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Part III – COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 150

- Instructions :**
- (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
 - (2) Use Black or Blue ink to write and to underline.

SECTION - A

1. Match the following phrases with their appropriate functions : 5x1=5

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| (a) Would you like fresh juice or rose milk ? | (i) Asking someone to say something again. |
| (b) What a splendid idea ! | (ii) Enquiring after someone |
| (c) I'm sorry, I couldn't hear what you said | (iii) Asking for preferences |
| (d) Go ahead | (iv) Accepting |
| (e) Give my love to your kids | (v) Granting permission |

2. Complete the following dialogue : 5x1=5

- Roshan : Hello, I'm calling from 2052316. Is that SUBAM Hospital ?
- Receptionist : _____
- Roshan : Can you please tell me if the General Physician is available now ?
- Receptionist : _____
- Roshan : I'd like to meet Dr. Peter. He is our family doctor.
- Receptionist : _____
- Roshan : Can I have an appointment then ?
- Receptionist : _____
- Roshan : He is Rakesh and is twenty two years old.
- Receptionist : _____
- Roshan : Thank you. We'll be there at 6.00 P.M.
- Receptionist : Please be on time.

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3. Write a dialogue containing five sets of exchanges on any one of the following. 10

Arun did not attend school for a week. He requests his classmate Varun to lend him his record notebook. Varun refuses politely, convincing him of his requiring the notebook for preparing for his practical test the next day.

OR

Radha and Roopa meet each other after a long time at a restaurant. Radha describes her lifestyle and both of them discuss their likes and dislikes, their favourite food and matters of common interest.

4. Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer from the given options. 5x1=5

Many people are unsuccessful because of their subconscious mind. The human brain is like a powerful computer. Everything starts from your brain. Whatever you have been learning since your birth is stored in your brain. There are two types of thinking - positive and negative. Positive thinking is optimistic which helps you in achieving success while negative thinking is pessimistic which causes failures. All these things are considered as programming. Thus to be a successful person, you have to change your mental programming. You will achieve success after eliminating the negative programming from your brain. The brain is a machine of thoughts which never stops and hence carries out activities continuously. You have to leave your negative thinking which is a hindrance to your progress. Anger, tension and hatred are negative things. You must avoid all these as they lead us in the direction of failure. Positive things are faith, love, honour, praise and the desire to achieve dreams. Say, "I can do ! I will do !". Whatever commands you give, your brain will do it.

Questions :

- (a) The _____ is a machine of thoughts which carries out all the activities continuously.
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| (i) computer | (ii) brain |
| (iii) calculator | (iv) cell phone |
- (b) _____ is a hindrance to our progress.
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| (i) Creative thinking | (ii) Positive thinking |
| (iii) Rational thinking | (iv) Negative thinking |
- (c) There are _____ types of thinking.
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| (i) two | (ii) three |
| (iii) four | (iv) five |
- (d) _____ helps you in achieving success.
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| (i) Rational thinking | (ii) Negative thinking |
| (iii) Creative thinking | (iv) Positive thinking |
- (e) Tension and hatred lead us to _____ .
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| (i) success | (ii) failure |
| (iii) high position | (iv) progress |

5. Read the following passage and complete the answers.

5x1=5

Some people suffer from the inability to sleep, a disease called insomnia and it may be due to different factors. The first factor may be biological imbalance. Sleep is caused by the sleep system and wakefulness is caused by an arousal system. Both the systems are caused by the brain. In order to have a good sleep the arousal system must be less and the sleep system must be more. When arousal system goes up due to tension, insomnia may occur. Drugs are the second factor. People who consume alcohol habitually become a prey to insomnia. Drugs like stimulants, sedatives, certain thyroid drugs and heart medicines can cause sleeplessness. Both sleeping pills and alcohol appear to result in better sleep, but they actually lead to shallow sleep and frequent early awakening. Bad habits and a disturbing environment are the third factor in making one lose his sleep. If the stomach has too little or too much food it may cause sleeplessness. Physical exercise too close to bed time and irregular bed time also confuse the sleep mechanism.

Questions :

- (a) Sleeping pills and alcohol lead to _____ .
- (b) In order to have a good sleep, the _____ system must be less.
- (c) Sleep system and arousal system are caused by _____ .
- (d) The third factor for sleeplessness are _____ .
- (e) Inability to sleep due to different factors leads to a disease called _____ .

