

- b) Write in about 100 words your views on **any one** of the following. **5**

- i) Where There is a Will There is a Way.
ii) Prevention is Better Than Cure.

4. a) Write a letter to your father convincing him about your plans for higher studies. **5**

OR

Write a letter to Oxford Press placing an order for the books on computers that you need.

- b) Write a detailed report on inauguration of Computer Society in your college. **5**

5. a) Give the one word substitute for the following. **2**
i) The person who makes gold ornaments.
ii) A place of worship.

- b) Write a short note on **any one** of the following. **3**
i) Interview techniques.
ii) Audio-visual Aids.

- c) Write a personal response on **any one** of the following in about 100 words. **5**
i) Farmer's Suicides : Causes and Remedies.
ii) Use of the Internet in Education.



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B.C.A. (Part - I) Second Semester

Communication Skills

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Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 50

Note : 1. All questions are compulsory.

1. a) Read the following passage carefully and write your response or comment in about 100 words. **5**

One of the most remarkable facts about water is its power to carry silt in suspension. This is the origin of characteristic colour of the water in rain-fed tanks. This colour varies with the nature of the earth in the catchment area and is most vivid immediately after the fresh inflow following rain. Swiftly flowing water can carry fairly large and heavy particles. The finest particles, however, remain floating within the liquid in spite of their greater density and are carried to greater distances. When silt-laden water mixes with the salt water of the sea, there is a rapid precipitation of the suspended matter. This can be readily seen when one travels by steamer down a great river to the deep sea. The colour of the water changes successively from the muddy red or brown of silt through varying shades of yellow and green finally to the blue of the deep sea. Great tracts of land have been formed by silt thus deposited. Such

land, consisting as it does of finely divided matter, is usually very fertile.

The flow of water has undoubtedly played a great part in geological process. The same agency, however, under appropriate conditions, can also play a destructive part and wash away the soil. The problem of soil erosion is of major significance in various countries and especially in many parts of India. Soil erosion occurs in successive steps, the earliest of which may easily pass unnoticed. In the later stages, the cutting up and washing away of earth is only too painfully apparent in the formation of deep gullies and ravines which make all agriculture impossible. Sudden bursts of excessively heavy rain resulting in a large run of surplus water are the principal factors in causing soil erosion. The slope of land, removal of natural protective coat of vegetation, the existence of ruts along which the water can flow with rapidly gathering momentum, and the absence of any checks of such flow are also causes for soil erosion.

b) Attempt a precis of the above passage. **5**

2. a) Use the other form of the following verbs in sentences of your own. **3**

- i) to work
- ii) to carry
- iii) to play

b) Change the voice. **2**

- i) The customer was baffled by the variety.
- ii) The manager opened the door.

c) Use the following phrases in sentences of your own. **5**

- i) to turn off
- ii) to laugh at
- iii) to set out
- iv) to idle about
- v) to rush off

3. a) Attempt a paraphrase of the following poem. **5**

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep,