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I Semester Diploma Examination, April/May-2017**COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH****Time : 3 Hours]****[Max. Marks : 100**

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

I. Answer any twelve of the following in one or two sentences each :**2 × 12 = 24**

- (1) What should be the major focus of career planning ?
- (2) What are the guidelines for choosing a career ?
- (3) List out the factors influencing career decisions.
- (4) What has started global experts ?
- (5) What are the three traits of the Indian psyche which are not good for the country ?
- (6) How are Indians exposed to corruption from their childhood ?
- (7) What is Global Warming ?
- (8) According to available statistics how much fossil fuel is burnt each year ?
- (9) What are some of the steps that can be taken to save our environment ?
- (10) What ambition did Nooyi's mother have for her daughter ?
- (11) What is Indra Nooyi's passion ?
- (12) Describe the farmer who visited the dentist's clinic.
- (13) Why did the farmer visit the clinic a week later ?
- (14) Who is the narrator in the poem "The Farmer's Wife" ?
- (15) What memories of her husband trouble her now ?

II. Write short notes on any three of the following :**5 × 3 = 15**

- (1) How does career planning play a major role in making career choices ?
- (2) How does our education system inculcate the trait of servility in us ?
- (3) How does deforestation affect our environment ? What are the measures that can be taken to protect our environment ?

- (4) How did Indra Nooyi's mother try to teach her the role of a woman in a family ?
Do you agree with her ?
- (5) The poem "The Farmer's Wife" contrasts the characters of the farmer and his wife. What are these contrasts ? How are they different from each other ?

III. Grammar :

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

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- (a) She is a brave soldier.
- (b) Mysore is a beautiful city.
- (c) We worked hard for the examinations.
- (d) Ram and Shyam are brothers.

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

3 × 1 = 3

- (a) Tomorrow _____ be a holiday.
- (b) We _____ obey the law.
- (c) How _____ you argue with me ?

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

3 × 1 = 3

- (a) Give me _____ cup of coffee.
- (b) It was _____ awe-inspiring sight.
- (c) He is _____ tallest boy in the class.

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

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) He works in a bank.
- (b) It rained yesterday.
- (c) She is watching T.V.
- (d) I have been waiting for her for over an hour.

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

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) They are building a new shopping centre.
- (b) We invited her for lunch.
- (c) Maya has left all the windows open.
- (d) Goods news is expected by us.

- (6) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) They go _____ work _____ bus.
- (b) She was born _____ two o'clock _____ 17th July.

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(7) Add suitable question tags :

3 × 1 = 3

- (a) It is cold, _____ ?
- (b) I did not hurt you, _____ ?
- (c) Tina runs very fast, _____ ?

(8) Give short form answers to the following :

2 × 1 = 2

- (a) Do you like watching movies ? (Negative)
- (b) Can you give me an answer by tomorrow ? (Affirmative)

(9) Add a prefix and a suffix to the following to form a meaningful word : 2 × 1 = 2

- (a) _____ manage
- (b) Cheer _____

(10) Frame sentences using each of the words in the pairs below to bring out the differences in meaning :

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) (i) Sell (ii) Cell (Homophones)
- (b) (i) Pupil (ii) Pupil (Homonyms)

(11) Give synonyms of the following words :

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- (a) Yearly
- (b) Broad

(12) Give antonyms of the following words :

2 × 1 = 2

- (a) Joy
- (b) Legal

(13) Fill in the blanks with verbs that agree with the subject :

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) Mathematics _____ my favourite subject.
- (b) All the seats in this bus _____ reserved.
- (c) The President, with his advisers, _____ arrived.
- (d) Ravi and Leela _____ interviewed yesterday.

IV. Composition : Answer any two :

5 × 2 = 10

- (a) Describe the first few days of your college life.
- (b) Describe your grandparent.
- (c) Describe the process of opening a bank account.

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V. Comprehension :

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

My grandfather had served in the Indian Forest Service. He liked trees. After retirement he built a bungalow on the outskirts of Dehradun planting trees all around which grew tall and strong.

My grandmother didn't mind trees but preferred growing flowers. Grandfather helped her with gardening not because he was mad about flower gardens but he liked watching butterflies and that was the only one way to attract butterflies.

My grandfather was not content with growing trees in our compound. During rains he would walk into the jungle armed with cuttings and saplings, which he would plant in the forest.

"But no one ever comes here", I protested the first time we did this, "who is going to see them ?"

"We are not planting them simply to improve the view" replied grand father. "We are planting them for the birds and animals which live here, for their food and shelter".

"Of course men need trees too", he added "for keeping the desert away, for attracting rains, for preventing the banks of the rivers from being washed away, for fruits and flowers, leaves and seeds. Yes, timber too. But men are cutting down the trees without replacing them. And if we don't plant a few ourselves, there will come a time when the world will be one great desert". The thought of a world without trees became very painful to me and I helped my grandfather in his planting of trees with much greater enthusiasm.

My grandfather and I found a small rocky island in a dry river bed. A small mango tree was growing on the island. "If a mango tree can grow here", said my grandfather, "So can other trees". As soon as the rains set in, we set out with a number of saplings and cuttings and spent the day planting them on the island.

Questions :

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| (1) What did the narrator's grandfather do after retirement ? | 2 |
| (2) Why did the narrator's grandfather plant saplings in the forest ? | 2 |
| (3) What thought made the narrator help his grandfather with enthusiasm ? | 2 |
| (4) Why did the narrator and his grandfather go to the rocky island ? | 2 |
| (5) Which word means "strong objection" from the passage ? | 1 |
| (6) Use the word 'prefer' in a sentence of your own. | 1 |