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F.E. Semester-I (Revised Course 2007-2008)
EXAMINATION MAY/JUNE 2019
Communication Skills

[Duration : Three Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100]

Instructions:

1. Attempt any five questions in all.
2. It is compulsory to answer at least one question in each module.
3. Last question may be answered from any module.
4. Figures to the right indicate marks.

MODULE – I

Q.1

A. Do as Directed:

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1. I bought _____ horse, _____ ox and _____ buffalo.(insert articles)
2. She said, 'Go and do your homework.' (change to indirect speech)
3. A cold fear gripped us (change to passive voice)
4. The letter was written.(change to active voice)
5. The mountaineers climbed _____ means rope ladders.(insert prepositions where needed)
6. There was a big tree _____ the house. (insert preposition)
7. Ahana is the prettiest girl in town.(name the degree of comparison used)
8. Gojay broke the glass, _____ (insert a question tag).
9. Hamlet is the best Shakespearean play.(change to positive degree)
10. She danced _____ (insert an adverb)
11. The coffee is rather _____ (insert an adjective)
12. She is tired. She works hard. (join using a conjunction)

B. Read the poem and answer the following questions:

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A Psalm of Life – H W Longfellow

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead what they slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,- act in the living Present !
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

1. What is the meaning of poem? 02
2. What do you mean by the phrase 'For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem'? 02
3. What does the title signify? 02
4. What is the inspiration that you get from this poem? 02

Q.2

- A. Write an imaginary conversation between a Doctor and a Patient. The Doctor is inspiring the Patient in her battle against cancer. Use Direct Speech for the same. 10
- B. Choose the most appropriate from the four options and rewrite the sentence: 10

1. Despite his _____ range of interests, he was only expert in a limited number of fields.
A. extensive B. narrow C. eerie D. regular

2. Unlike the actual building, which was quite sturdy, Cam's model of the building was _____.
A. plastic B. stable C. false D. fragile
3. My mother gets seasick, so it shouldn't surprise anyone that she got _____ on my uncle's boat.
A. Queasy B. healthy C. tired D. energetic
4. The town decided to make the fair _____ occurrence, meaning it will take place every year.
A. an apparent B. a common C. a weekly D. an annual
5. At first my parents did not allow me to ever play video games after school, but now they _____ it sometimes. A. encourage B. ban C. permit D. expect
6. When you need _____ count, it is not okay to estimate.
A. An accurate B. a guessed C. a gigantic D. a truthful
7. Alexis was excited to begin her new job, and we were impressed by how _____ she was.
A. Entertained B. eager C. experienced D. essential
8. The villain's henchman was _____, following every degrading command without hesitation or questions.
A. humble B. freethinking C. uppity D. servile
9. Coleen's knee injury _____ her from furthering her career as a long distance runner.
A. Forbids B. facilitates C. precludes D. nurtures
10. Leila is _____ reader and has read more than eighty books this year.
A. A careful B. an avid C. a causal D. a reluctant

MODULE-II

- Q.3 A. Write a précis of the passage given below of about one-third of the original length. Give a suitable title.

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English education and English language have done immense goods to India, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future. English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English-is-indispensible "English is very rich in literature,"

our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

- B. Write a description of a computer 10
- Q.4 A. Write a report on a Technical Festival that was recently celebrated in your college. 12
- B. Describe any two of the following 08
- a. Coils b. Redwood Viscometer c. Worm and worm wheel d. Prism

MODULE – III

- Q.5 A. Write a Cover Letter and attach your Curriculum Vitae for a job posting as Junior Engineer at ClassCoders Pvt. Ltd. 12
- B. Write a Notice, Agenda and Minutes of a meeting of the Music Club of your college. 08
- Q.6 A. You have ordered curtains for your house but they have arrived in a damaged condition. Write a claim letter demanding replacement of the curtains as well as an adjustment letter. 12
- B. Write a letter to the Head of your institution asking for Leave of Absence. 08

MODULE – IV

- Q.7 A. Define communication. What are some of the principles of communication? 10
- B. What are the areas of assessment when it comes to interviews? 10
- Q.8 A. How can one succeed in a group discussion? 10
- B. What are some of the myths of listening? 10