

November, 2020  
Second Semester

Common to ECE/ IT/ Mech  
Communicative English

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 50 Marks

Answer ALL Questions from PART-A.

(1X10 = 10 Marks)

Answer ANY FOUR questions from PART-B.

(4X10=40 Marks)

### Part – A

1. Correct and rewrite the following sentences.

- I shall return this book in week.
- Shakespeare compared the world with a stage.
- Though he worked hardly, he failed.
- She asked him where he spent his money
- Neither she nor I are getting the special lunch.
- Anil has arrived a week ago.
- The garden is too beautiful.
- One of my teachers are leaving for the U.S.A today.
- Finish the work before you will leave.
- No sooner did the peon ring the bell, then the boys left the class.

1 x 10 = 10 M

M	CO	BL
10	2,3,4	3

### Part - B

2.a. Complete the paragraph using appropriate prepositions

Bake the pizza ----- a pan on the bottom rack ----- the oven until it is golden brown ----- top and bottom, about 10 ----- 12 minutes. Transfer the pizza to a rack, then brush it ----- the remaining oil and sprinkle it with the remaining kosher salt. Serve the pizza warm.

5M

b. Write the meaning of the root words given and write two examples using it

2M

- Aud
- Cred
- Form
- Spect

c. Create a Mind Map on "Healthy Lifestyle".

3M

3.a. Fill in the blanks with right articles to make a meaningful paragraph

5M

We have ----- beautiful lake behind our house. Every winter, ----- lake freezes over and we can go ice skating. When I was ----- child, I used to spend ----- hours skating back and forth across ----- ice.

b. Punctuate the given paragraph to make it meaningful

2M

a good book is one of our best friends it is the same today that it always was and it will never change it is the most patient and cheerful of companions it does not turn its back upon us in times of adversity or distress it always receives us with the same kindness amusing and instructing us in youth comforting and consoling us in age

c. Write a Paragraph on "Reading is a Good Habit".

3M

M	CO	BL
10	1,2, 4	6

4.a. Select the verb form that best fits in the blank

5M

- This book \_\_\_\_\_ (consist/ consists) of ten chapters.
- All the students except me \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is) going for the picnic.
- The majority of the girls \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were) against your proposal.
- My circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ (don't/doesn't) allow me to leave my village.
- The Ganga \_\_\_\_\_ (flow/flows) through Varanasi.

P.T.O.

2M

**b. Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined part from the given options**

- i. Do you have any favorite authors you admire or who have influenced you most?  
 a) criticize                      b) praise                      c) despise                      d) mock
- ii. Foreign language dictionaries or phrase books are almost obsolete in lieu of websites and phones that do the same thing.  
 a) updated                      b) modern                      c) current                      d) outdated
- iii. They are proposing radical changes to the way the company is run.  
 a) conservative                      b) reactionary                      c) basic                      d) superficial
- iv. When you are looking for fast and frugal layout ideas, free printable scrapbook pages can be a wonderful resource.  
 a) economical                      b) squandering                      c) prodigal                      d) wasteful

**c. Develop the given hints and write a story based on them. Also suggest a title to the story**

3M

Salt seller ..... salt bag ... on his donkey ... market every day.... cross stream ..... tumbled down ... salt dissolved ..... very light ..... playing same trick ..... understood trick ... teach lesson .... cotton bag ... hoping lighter... heavy to carry ... didn't play ... trick anymore ... seller happy.

**5. a. Write an essay on 'The role of Science and Technology in Making India'.**

5M

**b. Pick the closest antonym of the following words from the options given**

2M

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| i. Awkward:  | a. Rude      | b. Graceful | c. Clownish | d. Clumsy    |
| ii. Feeble:  | a. Frail     | b. Faint    | c. Strong   | d. Weak      |
| iii. Gloomy: | a. Depress   | b. Solemn   | c. Bleak    | d. Cheerful  |
| iv. Build:   | a. Construct | b. Demolish | c. Erect    | d. Fabricate |

**c. Fill in the blanks with the modal that suits the best**

3M

- i. I was using my pencil a minute ago. It \_\_\_\_\_ (would/must) be here somewhere!
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (Can/Could) you speak French? - Only a few words, but my Russian is pretty good.
- iii. Alex \_\_\_\_\_ (will/might) go to the party but I'm still not sure.

