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1A02 ENG: COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours   Max. Weightage : 30

I. Transcribe the following words phonemically

    1) a) bag   b) singer   c) butcher   d) English

    2) a) book   b) queen   c) master   d) duster

    3) a) theory   b) trainer   c) library   d) century

                                                                   (Weightage : 3×1=3)

II) Mark the primary stress in the following words (No need to transcribe) :

    4) a) music   b) electric   c) politics   d) satisfy

    5) a) wonder   b) invite   c) possible   d) thankful

    6) a) redeem   b) product   c) again   d) forget

                                                                    (Weightage : 3×1=3)

III. Mark the sentence stress for the following :

    7) She would like to come and see you at home.

    8) Would you like to come back tomorrow ?   **(Weightage : 2×1=2)**

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IV. Mark the intonation for the following sentences :

9) Are you ready ?

10) The box was empty. (Weightage : 2×1=2)

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

11) Weak forms.

12) Qualities of a good listener.

13) The skills needed for effective participation in group discussions. (Weightage : 2×2=4)

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

14) Ram, a journalist talking to his former classmate Rajeev who is a teacher, now.

15) The attendant at the ATM counter giving instructions to Meena, a customer who goes
   there for the first time. (Weightage : 1×2=2)

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

16) You are appearing for an interview for the post of a teacher in a school.

17) To a film personality you want to invite to your college for a function.

(Weightage : 1×2=2)

VIII. Prepare a speech for about three minutes **(80 words)** for **any one** of the following situations :

18) In the inaugural function of the College Union you are giving the speech of welcome.
   The District Collector is to inaugurate. The Principal presides.

19) You are participating in a seminar on drug abuse in the campus. (Weightage : 1×2=2)

IX. Prepare an imaginary telephone conversation of **twelve** exchanges in **any one** of the following situations :

20) You are a citizen journalist with a report on the misuse of mobile phones and you want to meet the News Editor of the Channel. Fix an appointment with him.

21) Invite a friend of yours for a get-together of old schoolmates at a hotel in the city.

(Weightage : 1×2=2)

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

22) A fire that broke out in a factory near your college.

23) Your visit to an old-age home with your classmates and teachers. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

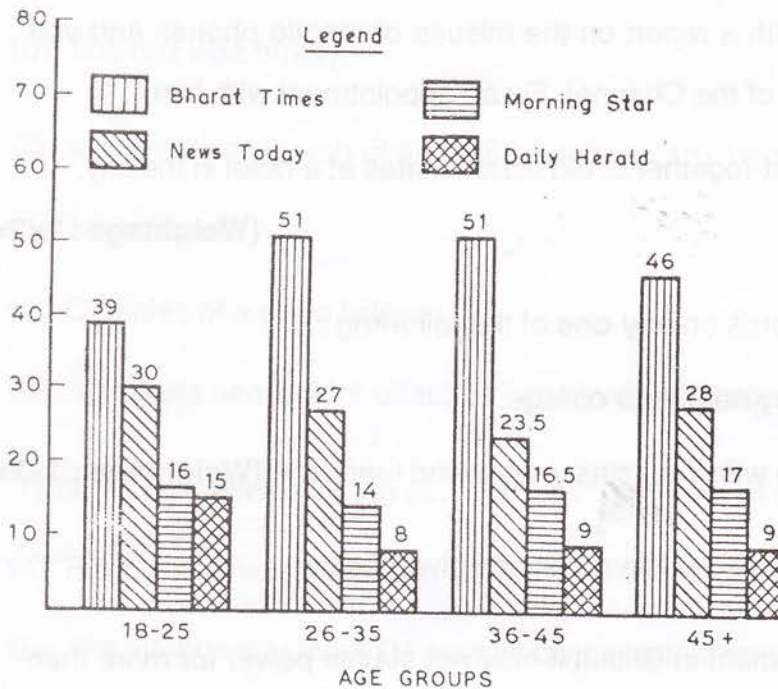XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

When a party is elected to Parliament in Britain it may not stay in power for more than five years without calling an election. But – now this is an important point – the Prime Minister may 'go to the country', that's to say call an election at any time before the five years are up. This is important because it gives the PM in Britain a lot of power – he can choose the best time to have an election for his own party. In many other countries the timing of an election is fixed – it must take place on a certain date every four years, or whatever, and this means that in these countries the President or the PM cannot choose the most convenient time for himself, the way the British PM can.

24) What is the term of an elected Parliament in Britain ?

25) What is the British Prime Minister's special power in the matter of election ?

26) How does it make the British PM Powerful ?

27) What does the writer tell us about the timing of election in other countries ?

(Weightage : 4×1=4)

XII. Study the bar-graph below and answer the questions that follow :

28) Which is the most popular newspaper among readers in all age-groups ?

29) Which is the least read newspaper ?

(Weightage : 2×1=2)