



SEM 1 – 6 (RC 07 – 08)

F.E. (Semester – I) (Revised in 2007-08) Examination, May/June 2015
COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 100

- Instructions :**
- 1) Attempt **any five** questions in all.
 - 2) It is **compulsory** to answer **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) You will do this. (Add a Question Tag)
 - 2) I live here since 2000. (Correct the sentence)
 - 3) Who teaches you English ? (Change the voice)
 - 4) I cannot _____ to your proposal. (Assent/Ascent) (Use the right word from the bracket)
 - 5) The teacher said Rajesh meet me at noon tomorrow.
(Punctuate the given sentence)
 - 6) My grandmother walked _____ the temple.
(Insert a suitable preposition)
 - 7) Sourabh is one of the best bowlers in the team.
(Change to comparative degree)
 - 8) _____ Duke, _____ Earl and _____ Lord were present at the meeting.
(Insert suitable articles)
 - 9) When the guests arrived, the _____ was still busy making preparations. (Use a word opposite in meaning to the underlined word and fill in the blank provided.)



- 10) I shall always remember your goodness. (Make negative)
- 11) There is no room for secrecy under Gandhiji's leadership. (Make interrogative)
- 12) The railway line runs _____ the river. (Insert a preposition)
- b) Read the following an E-mail forward and answer the questions given below :

On hindsight, I feel its nice to have mean mom's at home. Having mean mom's at home may spark a little bit of a duel, but nevertheless, the outcome is always positive. These are strange mothers who will not pamper, cajole and say 'yes' to everything the child does and says.

A young boy asks a question 'Was your mom mean?', and goes on to share his experience.

We had the meanest mother at home. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have oats, bread and a heady mix of fruits and vegetables. When other had Pepsi and Cola for lunch, we were forced curry, rice and dal down our throats. Mother even fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother always insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You would think we were like convicts in a prison. She in her own simplicity wanted to know who our friends were, and what exactly we were doing with them. She also had the nerve to break child labour laws by making its work. We had to wash dishes, clean our own bathrooms, do laundry, and empty trash everyday. She always insisted on us telling truth and nothing but the truth. Our friends couldn't just honk the horn and take us away. They had to come up to the door and greet her.

We couldn't do the things other kinds did. We couldn't take part in vandalising property, shoplifting, or surfing pornographic sites. It was because of her. But now that we have left home, we are honest, educated adults. We have resolved : Lets do our best to be 'mean' parents just like mom. That's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mom's !

- 1) How did the mother defy child labour laws ?
- 2) What is the attitude of the young boy towards his mother ?
- 3) How do 'mean mom's' shape the personality of their children ?

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- 4) In what different ways would you interpret the word 'mean' as used in the passage. 2
- 5) What is the resolution of the young boy, now an adult ? What encourages him to take such a resolution ? 2
- 6) Give meaning of : 1
- Cajole and
 - Outcome.
2. a) Read the sentences given below and as per reasoning and sentence meaning, fill in the blank from the alternatives given below. Do rewrite the sentence. 5
- He is too _____ to be deceived easily.

a) kind	b) intelligent
c) honest	d) modern
 - The lawyer was threatened _____ dire consequences.

a) from	b) with
c) of	d) by
 - Would you _____ giving your book to me ?

a) observe	b) mind
c) desire	d) listen
 - Everyone should _____ himself against illness since medical care has now become expensive.

a) ensure	b) brace
c) insure	d) vaccinate
 - Priya is not _____ for this kind of a job.

a) cut in	b) cut up
c) cut off	d) cut out
- b) Pick out the word opposite in meaning to the given word. 5
- Unruly

a) Disobedient	b) Intelligent
c) Obedient	d) Indifferent



- 2) Latent
- a) Artificial
 - b) Obvious
 - c) Forbidden
 - d) Hidden
- 3) Autonomous
- a) Ambiguous
 - b) Confuse
 - c) Operational
 - d) Dependent
- 4) Clarity
- a) Confusion
 - b) Exaggeration
 - c) Reservation
 - d) Candour
- 5) Laud
- a) Quiet
 - b) Defame
 - c) Cheerless
 - d) Admire
- c) Name the following : 5
- i) A place where fishes are kept
 - ii) A place for monks to live
 - iii) A sleep walker
 - iv) A doctor who treats eye diseases
 - v) A stamp collecting hobby.
- d) The sentences given below are peppered with idioms/phrases. In the context given, decipher and write the meanings of these underlined idioms/phrases.
- i) While I stood to address the audience, I developed cold feet since I was speaking for the first time to such a big crowd.
 - ii) Teaching tech-savy students in a classroom is no child's play.
 - iii) One should not throw cold water over a student's dream of passing the civil services examination.
 - iv) The school is within a stone's throw of the railway station.
 - v) Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan's speeches clearly reveal that he is a man of letters.

MODULE – II

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

Immediately after the bomb had exploded on Hiroshima on the fateful morning of 6th August 1945, it was evident that destruction in the city was beyond all living experience. A single atomic bomb, and a small one at that, has an effect similar to the simultaneous explosion of 20,000 tonnes of high explosive. It was estimated that about 1,00,000 people were killed by that one explosion. Another 40,000 were injured. More than two-thirds of the buildings in Hiroshima were destroyed and there were thousands damaged beyond repair. It was found that telegraphic poles about two and a half miles from the centre of explosion were charred by the intense heat.

Statesmen, ordinary men and women all over the world were shocked and frightened by the news of the terrible devastation caused by this single atomic explosion. Ever since, the people of the world have lived in fear that one day the final catastrophe may happen. As one newspaper rightly put it : “The atomic bomb means the end of war or the end of the human race”.

If men can agree to settle their disputes by peaceful means then the atomic power which can mutilate and kill in war can be used to treat disease and produce enough power to make life more prosperous than it has ever been. 10

- b) As a part of the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan, students from RVM's College of Engineering, Belgaum have volunteered to clean their campus on the 2nd October 2014. As Secretary of the Students Council, draft a report of the activities undertaken, and submit the same to the Principal.

(Use the letter format)

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4. a) Describe any two of the following :

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- i) Redwood viscometer
- ii) Mobile phone
- iii) Coil.

b) Provide for a technical description of an object which is of acquaintance to you and is also from your surrounding.

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MODULE – III

5. a) You are an engineering graduate, now running an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) on protecting child rights in all ways possible. You have been invited to your college on the occasion of Student Council inauguration. Draft a speech impressing upon the students role and responsibilities of the council in the college.

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b) Write a letter to the head of your institution requesting him permission for "Leave of absence".

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6. a) You are Narendu, a physics post graduate working in Springdale's Junior College, Mumbai. Now on a two year leave, you wish to apply as a research scholar with an assistantship of Rs. 12,000/- per month to BARC, (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre). Draft a covering letter addressed to the Director of the institution and also prepare a suitable resume.

(5+7)

b) As staff secretary of your college, draft the minutes of the meeting held in the month of September, 2014. The following points were discussed at the meeting.

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- i) Attendance in classrooms.
- ii) Introducing uniforms for students.
- iii) Addressing garbage problems.
- iv) Results of the first internal tests.
- v) A science exhibition.

MODULE – IV

7. a) In your opinion, which of them is a more important skill – Listening or speaking ?
Defend your point of view. 10
- b) Define the term, 'Communication'. Explain the two-way communication process with the help of a diagram. 10
8. a) Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 12
- i) Interview preparation
 - ii) Suggest five tips for effective listening
 - iii) Any three communication barriers.
- b) Mention a few traits you need to possess to qualify yourself as a good group discussion member. 8