6. You are planning to buy a two - wheeler. Write a conversation between you and your friend discussing the different makes and models of two - wheelers. 5

7. Complete the sentences given below, choosing a word from the list that follows : 5x1=5

- (a) Records can be automatically _____ into any order.
- (b) A _____ programme can be used to store, organise and retrieve information of any kind.
- (c) In a building, a vertical support consisting of a base, cylindrical shaft and capital is called a _____ .
- (d) The lower part of a wall, which is treated differently from the remainder is the _____ .
- (e) Files can easily be _____ by adding new information or deleting the old one.

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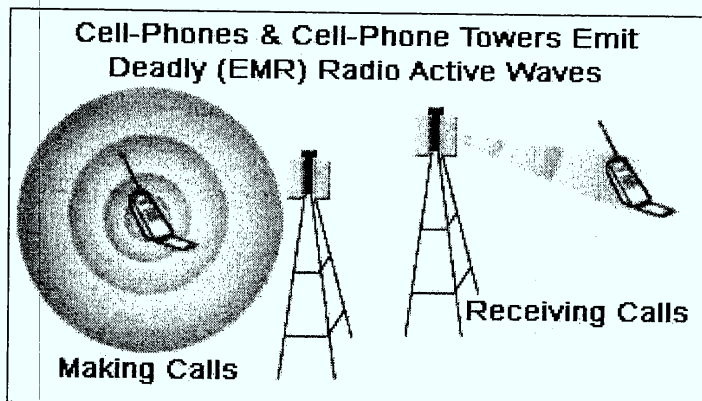
8. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow in one or two sentences each.

5x1=5

Preserving nature is man's prime responsibility. The earth does not belong to us. It belongs to our children. As man became civilised, he slowly lost his attachment with nature. In his quest for development, man cleared forests and polluted the environment. The magnitude of destruction increased in proportion to the magnitude of his greed. As man drifted away from nature, his problems increased and his heart became hard and cold. Many calamities, misfortunes and problems of our times are the manifestations of this greed. This is why we have injured people, animals and environment. If we want to set things right we must reconnect with nature.

Questions :

- (a) What is the prime responsibility of man ?
 - (b) Whom does the earth belong to ?
 - (c) When does man lose attachment with nature ?
 - (d) What are the manifestations of man's greed ?
 - (e) What do you do to set things right ?
9. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on the following : 10
- Mention some tips for a healthy life, free from ailments.
- OR
- Describe a place of historical importance.
10. Write a short paragraph of 10 to 15 lines on the picture given below : 5



SECTION - B

11. Prepare a two minute presentation in the classroom on any topic of your choice in about 100 words. 5

12. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer : 5x1=5

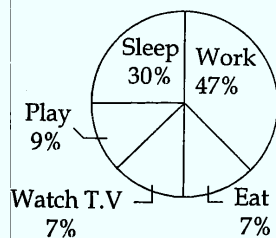
The pearl is considered one of the most beautiful jewels. It is one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self protection. Sometimes a hard, tiny object like a grain of sand gets inside the shell. It irritates the soft sensitive flesh of the oyster. The oyster has no way to free itself of the grain of sand. To protect itself from the object, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid from its own body. When this layer hardens, the irritation begins again. So another layer is added. This goes on for many years. Finally the oyster has produced a beautiful pearl.

Questions :

- (a) The _____ is considered one of the most beautiful jewels.
- (i) diamond
 - (ii) pearl
 - (iii) ruby
 - (iv) emerald
- (b) The pearl is grown in the _____ .
- (i) fish
 - (ii) snake
 - (iii) oyster
 - (iv) tortoise
- (c) To protect itself from the object, the oyster begins to cover the object with _____ from its own body.
- (i) a thick fluid
 - (ii) a greasy substance
 - (iii) some sea water
 - (iv) a slimey substance
- (d) Name the object mentioned in the paragraph which gets inside the shell and irritates the soft sensitive flesh.
- (i) a hard, tiny sand grain
 - (ii) a drop of water
 - (iii) a bit of sea weed
 - (iv) a crystal of salt
- (e) The oyster makes the pearl as a means of _____.
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| (i) decorating itself | (ii) decorating women |
| (iii) self protection | (iv) self satisfaction |

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13. The pie-chart shows a student's daily activities. Study the pie-chart and answer the question: 5



Write a paragraph in about 100 words based on the above information.

SECTION - C

14. Fill in the blanks choosing from the words given in the box : 5x1=5

Stimulates, clinch, pressed, subsidiaries, surname.

