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ENGLISH (Common) (Course – 2)

1A02ENG : Communication Skills in English

Time: 3 Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. Transcribe the following words phonemically :

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| 1) a) spring   | b) butcher    | c) queen   | d) example |
| 2) a) churches | b) cattle     | c) monitor | d) master  |
| 3) a) engineer | b) scientific | c) skylark | d) century |

(Weightage 3×1=3)

II. Mark the primary accent of the given words (words need not be transcribed phonemically).

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| 4) a) across        | b) artist  | c) democratic | d) believe    |
| 5) a) record (verb) | b) support | c) rumour     | d) justice    |
| 6) a) examination   | b) reject  | c) cattle     | d) after-noon |

(Weightage 3×1=3)

III. Mark the sentence stress for the following :

- 7) The passenger train collided with a goods train.  
8) Her hobby is reading spy stories.

(Weightage 2×1=2)

IV. Mark the intonation of the following sentences :

- 9) Is he still working in your college ?  
10) The elections were held in a peaceful atmosphere.

(Weightage 2×1=2)

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V. Write a paragraph of about **80** words on **any two** of the following :

- 11) English-an un-phonetic language.
- 12) Listening and note-taking.
- 13) The essential qualities of a participant in a group discussion. (Weightage 2×2=4)

VI. Write a conversation of ten exchanges on **any one** of the following :

- 14) You are selected for admission in a professional college. The college offers you a choice of the branch of engineering you like. The student counselor is ready to give you information on the free-structure, the hostel facilities, bank loan, placement etc... imagine the conversation.
- 15) You meet an activist for environment. You are interested in such activities. Engage in a conversation with the activist. (Weightage 2)

VII. Explain in about **80** words how you will introduce yourself in **one** of the following situations :

- 16) You are going for an economic-education-social survey as part of your NSS activity. You reach one of the houses for the survey. Introduce yourself.
- 17) You are a citizen journalist preparing a report on drug abuse among school-children. You want to put some questions to the principal of a local school. You want to put some questions to the principal of a local school. Imagine your introduction. (Weightage 2)

VIII. Prepare a speech of **3 minutes** duration (**80** words) for **any one** of the following occasions :

- 18) A seminar on dowry system has been held in your college. The seminar is over. The college principal presided. Your classmates spoke for and against the system. You have to speak thanking everyone. Prepare a vote of thanks for the occasion as the secretary of the Debating club.
- 19) You are taking part in a farewell meeting arranged by you and your friends for one of your group, named Shyam going abroad for higher studies. You make a speech for the occasion. (Weightage 2)



IX. Construct a telephone conversation of twelve exchanges in **any one** of the following contexts :

- 20) You purchased a washing machine on reduction during the Onam season. The washing machine does not work properly after a few days. Talk to the dealer about the problem and ask for repair or replacement.
- 21) You want to speak to the Director of Distance Education, Dr. RAM to get information about the admission procedure to PG course in English. Imagine how you would converse with him. (Weightage 2)

X. Write the paragraph of about **80** words on **any one** of the following :

- 22) Describe a fire that broke out in your neighbourhood causing loss of life and property.
- 23) The qualities of an ideal teacher. (Weightage 2)

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

Nowadays we pay a great deal of attention to pure air, open windows, to freedom from dust and to garden cities. Pasteur was one of the first to show how necessary all these are if we are to fight against germs and disease. Another very useful discovery of Pasteur while he was working in Paris was the process which we now call, after him, 'Pasteurization'. Some French wine-growers were troubled by a germ which had turned their wine sour. Pasteur showed that by heating the wine, or milk, or whatever it might be, to a temperature of 50 or 60 degrees centigrade, the germs were made harmless. Pasteurised milk is milk which has been treated in this way and then sealed to prevent more germs from entering. Louis Pasteur was what we would call an 'all round' scientist. All the research which he did in his laboratories was meant to help his fellow human beings. It would be impossible to imagine Pasteur experimenting with explosives or poisonous gas.

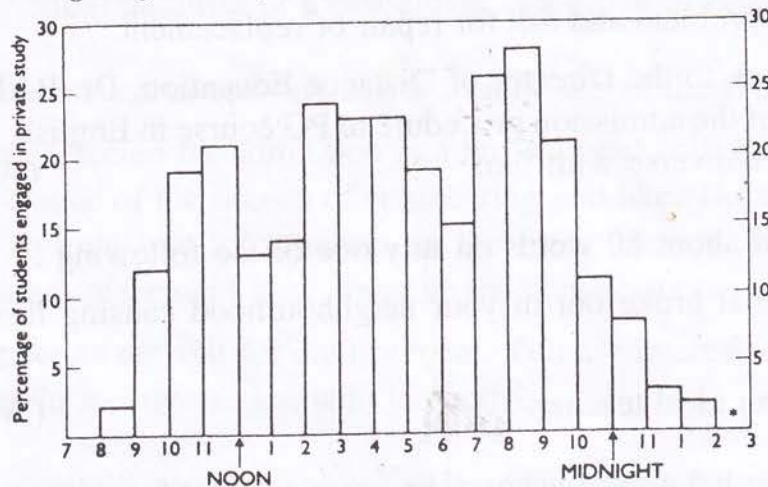
**Questions :**

- 24) 'Pasteur was one of the first to show how necessary all these are...' What does 'all these' refer to ?
- 25) What was Pasteur's other useful discovery ?
- 26) What was the problem faced by the French wine-makers ?
- 27) What solution did Pasteur offer to the problem ? (Weightage 3×1=3)



XII. Study the diagram given below and answer the questions :

Histogram of students' private study time



\* One per cent of students were recorded as studying between 2.00 and 2.15 a.m.

(From Central Statistical Office, *Social Trends* No. 5 (simplified))

- 28) What is the most popular time for private study ?
- 29) What is the percentage of students who do private study between 2 and 3 in the after-noon ?
- 30) What is the least preferred private study time in the morning ?
- 31) What is the percentage of students who do private-study after midnight ?

(Weightage 3×1=3)