

May – 2013

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Time allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (i) Question No. 1 is compulsory. Answer any **five** from the remaining questions.
(ii) Solve all parts of a question consecutively together.
(iii) Start each question on a fresh page.
(iv) Answer must be written in English only.

1. Write an essay of about two hundred words on **any one** of the topics given below :

Water pollution – meaning of water pollution – sources of water pollution – effects – ways to prevent water pollution.

OR

Green house effect – meaning – green house gases – sources of green house gases and their effect – how green house effect can be minimized.

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2. (i) Change the following into indirect speech :

- (a) My friend said, "I have bought a new pen."
- (b) "Please grant me leave for a day," the clerk said to the manager.
- (c) "Do not play with fire". Warned his mother.
- (d) The manager said, "Do you wish to close your account ?"
- (e) The tourist said, "What a splendid building !"
- (f) The umpire said, "If it rains we will cancel the match."

1 × 6

- (ii) Change the voice of the following :

- (a) The Prime Minister inaugurated the new building.
- (b) She has finished her work.
- (c) Some members did not attend the meeting.
- (d) Send these invitations today.
- (e) Why do you scold the child so often ?
- (f) The manager refused him leave.

1 × 6



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(2)

3. (i) Make one sentence on each of the patterns given below :

- (a) N.P + Verb + N.P.
- (b) N.P + Verb + N.P + N.P
- (c) N.P + Verb + N.P + Noun complement to the object
- (d) N.P + Verb

1 × 4

(ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

- (a) It has been raining _____ morning.
- (b) Is it possible to work _____ these circumstances ?
- (c) He is leaving _____ Delhi by Shatabdi Express.
- (d) Do not lean _____ the chair.

1 × 4

(iii) Choose the correct alternative given in the brackets and fill in the blanks :

- (a) How _____ work can be finished today ? (much/many)
- (b) _____ atoms are too small to be seen. (some/any)
- (c) After _____ time the mist cleared. (some/any)
- (d) This is _____ book. (my/mine)

1 × 4

(i) Change the following as directed :

- (a) My knife is sharper than this one. (Positive)
- (b) Everybody will admit that he did his best. (Negative)
- (c) What though the match is lost ? (Assertive)
- (d) That was not an example to be followed. (Interrogative)
- (e) I wish I were young again. (Exclamatory)
- (f) How beautiful is the moon ! (Assertive)

1 × 6

(ii) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

- (a) Oxygen _____ about one fifth of the air (form).
- (b) Last night I _____ to visit my parents. (go)
- (c) He _____ as a technician for the last ten years. (work)
- (d) He told us that he _____ to set up his own business. (decide)
- (e) The match _____ by this time tomorrow. (finish)
- (f) I will not be able to read if I _____ my glasses. (not find)

1 × 6

(3)

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5. (i) Fill in the blanks with the modals appropriate to the meaning given in the brackets :
- (a) I _____ meet you at the club tomorrow. (Future)
 - (b) I _____ write with both hands. (Present ability)
 - (c) You _____ post the letter today. (compulsion)
 - (d) _____ we close the matter now ? (Suggestion) 1 × 4
- (ii) Correct the following sentences :
- (a) What you are saying ?
 - (b) He is owning two cars.
 - (c) He not only cares for his parents but also his wife.
 - (d) The mechanic did not know to operate the new machine. 1 × 4
- (iii) Add the prefix over – or under – to the words given in the brackets and fill in the blanks according to the meaning of the sentences :
- (a) She has a thin and _____ look. (fed)
 - (b) The government should pay attention to the _____ areas. (developed)
 - (c) The driver lost his control because the truck was _____ (loaded).
 - (d) He has overworked and looks _____ (tired). 1 × 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

One of the major problems in the technological uplift of any country is the energy crisis. The traditional sources are on the brink of being exhausted. Therefore, alternative sources have to be looked for, in particular the inexhaustible reservoir of energy that is under the surface of the earth and the solar energy.

Availability of the appropriate kind of energy in adequate quantity is crucial to development both for achieving higher productivity and improving the quality of life through mechanization.

The industrial revolution which changed the complexion of western countries was based on cheap fossil fuel supply. Developing countries like India with scarcity of fossil fuel have all the more reasons to seek for other energy sources with emphasis on renewable sources.

All the different sources of energy can be divided into two main categories :

- (i) Renewable sources of energy, and
- (ii) Nonrenewable sources of energy

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The sources of energy which are being replenished continuously in nature and are inexhaustible, are called renewable sources of energy. Because if wood is cut from forests for heating purposes, more wood will grow in the forest. So, the loss of wood by cutting is adequately compensated for by nature. The important examples of renewable sources of energy are : Wood, Water falls (hydropower); Geothermal power – the power generated by the heat of the earth; the solar energy, the wind energy; tidal energy; plants; vegetable refuse and gobar gas. The renewable sources of energy are also called nonconventional sources of energy.

Those sources of energy which have accumulated in nature over a very long span of time, and cannot be quickly replenished are called non-renewable sources of energy, for example coal, which accumulated in the interiors of the earth over a long period of time, and if gets exhausted, it cannot be produced quickly in nature.

The important non-renewable sources of energy are : coal; natural gas; petroleum (crude oil); and uranium (for nuclear energy). The non-renewable sources are also called conventional sources of energy.

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| (a) | Make a précis of the above passage and give it a suitable title. | 4 + 2 |
| (b) | Why do we have to look for alternative sources of energy ? | 2 |
| (c) | What are the renewable sources of energy ? | 2 |
| (d) | What are the non-renewable sources of energy ? | 2 |
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| 7. | Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in exams. | 12 |
| 8. | As President of the Student Union write a report to the Principal of your college about the recently held Union Elections. You may touch upon the following points :
Declaration of elections – decision of date and time – canvassing by the students – the role of the staff – events on the day of the election – declaration of the result. | 12 |
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