- (a) It is better to refer to the interviewer by his or her _____.
 (b) Karan was _____ for time, so he could not answer the questions in detail.
 (c) By persuading, one _____ people to do something.
 (d) Amidst tough competition Vimala managed to _____ the deal in no time.
 (e) The company has many _____ all over the state.
15. You are a job seeker. Your name is Kavitha. The following is an interview with the CEO of an MNC. Fill in the gaps in the interview : 5x2=10

Kavitha : (Enters the room)
 Good Morning Sir, I am Kavitha.
 CEO : Oh! Please sit down. Where do you live ?
 Kavitha : In Anakonam Sir, I commute to the city of Chennai every day.
 CEO : That is quite a distance from our company.
 Kavitha : I hope you decide to give me the job, Sir.
 CEO : (Laughs) Oh! We are happy with your CV _____
 Kavitha : However challenging the job may be, Sir, I shall definitely work hard.
 CEO : _____
 Kavitha : As soon as I join the company I shall shift my residence to Chennai.
 CEO : That's good. _____
 Kavitha : ₹ 20,000/- for the type of Managerial job is not OK with me Sir. May I ask for a minimum of ₹ 35,000/- per month ?
 CEO : Oh! I see.
 Kavitha : Sir, This is a challenging job and I feel I am well qualified. If given the job I shall prove myself in one month !
 CEO : Well, as you are so confident, I shall _____

- Kavitha** : Thank you Sir. My work will be result oriented and I shall be loyal to the company.
CEO : Congratulations Kavitha. You've got the job.
 You may _____
Kavitha : Why wait for another day Sir ? I am prepared to join today !
CEO : Thank you. Good luck.

16. Mention some tips to be followed during a telephonic interview. 5

SECTION - D

17. State some basic rules to be followed, while giving an extempore talk. 5
18. (a) It is the last day of a 'National Meet' for youth leaders. You have represented your school. Prepare a farewell speech, to present during the closing session of the meet. 10

OR

- (b) Write a poem on "The Himalayas"

SECTION - E

19. (a) Write a letter to the Director of School Education inviting him to be the Chief Guest at your Literary Association Valedictory Function. 10

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the pollution caused by emissions from diesel vehicles in your locality.

20. Spot the errors in the following sentences and write down the sentences in the correct form : 5x1=5

- (a) The many varieties of American quilts reflects the spirit of the people who developed them.
 (b) Some of her artwork are beautiful
 (c) Four and seven-tenth inches are the diameter of a CD.
 (d) There are many a slip between the cup and the lip.
 (e) Although she was nervous, Arthi performed quite good.

21. Choose the correct option : 5x1=5

- (a) The news _____ (were, was) disappointing.
 (b) Most of the English classes in my school _____ (stresses, stress) on composition skills.
 (c) Each of the issues _____ (was, were) resolved.
 (d) The tour group _____ (is, are) talking about what they expect to see.
 (e) The New York Yankees _____ (have, has) won the World Series twenty two times.

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22. Match the following :

5x1=5

Idioms**Meanings**

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| (a) Ace up your sleeve | (i) a narrow escape |
| (b) A bed of roses | (ii) practical, sensible |
| (c) Down-to-earth | (iii) a pleasant situation |
| (d) A close shave | (iv) last minute |
| (e) Eleventh hour | (v) a surprise or secret advantage |

23. Fill in the blanks using suitable modals :

5x1=5

- (a) If I were you, I _____ accept that job in Malaysia.
- (b) To secure a seat in medicine, you _____ work hard throughout the year.
- (c) In the army, soldiers _____ obey their officers.
- (d) I _____ speak French.
- (e) Don't worry. This _____ happen to anyone.

24. Complete the sentences given below using suitable prepositions :

5x1=5

I am a student of Physics _____ the Presidency College _____ Chennai.
 I was a great success _____ school. My aim is to become a scientist _____
 the IISc., which is in Bangalore _____ the Tumkur Road.

25. Match each part of the sentences under **PART - A** with **PART - B**, so that they make five meaningful sentences :

5x1=5

PART - A**PART - B**

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| (a) Rajesh goes to the Library every Friday | (i) because he practises regularly. |
| (b) She usually writes well | (ii) to build his body |
| (c) Ravi has got the first place in the singing competition | (iii) to do reference work |
| (d) Harsha often visits the gym | (iv) to reduce her weight |
| (e) She often skips her meals | (v) but in the public exam she did not do well |