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1A02 ENG : Communication Skills in English

Time : 3 Hours   Total Weightage : 30

I. Transcribe the following words phonemically :

    1) a) Chalk   b) master   c) clerk   d) shirt

    2) a) pocket   b) simile   c) thesis   d) spring

    3) a) inflation   b) driver   c) familiar   d) theory

                                                      (Weightage : 3×1=3)

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

    4) a) again   b) suffer   c) minister   d) politics

    5) a) potato   b) computer   c) semester   d) awake

    6) a) comedy   b) activity   c) product   d) canteen

                                                      (Weightage : 3×1=3)

III. Mark the sentence stress in the following :

    7) Is she sad or mad ?

    8) They offered him a very good job.   **(Weightage : 2×1=2)**

IV. Mark the intonation for the following :

    9) They arrived at nine in the morning.

    10) Will you please inform the police ?   **(Weightage : 2×1=2)**

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

11) The skills required for effective participation in group discussions.

12) The barriers to listening.

13) British and American varieties of pronunciation. **(Weightage : 2×2=4)**

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

14) You are Salini talking to your classmate Rajani about the need to keep the environment clean. Construct a dialogue.

15) A foreigner is in your city and wants information on the tourist spots in and around the city. Construct a dialogue between you and him. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

VII. Write how you will introduce yourself in **one** of the contexts given below :

16) To your classmates in a get-together on the first day in the college.

17) To the Board of Directors of the company at the interview. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

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

18) As Secretary of the College Fine Arts Club you cast the vote of thanks at the end of the Fine Arts Day. A famous cine actor inaugurated the programme and various artists of the college took part.

19) You are to give the speech of welcome on the College Day. A minister presides. A famous writer is the Guest of Honour. The Principal reads report for the year. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

IX. Prepare an imaginary telephone conversion of **ten** exchanges on **any one** of the following :

20) You want to take your mother to the dentist. Fix an appointment with the dentist. The time is 4 PM on Friday.

21) Invite a writer to inaugurate the Literary Club of your college. You are the Secretary of the Club. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

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

22) An unforgettable incident in the classroom.

23) Your favourite hobby. **(Weightage : 1×2=2)**

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

A good illustration of how scientific discoveries may be made accidentally is the discovery of penicillin. Alexander Fleming was a bacteriologist who for 15 years had tried to solve the problem of how to get rid of the disease carrying germs or microbes in the human body without causing any dangerous side-effects. Fleming was an untidy worker and often had innumerable small dishes containing microbes all around his laboratory One day, one of the dishes was contaminated with a mould, due to the window having been left open. Fleming noticed that the mould had killed off the microbes, and it was from similar moulds that the miracle drug penicillin was finally developed. Of course, a brilliant scientist like Fleming would have been able to take advantage of this stroke of luck, but the fact remains that the solution to his problem was given to him, literally, on a plate.
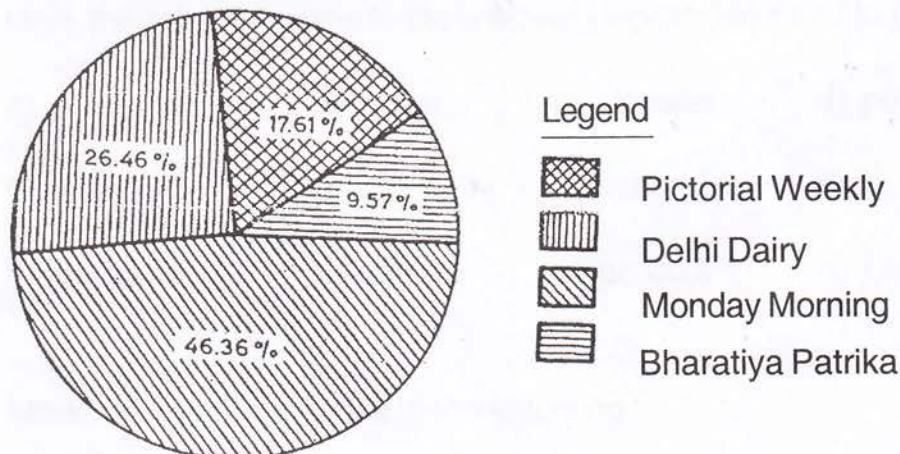
24) What does the discovery of penicillin illustrate ?

25) What problem was Fleming trying to solve ?

26) What failure of Fleming as a worker led to the growth of mould ?

27) How did the microbes in the dish get killed ? **(Weightage : 4×1=4)**

XII. Study the Pie-graph given here and answer the questions that follow :

Pie graph showing the percentage readership of four magazines.

28) Which of the magazines has the largest readership ?

29) Which magazine is read by the smallest number of readers ?

(Weightage : 2×1=2)