M	CO	BL
10	1,2, 4	3,6

**6.a. Complete the sentences with suitable tense forms of the given verbs.**

5M

- i. Look! The students \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse) their dialogues.
- ii. I \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the cake batter before the lights went off.
- iii. Soni \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) that movie twenty times.
- iv. James \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at that company for three years.
- v. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to my iPod, so I didn't hear the fire alarm.

**b. Choose the best one word substitute that is appropriate from the given choices.**

5M

- The laptop's ultra compact design makes it extremely .....  
 A. Removable      B. Portable      C. Culpable      D. Palatable
- His talk will be on four wild animals, including an ..... reptile, bird and mammal.  
 A. Amphibian      B. Omnivorous      C. Infectious      D. Epicure
- Hair loss is regarded as significant when you lose more than 100 hairs a day (depending on age) for longer than a month; see a .....  
 A. Ophthalmologist      B. Cardiologist      C. Dermatologist      D. Gynecologist
- I object against him that he is a .....  
 A. Misogynist      B. Philanthropist      C. Polyglot      D. Hypocrite
- They realize the irony in religiously honouring a .....  
 A. Regicide      B. Feticide      C. Homicide      D. Suicide



**7.a. Rewrite the given sentences as directed**

- i) William opened the window. (Change voice of the sentence)
- ii) The tiger was chasing the deer. (Change voice of the sentence)
- iii) "I never make mistakes," he said. (write the sentence in other speech)
- iv) He said to the reporters, "I'm a farmer in Amaravathi." (write the sentence in other speech)
- v) Leena asked me, "Did you watch the latest film?" (write the sentence in other speech)

5M

**b. Read the given passage and write the summary of it suggesting a suitable title**

There are seven steps to achieve peak performance. The first step is to lead a well-rounded life. High achievers, according to experts, are obsessed people who take work home and then labor over it until bedtime. Furthermore, research has also shown that such people tend to peak early and then go into a decline or level off. They then become addicted to work itself, with less concern for results.

High performers, in contrast, are willing to work hard - but within strict limits. For them, work is not everything and they know how to relax. They are able to leave work at the office. They value close friendships and family life, and spend a healthy amount of time with their families.

The second step is to select a career you care about. Studies show that high performers choose work they truly prefer, and spend over two-thirds of their working hours doing it and only one-third on disliked tasks. They want internal satisfaction and not just external results such as pay rises and promotions. In the end, of course, they often have both. Since they enjoy what they do, they produce better work and the rewards are higher.

Rehearsing each challenge or task mentally is the third step to achieving peak performance. Before any difficult or important situation: a public presentation, a board meeting, a key tennis match, for example: most peak performers run their desired actions through in their minds over and over again. Nearly all of us day-dream about important coming events, but idle day-dreaming is not the same as a deliberate mental workout that sharpens the skills to be used in the activity. In order to achieve peak performance, you also have to seek results, not perfection. Many ambitious and hardworking people are so obsessed with perfection that they produce very little work. It has been found that those with perfectionist tendencies earned considerably less a year than those who did not have such tendencies. In contrast, high performers are almost always free of the compulsion to be perfect. They do not think of their mistakes as failures, but they learn from mistakes so that they can do better the next time.

The next step is to be willing to take risks. Most people are willing to settle for jobs which they think are secure, even if that also means mediocrity and boredom, rather than take chances. High performers, on the other hand, are able to take risks because they would carefully consider how they would adjust and how they would salvage the situation if, in reality they did fail. Constructing a 'worst-case' scenario allows them to make a rational choice.

