question may be answered from **any** Module.  
4) Figures to the **right** indicate **full** marks.

MODULE – I

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1. a) Do as directed :

- 1) I love colours of rainbow.  
(Supply articles where necessary)
- 2) A cold fear gripped us.  
(Change to passive voice)
- 3) You haven't read this book, .... ?  
(Insert a questions tag)
- 4) Nobody is incapable of error.  
(Substitute a single word for the underlined phrase)
- 5) At birth, the baby behaviour is social.  
(Rewrite the sentence with a meaningful prefix of the underlined word)
- 6) The actor played the role of an ageing duke in the film.  
(Rewrite changing the gender)
- 7) Please shut the door.  
(Change to passive voice)
- 8) Nainital is the coolest hill station.  
(Change to positive degree)
- 9) Jason's mother is not well.  
(Change to affirmative)

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10) Give us time and we shall complete the job.

(Begin with 'If')

11) It is the best book I have ever read.

(Change to comparative degree)

12) Gauri has known him \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.

(Insert preposition)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

In the course of one short week two journalists have passed away \_\_\_\_\_ G. K. Reddy and Romesh Thapar. Each had a different perception of the country and its problems. G. K. as he was popularly known was a political correspondent par excellence. He was always the first to provide an insight into what government policy on any particular issue was going to be. If G. K. wrote it, it had to be correct \_\_\_\_\_ one of the highest tribute that any journalist could hope to receive. His privileged access to 'Inside' sources in New Delhi was not based on Cocktail parties but a carefully cultivated reputation for balanced presentation, diligent cross checking and respect for truth.

Romesh Thapar was a rebel within the system. He used his pen to call angry attention to the wrongs committed by those in authority. While he enjoyed rubbing shoulders with the mighty in the land, he never lost sight of his commitment to social justice and the freedom of the press. He also had the courage to break old friendships when these came into conflict with his commitments. He wrote to provoke.

- 1) What was the tribute that G. K. Reddy got ? 1
- 2) What were the principles that Thapar valued most ? 1
- 3) Based on your reading of the passage, state any two challenges faced by a journalist ? 2
- 4) Suggest a suitable title to the passage. 1
- 5) Suggest any two differences you have seen as a reader in the above mentioned personalities. 2
- 6) What was the tribute that G. K. Reddy got ? 1



2. a) Select the appropriate alternative which means the same as the underlined word.

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- 1) Adversity is the source of numerous vices.
  - a) Money
  - b) Hardships
  - c) Luxury
  - d) Opportunity
- 2) He is rigid in his approach to problems.
  - a) Swift
  - b) Logical
  - c) Inflexible
  - d) Flexible
- 3) Rampant corruption is the bane of our society.
  - a) Epidemic
  - b) Widespread
  - c) Plenty
  - d) Sufferable
- 4) It was an arduous task to perform.
  - a) boring
  - b) ardent
  - c) difficult
  - d) ordinary
- 5) We need not emulate film heroes.
  - a) modify
  - b) inhabit
  - c) pacify
  - d) imitate
- 6) He is urbane in his manners.
  - a) urban
  - b) civil
  - c) posh
  - d) rural
- 7) The doctor was skeptical about the safety of the new drug.
  - a) certain
  - b) sure
  - c) doubtful
  - d) hopeful
- 8) Spirituality is the antidote to all human miseries.
  - a) result
  - b) remedy
  - c) cause
  - d) consequence
- 9) I have read an excerpt from his book.
  - a) extract
  - b) review
  - c) page
  - d) assessment
- 10) The book was sold at an exorbitant price.
  - a) threatening
  - b) ridiculous
  - c) expensive
  - d) odd





b) Choose the exact meaning of the idioms from the alternatives given below : 5

i) One should not get in hot waters.

- a) water heated by the sun
- b) to get into trouble
- c) confused state of mind
- d) to drink hot water

ii) For the first week, the apprentice felt like fish out of water.

- a) homeless
- b) disappointed
- c) uncomfortable
- d) frustrated

iii) He has been running pillar to post to get a domicile certificate.

- a) supports of a building
- b) clumsy objects
- c) tiresome journey
- d) one place to another

iv) Believe me, Rakesh is all at sea.

- a) happy
- b) confused
- c) drowning
- d) irritated

v) He has the gift of the gab.

- a) surprise
- b) an honest person
- c) art of conversation
- d) lucky

c) Choose the appropriate antonym from the alternatives provided : 5

1) Cease

- a) bend
- b) start
- c) mount
- d) slacken

2) Accept

- a) note
- b) consider
- c) reject
- d) follow

3) Naive

- a) sophisticated
- b) complicated
- c) wealthy
- d) cunning

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4) Fiasco

a) pollution

c) success

b) mansion

d) failure

5) Genuine

a) impure

c) rotten

b) unsound

d) bogus

## MODULE – II

3. a) Read the passage and draft a precis of about one third of the original length and provide a suitable title.

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Education is not an end but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them; our purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realise this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life.

In many modern countries it has for some time been fashionable to think that by free education for all, one can solve all the problems of the society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough ; we find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think is 'low work'; and in fact work with the hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries.

But we have only to think a moment to understand that the work of a completely uneducated farmer is far more important than that of a professor for we must all die if we had no food. If no one cleaned our streets and took away the rubbish from our houses, we should get terrible diseases in our towns. In countries where there are no servants, the professor will have to waste much time doing house work.

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Infact, when we say that all of us must be educated, if only means that each of us can do whatever job is suitable to his brain and ability. Secondly we must also realize that all jobs are necessary to society. It is bad to be ashamed of one's work or to scorn someone's else. Only such type of education is valuable to society.

- b) Attempt a technical description of the working of any two household appliances. 10
4. a) Draft a report on the 'Reading Habit' programme celebrated in your college meant to inculcate reading habit among students. The chief guest for the occasion was Nirmal Joshi, an award winning writer from Dharwad University 12
- b) Describe **any two** of the following :
- i) Mobile phone
  - ii) Redwood Viscometer
  - iii) Magnetic circuit
  - iv) Battery. 8

### MODULE – III

5. a) Draft an application with curriculum vitae for the post of an engineer to R.P.K. Consultancy Services Private Limited, Panaji Goa. Excellent communication skills and a good academic track record is a must. (5+7) 8
- b) Assuming that you have been selected as the General Secretary of the College, draft a 'notice' with the 'agenda' for the first meeting of the student council which has been recently installed. 8
6. a) You are Mr. Sujoy Kamat, running a successful non-governmental organization meant to promote the welfare of society. You have been invited as a Chief Guest to Gokhale College of Engineering to celebrate the 'Joy of Giving' week which is celebrated in the nation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October every year. Assume a suitable data and draft a suitable speech. 12
- b) Write a letter to the head of your Institution requesting him for permission for 'heave of absence'. 8



MODULE – IV

7. a) Write your arguments 'either for or against' on **any one** of the following statement : 10
- i) The state government should impose a ban on bicycles.
  - ii) Gandhian Ideology is dead.
- b) Elaborate on the physical and psychological barriers to communication. 10
8. a) Write about notes on **any two** of the following : 12
- i) Factors that affect listening
  - ii) Qualities of a good interviewer
  - iii) Non-verbal communication.
- b) Mention an elaborate on any four factors that render an interviewee unsuitable for the job. 8
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