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I/II Semester Diploma Examination, Nov./Dec.-2018

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (i) Answer **all** questions as directed.
 - (ii) Spelling and grammatical errors shall be penalized.
 - (iii) Answers exceeding the required word limit shall be penalized.
 - (iv) Questions I and II are based on the prescribed text book.

I. Answer any twelve of the following questions in one or two sentences each : $12 \times 2 = 24$

- (1) How do connections help in searching for a suitable job ?
- (2) What is the role of a career counsellor in charting out a career path ?
- (3) According to the author, why has the contents of our films changed ?
- (4) How can one contribute to India's progress ?
- (5) What are some of the steps that can be taken to save our environment ?
- (6) List out some of the effects of global warming.
- (7) Define "Greenhouse Effect".
- (8) What lesson did Indra Nooyi learn from her mother ?
- (9) How does Indra Nooyi rate herself as a mother ?
- (10) What is the secret of Nooyi's success ?
- (11) What made the doctor curious about the farmer ?
- (12) Why did the doctor 'almost faint in shock' ?
- (13) What does the expression 'you crossed over' mean ?
- (14) Give a brief description of the phrase 'harvest of my womb'.
- (15) What does the farmer's wife want to teach her children ?

II. Write short notes on any **three** of the following :

$3 \times 5 = 15$

- (1) The poem contrasts the characters of the farmer and his wife. Explain.
- (2) Describe how the doctor fixed the bull's tooth.
- (3) Nooyi says, "I have to decide every moment in time whether I am going to be a mother or a wife or an executive." Elaborate.
- (4) Discuss the causes and effects of global warming.
- (5) Our education system inculcates the trait of servility in us. Explain.

III. Grammar :

- (1) Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

He did not apologize for his rudeness and this made me angry.

- (2) Fill in the blanks with suitable auxiliaries :

$3 \times 1 = 3$

- (a) The hall is so crowded. There _____ be at least 2000 people here.
- (b) There is a bundh tomorrow and therefore, there _____ be no bus services.
- (c) I _____ swim across this river when I was young.

- (3) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

$3 \times 1 = 3$

We had _____ good time on our trip. _____ hotel was comfortable and _____ beach was only 10 minutes away.

- (4) Identify the tense of the verbs in the following sentences :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

- (a) The train leaves for Delhi at 6 p.m.
- (b) He has cleaned the blackboard.
- (c) She is taking dance lessons now-a-days.
- (d) I received your letter yesterday.

- (5) Change the voice of the verb in the following sentences :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

- (a) His classmates teased him.
- (b) The nurse is taking care of the patient.
- (c) The matter was explained to him.
- (d) This picture has been painted by him.

- (6) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : $4 \times 1 = 4$
The environment _____ the earth is a great blessing _____ mankind and it is a pity that it is _____ grave danger _____ being destroyed.
- (7) Add suitable question tags to the following : $3 \times 1 = 3$
(a) You've done your homework, _____ ?
(b) He tells interesting stories, _____ ?
(c) I don't have to come, _____ ?
- (8) Give short form answers to the following : $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) Can you speak French ? (only negative)
(b) Will you keep it ready by tomorrow ? (only positive)
- (9) Add a prefix and a suffix to the following root word : $2 \times 1 = 2$
_____ believe _____.
- (10) Frame sentences using the following homonyms and homophones to bring out the difference in meaning clearly : $4 \times 1 = 4$
(a) (i) adopt (ii) adapt (homophones)
(b) (i) bear (ii) bear (homonyms)
- (11) Give the synonyms of the following words : $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) Answer (b) Afraid
- (12) Give the antonyms of the following words : $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) Fresh (b) Arrival
- (13) Fill in the blanks with verbs to agree with their subjects : $4 \times 1 = 4$
(a) Mr. and Mrs. Gupta _____ having tea in the garden.
(b) Bread and butter _____ the breakfast I like the most.
(c) Habits formed in early childhood _____ hard to undo.
(d) The floods in Bihar _____ a lifetime experience for the people of that state.

IV. Composition :

Answer any two in 80 – 100 words each :

 $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Describe your experience of the first day of college.
- (b) Describe the process of creating an e-mail account.
- (c) Expand the proverb : "Where there is a will there is a way"

V. Comprehension :

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea, is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from the remotest corner of Ladakh to the Buckingham Palace, tea is synonymous with cheer. Though the drink is addictive for tea drinkers, the preferred method of preparation and taste differs from person to person and from region to region. It is rightly said that there is no agreement about the perfect cup of tea. Today many varieties of tea are available in the market. An innovation is the tea bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in the far eastern countries like China and Japan. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. In Morocco, green tea is infused with mint. Some scientists believe that tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhea. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer. It also lowers cholesterol levels in the blood. A welcome thought for inveterate tea drinkers !

Glossary of difficult words :

Remote (adj.) : far away, distant

Addictive (adj.) : very enjoyable in a way that makes you want to do or have something again and again

Innovation (noun) : a new idea, device or method

Infuse (verb) : to allow something (such as herbs, tea, etc.,) to stay in liquid such as hot water to flavour it.

Folk remedy : traditional medicine esp. practiced in villages

Inveterate (adj.) : confirmed in a habit; always happening/existing

Questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (1) Tea originated in which continent ? Who brought it to Europe ?
 - (2) What are the advantages of the tea-bag ?
 - (3) How do the Japanese greet their guests ?
 - (4) What, according to scientists, is the benefit of drinking tea ? Why ?
 - (5) What are the other benefits of drinking tea, according to research ?
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