The penultimate step to achieving peak performance is not to underestimate your own, potential. Most of us think we know our own limits, but much of what we 'know' is not knowledge at all. It could be a belief which is erroneous and self-limiting. These types of beliefs are the biggest barriers to achieving high-level performance. Too many of us set our individual limits far below what we can actually achieve. High performers, on the contrary, are able to ignore artificial barriers. They concentrate instead on their own feelings, on their functioning, on the momentum of their effort and are therefore free to achieve peak levels.

Finally, compete with yourself, not with others. High performers focus more on improving on their own previous efforts than on competing with others. Such are the skills of high performers. If you want to make the most of your talents and to live up to your fullest potential, learn to use these skills.



8. a. The sentences in the given questions, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Identify and write the sequence of both the questions. 2 x 2.5=5M

I.

- A. On the whole, the usefulness of television as a source of entertainment and recreation is undoubted. The danger lies only in the possibility of addiction to watching too much television.
- B. The prolonged watching does not do any good to the couch potatoes, as these addicts are called. Their vision can deteriorate and furthermore, it is a sheer waste of time.
- C. With the development of video equipment, the range of programs available is indeed wide. It is able to provide fun and entertainment to the young and old alike.
- D. Television is the cheapest form of leisure and it provides a great variety of entertainment. It brings hours of suspense, laughter and thrills into our living rooms.
- E. We do have television addicts who do virtually nothing but watch television all day long.

II.

- A. For example, an e-mail from Asia to the United States would normally arrive in less than two minutes and within the same country, in less than a minute.
- B. One of the most important reasons supporting the use of e-mail is that it is eco-friendly, No papers are used which means no chopping down of trees!
- C. It is extremely cost effective.
- D. This means that e-mails and attached documents, spreadsheets and database files can be routed to friends, family members or colleagues all over the world several times in a day.
- E. Another advantage of using the e-mail is that it is very fast.

b. Read the given passage and make notes on it in points, using abbreviations, wherever necessary. Also suggest a suitable title. 5M

The Union government has no plans to privatise the Railways now or in future as it is the property of the people, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal said in the Rajya Sabha. Mr. Goyal was responding to the discussion on the working of the Railways Ministry that went for two days. Replying to concerns raised by MPs about the potential sale of the Railways, Mr. Goyal said there was no such proposal. However, there would be public-private partnerships.

After MPs complained about delayed rail projects, Mr. Goyal said the Centre was focusing on projects without land, forest clearance or encroachment hurdles. He hit out at the West Bengal and Kerala governments in this regard. Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said there had been slow progress in the project to connect Banihal to Baramulla in Kashmir. Mr. Goyal replied that the project would be completed before India celebrates its 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2022, connecting the length of the country, from Kashmir till Kanyakumari.

Mr. Goyal said the Railways would also "pay a tribute" to the "unifier" of India - Sardar Patel - by extending the network till Kevadia in Gujarat, where an 182-metre-tall statue of Patel has been erected. He said the Railways was on course to achieve its target of 100% electrification by 2024. On the issue of safety, he said till Tuesday, there had been no deaths this financial year from rail accidents. The Opposition, however, hit out at the government over the financial health of the Railways. Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien asked why the growth in freight had decreased from 4% to 1% and why the Railways was facing a revenue deficit of Rs.25,000 crore. "When any project is successful, then the Centre will take credit, but if there is a delay, is it the state's fault," he asked.

9.a. Rewrite the sentences as directed. 5M

- i. I saw a girl with blue eyes. (Change it into complex sentence)
- ii. The Sun having risen, we went to play in the fields. (Change it into compound sentence)
- iii. The man is very honest and everybody respect him. (Change it into Simple sentence)
- iv. At the time of his departure, I was at the Airport. (Change it into compound sentence)
- v. It is India where I was born. (Change it into Simple sentence)

b. Differentiate the following confusing words and use them in your sentences. 5M

- i. Device-Devise.    ii. Goal-Gaul    iii. Empire-Umpire    iv. Quiet-Quite    v. Wander-Wonder