

END-TERM EXAMINATION

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Subject: Communication Skills-I

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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Note: Part-A is compulsory, attempt any four questions from Part-B.

PART-A

- Q.1 Do as directed. (10)
- (a) Rectify the mistakes, if any in the following sentences. (4)
- (i) The short story should not exceed more than two hundred words.
 - (ii) I have heard the news an hour ago.
 - (iii) Neither of us have been selected.
 - (iv) If he will come, I will help him.
 - (v) Everyone must satisfy themselves as to the truth of this statement.
 - (vi) The chairman is confined to bed for the last three days.
 - (vii) One learns to respect himself in the army.
 - (viii) Return it back to me today.
 - (ix) They accompanied your brother and I.
 - (x) It all depends now on them coming in time.
- (b) Use these idioms in sentences of your own (any four) (4)
- (i) at all costs
 - (ii) to blow hot and cold
 - (iii) by hook or crook
 - (iv) hard nut to crack
 - (v) in the nick of time
- (c) Punctuate the following sentences (any three) (3)
- (i) long ago in a town in switzerland there lived a famous bowman called William tell
 - (ii) don't you want to know who has taken it cried his wife impatiently.
 - (iii) If you read ten pages of a good book letter by letter, that is to say with real accuracy you are for evermore in some measure an educated person.
 - (iv) there is a slavery that no legislation can abolish the slavery of caste.
 - (v) nothing is so easy and inviting as the retort of abuse and sarcasm but it is a paltry and an unprofitable contest.
- (d) Based on your reading the text prescribed, answer the following questions (any two) (4x2=8)
- (i) Describe the creative and scientific relationship between man and machine.
 - (ii) Computers don't just do things for us, they do things to us, including to our ways of thinking about ourselves and other people. Explain.
 - (iii) Why does Ms Carew calls Mr. Marconi the doer and the dreamer: the man of action and the poet?
 - (iv) Why, according to J. Krishnamurti, the present system of education leads to perversion of thought and the inculcation of self-defensive fears?

PART-B

- Q.2 (a) Do as directed: (7)
- (i) The wicked vizier _____ getting people into trouble (fill in correct tense form of the verb 'love')
 - (ii) He is afraid from or afraid of darkness (choose the correct alternative)
 - (iii) I cannot understand _____ (add suitable noun clause)
 - (iv) The boy ran as fast as he could (convert into a simple sentence)
 - (v) She sat _____ the fire and told me a tale (add preposition)
 - (vi) We eat so that we _____ live. (supply an appropriate auxiliary)
 - (vii) He is proud of his high birth. (write as a complex sentence)
- (b) How does malapropism affect communication? Illustrate. (5.5)
- Q.3 (a) Give two synonyms each for any six of the following: (6)
- (i) Pious
 - (ii) Aggravate
 - (iii) Scanty
 - (iv) Attract
 - (v) Help
 - (vi) Thrive
 - (vii) Collect
 - (viii) Rigid
- (b) What is the role of conditional clauses in technical writing? Give suitable examples. (6.5)
- Q.4 (a) Use the following words in sentences (any four pairs) (8)
- (i) bow, bough
 - (ii) sensible, sensitive
 - (iii) beside, besides
 - (iv) gate, gait
 - (v) affluent, effluent
 - (vi) horde, hoard
- (b) 'Addition of Indian words in English has made the language richer'. Comment. (4.5)