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Roll No.

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ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note: (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 200 words on any one of the topics given below, you may touch upon the points given:—

(i) **Air pollution** - meaning - causes - effects - ways to control air pollution.

OR

(ii) **Deforestation** - meaning - causes - effect - prevention of deforestation. 10

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

(a) "We are moving into a new house" said the man.

- (b) The artist said, "Whose portrait are you painting?"
- (c) She said to her friends, "Shall we go for a picnic?"
- (d) "May God bless you!" said the hermit. 1×4
- (ii) Change the voice of the following:-
- (a) The auditors are checking the accounts.
- (b) Have they informed the police?
- (c) He did not visit this place.
- (d) The doctor advised the young man to give up smoking. 1×4
- (iii) Identify the patterns of the following sentences:-
- (a) Birds fly.
- (b) He is in his room.
- (c) The students are very intelligent.
- (d) He made his son an artist. 1×4
3. (i) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:-
- (a) He has been working..... morning.
- (b) He will reach home five o' clock.
- (c) Oh! God, deliver usevil and lead us nottemptation. 1×4

- (ii) Change the degree of comparison without changing the meaning:-
- (a) Ashoka was one of the greatest king
 - (b) Very few towns in India are as big as Chennai.
 - (c) Australia is the largest island in the world.
 - (d) This dog is better trained than yours. 1×4
- (iii) , Fill in the blanks with 'some' or 'any':-
- (a) There are hardly — good books in the library.
 - (b) ———of the students have done very well.
 - (c) Is there——— news about the missing boy?
 - (d) There is still—— milk left in the jug. 1×4
4. (i) Choose the correct alternative from the modals with in the brackets and fill in the blanks.
- (a) (shall, Will) ——I assist you?
 - (b) He (shall, will, dare) —— not pay unless he is forced to.
 - (c) You (ought, must, should) —— to pay your dues.
 - (d) I wish he (should, would) —— not play the music so loudly.
 - (e) I don't think I (shall, can) —— be able to come.

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(f) I am afraid he (can, may, might) — refuse.

1×6

(ii) Use the following phrases is/idioms in sentences of your own:-

(a) as well as

(b) look up

(c) call off

(d) break down

(e) ran over

(f) turn down

1×6

5. (i) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:

(a) I — him a few minutes ago. (see)

(b) Fortune — the brave. (favour)

(c) I — anything since morning. (not eat)

(d) He fell while he — the tree. (climb)

(e) Perhaps I — abroad next year. (go)

(f) We will inform you when he — back.

(come)

1×6

(ii) Correct the following sentences:-

(a) One of his family members is a judge.

- (b) I told him on his face that he is a liar.
- (c) He knows to operate the new machine.
- (d) If I tell the truth, no one would believe me.
- (e) No sooner she had heard the news than she started crying.
- (f) If he gets a promotion he will get higher salary. 1×6

6. Write a letter to your father telling him about the career you would like to choose, and why. 12

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-

One major problem that faces the world is the rapid growth of population, often referred to as population explosion. Until about 800 AD The world's population stayed below 200 million. Since then it has risen dramatically. The rise has been greatest in the 20th century. The population has already risen to six billion. It is three times as large as it was in 1960. It is not so much the actual population as its actual rate of increase that is alarming. Experts predict that by 2020 there will be about ten billion people, causing serious problem of hunger, over crowding and environmental pollution.

This enormous increase of population is due to better food, better hygiene and above all the advances made in medicine. Rapid developments

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made in modern medicine have conquered many diseases and consequently the death rate has decreased. Until the beginning of the 19th century most people died before the age of 50. Today in developed countries the average life span has risen to more than 70 years. The population goes on increasing at an alarming rate inspite of the practice of birth control in many parts of the world. Thomas Malthus, a British mathematician and economist, went to the extent to declaring that, if unchecked, human population would grow in geometric progression, while food production could grow only in arithmetic progression. He was of course, very pessimistic.

- (i) Make a precis of the above passage. 6
- (ii) What is population explosion? 2
- (iii) What is more alarming than the actual population? 2
- (iv) What is the reason for the enormous increase in population? 2
8. Write a report to the principal of your college telling him about the 'Sports Day' celebrations in your college. You may take the help of the following outline:-
- Big event-sports and games competition held -
inter-class matches - great enthusiasm - cultural evening on the final day. 12
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their houses can take to gradening. Greenery, plants, trees and flowers keep the environment of our house fresh and pleasantly fragrant. A kitchen garden provides us fresh vegetables. Pursuit of fine arts like poetry, music and painting fills life with joy and colour, while the habit of reading books and magazines not only entertains us but also increases our knowledge.

On weekends we can go on a picnic which provide us much needed change and contribute to our health and well-being. The beautiful natural scenery refreshes the mind and makes us forget the cares and worries of life. Picnics increase our efficiency and send us back to our work with greater enthusiasm and energy. Some adventurous people can participate in trekking and mountaineering which fill one with joy.

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The way in which a man passes his leisure is the test of his education. A really educated man would use his leisure in activities that give pleasure and lead to self-development. If we use our leisure rightly it can bring us true relaxation and recreation, joy and happiness.

- (i) Make a precis of the above passage. 6
 - (ii) What is leisure ? 2
 - (iii) What can one do on weekends ? 2
 - (iv) What is the test of main education ? 2
8. Write a report on the Republic Day Celebration in your college.

Preparation — Parade — Speech by the chief guest —
national anthem. 12