

SEM 1 – 6 (RC 07-08)

F.E. (Semester – I) (Revised in 2007-2008) Examination, May/June 2016 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 **marks**.

MODULE – I

1. a) Do as directed : 12
- 1) To die is not indicative of victory.
(Use Gerund instead of the infinitive)
 - 2) You must _____ yourself to the customs and manners of the people of a foreign country. (Adopt/Adapt)
(Select the right word from the given alternatives)
 - 3) My hectic college schedule bugs me ad infinitum.
(Give meaning of the underlined word)
 - 4) They say she sang well.
(Change to the impersonal passive)
 - 5) A film.
(Use two adjectives to describe the noun)
 - 6) The damp sea air is not suitable for my mother.
(Change into affirmative sentence)
 - 7) He was (A)/ acquitted from (B)/the charges (C)/No error (D).
(Mark the erroneous part of the sentence and re-write it again)

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8) It is one of the best books I have read.

(Change to comparative and positive degree)

9) The doctor gave the medicine to _____ the pain. (relief/relieve)

(Select the right word from the given alternatives)

10) She is senile.

(Add a question tag)

11) If you had prepared well, You _____.

(Complete the conditional sentence)

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

A Sonnet for my Incomparable Mother

I often contemplate my childhood, Mom.

I am a mother now, and so I know

Hard work is mixed together with the fun;

You learned that when you raised me long ago.

I think of all the things you gave to me:

Sacrifice, devotion, love and tears.

Your heart, your mind, your energy and soul –

All these you spent on me throughout the years.

You loved me with a never-failing love

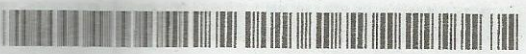
You gave me strength and sweet security,

And then you did the hardest thing of all:

You let me separate and set me free.

Every day, I try my best to be

A mother like the mom you were to me.



- 1) "You let me separate and set me free". Explain the line in your own words. (30-40 words). 2
- 2) Give your own title to the poem. 1
- 3) Why does the daughter resolve to be like her mother ? 2
- 4) Despite doing the "hardest thing of all," do you feel the mother in the poem is strict ? 2
- 5) Give meanings of i) Security. ii) Contemplate. 1
- 2. A) Provide for meaning of the following idioms : 5
 - i) To make up
 - ii) To hit the nail on the head
 - iii) To be in high spirits
 - iv) To leave no stone unturned
 - v) To take up a cause.
- B) Supply a prefix in a manner such that it becomes the synonym of the word alongside. 5
 - i) Inactive : _____ert
 - ii) Ardent : _____tense
 - iii) Trauma : _____eal
 - iv) Classify : _____ize
 - v) Neglect : _____look



C) **One** of the words in the pair is wrongly spelt. Identify the wrongly spelt word and correct it.

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- 1) a) Meagre b) dimnish c) Adore d) Abhor
- 2) a) Futile b) Imbcile c) Docile d) meek
- 3) a) Indigenuos b) Inadequate c) Hinder d) Retain
- 4) a) Puruse b) Pursuit c) Gauge d) Camouflage
- 5) a) Abscond b) Restore c) Defaint d) Defence

D) Choose the word nearest in meaning to the key word.

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1) NEXUS

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| a) Rivalry | b) Unholy connection |
| c) Positive alliance | d) Fight |

2) PONDER

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| a) Dull | b) Pensive | c) Thoughtful | d) Enthusiasm |
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3) FOREIGNER

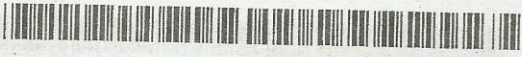
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| a) Alien | b) Native | c) National | d) Local |
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4) LATENT

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| a) Concealed | b) Lethargic | c) Prompt | d) Erotic |
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| a) Success | b) Failure | c) Plan | d) Misfortune |
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MODULE – II

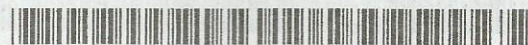
3. a) Read the passage and draft a precis of about **one-third** of the original length and give it a suitable title.

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Between man and other animals there are various differences, some intellectual, some emotional. One of the chief emotional differences is that some human desires, unlike those of animals, are essentially boundless and incapable of complete satisfaction. The boa constrictor when he has had his meal, sleeps until appetite revives; if other animals do not do likewise, it is because their meals are less adequate or because they fear enemies. The activities of animals with a few exceptions are inspired by the primary needs of survival and reproduction, and do not exceed what needs make imperative. With men, the matter is different. A large proportion of the human race, it is true, is obliged to work so hard in obtaining necessities that little energy is left over for other purposes; but those whose livelihood is assured do not, on that account, cease to be active. Xerxes had no lack of food or raiment or wives at the time when he embarked upon the Athenian expedition. Newton was certain of material comfort from the moment when he became Fellow of Trinity; but it was after this that he wrote the Principia. St. Francis and Ignatius Loyola had no need to found orders, to escape from want. These were eminent men, but the same characteristic, in varying degrees, is to be found in all but a small exceptionally sluggish minority.

- b) Attempt a technical description of **any one** object from your surrounding and which is of acquaintance to you.

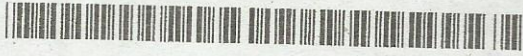
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4. a) You are returning home one day by the local train and you witness a robbery in the next compartment. You pull the chain and a robber jumps off the train. He has injured a commuter in the next compartment, now lying unconscious. As an eye witness to the incident, draft a report to be submitted to the Railway Police. 10
- b) Describe **any two** of the following : 10
- i) An electric bulb.
 - ii) Redwood Viscometer.
 - iii) Microwave Oven.

MODULE – III

5. a) You are the Staff Secretary of R.P.K. College of Engineering. You have ordered for the Institution five hundred good quality chairs from Steelco Furnitures Limited. Of the five hundred chairs ordered, fifty have reached you in damaged condition.
- i) Write a claim letter to the chairman of the company asking to replace the damaged goods.
 - ii) Write an adjustment letter as chairman of Steelco Furnitures Limited. (6+6)
- b) As Secretary of Student Council draft a 'Notice' with 'Agenda' for its first Annual General Body Meeting. 8
6. a) You are a motivational speaker asked to address forty students of the Student Council of an Arts and Science College. The topic given is 'Enhancing Mental Concentration'.
- i) What techniques would you use to motivate your audience and why ?
 - ii) Draft the first part of your speech in 15-20 sentences such that you sustain audience interest. (6+6)
- b) Write a letter to the Head of your Institution asking for leave of absence. 8



MODULE – IV

7. a) Define 'Communication'. Explain in detail the following three barriers of communication – Interpersonal barriers, poor listening skills and noise. 12
- b) What is a Group-Discussion ? Explain 'Positive Aggression' and 'Team Attitudes' as important aspects of a Group Discussion. 8
8. a) Write short notes on the following : 12
- i) Effective Presentation Strategies
- ii) Drawbacks of technology enabled communication.
- b) List and elaborate six skills employers look for in an interviewee. 8
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