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I/II Semester Diploma Examination, April/May-2019

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

- Instructions :** (i) Answer all questions as directed.
(ii) Spelling and grammatical errors shall be penalized.
(iii) Answers to Question No. I and II are based on the prescribed text-book.

I. Answer any **twelve** of the following in not more than **two** sentences each : $2 \times 12 = 24$

1. Define career planning.
2. What is the role of a career counsellor in charting out a career path ?
3. How are Indians exposed to corruption from their childhood onwards ?
4. How can one contribute to India's progress ?
5. List some of the causes of global warming as given in the essay.
6. What are some of the steps that can be taken to save our environment ?
7. According to the author, what are the effects of global warming ?
8. What lesson did Indra Nooyi learn from her mother ?
9. How does Indra Nooyi manage time ?
10. What does Nooyi describe as her passion ?
11. What made the dentist curious about the farmer ?
12. Why did the farmer visit the dentist's clinic a week later ?
13. Describe the meaning of the words 'harvest of my womb'.
14. What memories of her husband trouble the farmer's wife ?
15. What does the farmer's wife say about death ?

II. Answer any **three** of the following in a short paragraph of not more than **100** words :

 $5 \times 3 = 15$

1. Write a short note on 'guidelines for choosing a career'.
2. Discuss how divisiveness enters our psyche.
3. Explain how deforestation affects our environment.

4. Describe in your own words how Indra Nooyi's husband contributed to her success.
5. The poem contrasts the characters of the farmer and his wife. What are these contrasts ? Elaborate.

III. Grammar :

1. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words : 4 × 1 = 4
 - (a) In Chandigarh, he met the woman he would one day marry.
 - (b) She ran to station quickly, but missed her train.
2. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal auxiliaries : 3 × 1 = 3
 - (a) _____ his soul rest in peace.
 - (b) My son _____ be twenty next birthday.
 - (c) What time _____ we meet tomorrow ?
3. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : 3 × 1 = 3

_____ old pilgrim was making his way to _____ Himalayas in _____ cold of winter.
4. Identify the tense of the verbs in the following sentences : 4 × 1 = 4
 - (a) I have known him for a long time.
 - (b) We are preparing sweets for the festival.
 - (c) My brother has been living the U.S.A. since 2010.
 - (d) The earth rotates on its axis.
5. Change the voice of the following sentences : 4 × 1 = 4
 - (a) My sister is baking a cake.
 - (b) The people welcomed the victorious soldiers.
 - (c) Smoking is prohibited.
 - (d) He was killed by his friend in a fight.
6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 4 × 1 = 4

This is a course book _____ diploma students. It provides students _____ adequate material to improve and practice their language and communication skills _____ a variety _____ exercises.
7. Add suitable question tags : 3 × 1 = 3
 - (a) Raj isn't from Delhi, _____ ?
 - (b) Sita looks lovely in that saree, _____ ?
 - (c) You are doing your homework, _____ ?

8. Give short-form answers for the following :

$2 \times 1 = 2$

- (a) Do you have an extra pen ? (Only negative)
- (b) Will you do me a favour ? (Only positive)

9. Add suitable affixes to make a meaningful word :

$2 \times 1 = 2$

- (a) Manage _____.
- (b) _____ appear.

10. Fill in the blanks with words that agree with their subjects :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

- (a) The owner of these factories _____ very wealthy.
- (b) The cost of all food items _____ gone up.
- (c) All the students in the class _____ done well in the test.
- (d) There _____ not street lights in our colony.

11. Give the synonyms of :

$2 \times 1 = 2$

- (a) Accurate
- (b) Glitter

12. Give the antonym of :

$2 \times 1 = 2$

- (a) Accept
- (b) Major

13. Frame sentences using each of the words in the pairs below to bring out the difference in meaning clearly :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

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| (a) (i) right | (ii) write |
| (b) (i) decease | (ii) disease |

IV. Composition :

Write a descriptive paragraph of about 80-100 words on :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Your home town.
- (b) Process of preparing coffee or tea.

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V. Comprehension :

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Dionysius ruled over Sicily. He was strict and impartial. He was a good and just ruler but he was not popular with his subjects as he spared nobody. He lacked the human touch. He was always in fear of losing his life.

His nobles constantly flattered him. Damocles was the loudest in his flattery of the king. The king did not like it and wanted to teach Damocles a lesson. One day he invited all his courtiers to a feast which was held in a big hall. Damocles was the chief guest. He sat at the head of the table. He looked happy and cheerful. Good humour prevailed at the feast.

All of a sudden Damocles looked up and saw a sharp, bare sword hanging over his head by a single hair. He was terrified and forgot all mirth and joy. His face turned pale with anxiety and fear. He lost his appetite for the tasty dishes in front of him. He could only think of the sharp sword hanging over his head by a single hair. He was worried that it might fall on his head at any moment. He could not enjoy the feast at all. When the feast was over, he heaved a sigh of relief. "How did you enjoy the feast, Damocles?" the king asked. "Not in the least. My whole attention was on the sword hanging over my head." The king smiled and said, "Remember, the king too has his own cares and concerns amidst the rejoicing and gaiety. The crown comes with its own responsibilities."

Damocles had grown wiser. He had learnt that the life of a king was not a bed of roses.

Unfamiliar words :

Impartial : treating everyone equally

Flatter : compliment excessively or insincerely

Courtier : a companion or advisor of a king or queen

Prevail : be widespread

Mirth : amusement

Anxiety : worry; unease

Gaiety : lighthearted and cheerful mood

Answer the following in your own words :

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| (1) What kind of king was Dionysius ? | 2 |
| (2) Why did the king want to teach Damocles a lesson ? | 2 |
| (3) Why couldn't Damocles enjoy the feast ? | 2 |
| (4) What did Dionysius tell him about being a king ? | 2 |
| (5) Suggest a suitable title for the story. | 1 |
| (6) Give the synonym of : Flatter. | 1 |
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