

Bachelor of Vocation (Semester -I) Examination

(Winter-2014)

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS-I

Paper : 1 BVCGEC 1

Time—Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks—40

N.B. :— Attempt ALL questions.

1. Do as directed :

(A) Fill in the blanks with suitable 'articles'. 4

(i) We must have _____ uniform policy.

(ii) He lodged _____ FIR against the cheat.

(iii) _____ building was completely destroyed.

(iv) Dr. Gautam was _____ honest man.

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate 'prepositions'. 3

(i) The peon is _____ the gate.

(ii) The man jumped _____ the well.

(iii) The old man asked _____ shelter in the night.

(C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate 'adjectives'. 3

- (i) Ashok is a _____ driver.
- (ii) Anita speaks _____ English.
- (iii) Imtiaz looked _____ when I saw him.

2. (A) Write a letter to the Showroom Manager of Aditya Honda Motors, Khamgaon Road, Buldana. You are Prashil Ambhore, Nutan Vasahat, Jalna and are planning to buy Honda Scooty, ask him for prize and other details.

OR

You are Sachin Jadhao, Ashoka Dhaba, Jalna Place an order for books of B.Com.-I, II, III (Accounts) to Oxford Publication, Budhwar Peth, Pune. 5

- (B) Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager, Rushikesh Electronics, Karanja Chowk, Buldana as your washing machine is not functioning well. Mention the company's policy of free servicing.

OR

You are Dr. Anand Sable, Jijau Nagar, Chikhli. You have purchased mobile phone from Rani Samsung Shop, Nirala Bazar, Aurangabad. Write a letter of complaint regarding the non-functioning of your handset.

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Gita Sharma and Madhu Kumar meet at the post office. They take leave after discussion. 5

- (b) Prakash is appointed as a teacher in the school. He introduces himself in the classroom.

OR

Mrs. Tiwari is waiting at a bus stop. Someone snatches her handbag and runs away. A stranger runs after the man and gets the handbag back. Mrs. Tiwari thanks him for the help. 5

The writing of large numbers may seem too trivial a matter to which to devote several pages but in the time of Archimedes, the finding of a way to write big numbers was a great discovery and an important step forward in the science of mathematics.

Very large numbers often pop up in what may seem at first sight a very simple problem, in which you would never expect to find any number larger than a few thousands.

One victim of overwhelming numbers was King Shriham of India, who according to an old legend, wanted to reward his grand Vizier Sissa Ben Dahir for inventing and presenting to him the game of chess. The desire of the clever Vizier seemed very modest. He said, 'Majesty, give me a grain of wheat to put on the first square of this chessboard, and two grains to put on the second square, and four grains to put on the fourth. And so, Oh King, doubling the number of each succeeding square, give me enough grains to cover all 64 squares of the board.'

'You do not ask for much. Your wish will certainly be granted.' The King ordered a bag of wheat to be brought to the throne. 5

4. Write the conversation for the following situations in about **five** sentences :

- (a) Sachin and Gopal are good friends. They meet after summer vacation in the collage.

OR

3. Read out the following extract and answer its questions :

- (A) Floods, earthquakes, draughts, cyclones are natural disasters. Thousands of lives are lost and property worth several thousand crores of rupees is destroyed. Natural disasters are caused by the forces of nature. Over the years, technological development has enabled man to check some of the natural disasters. Man has treated dams to store excess water during rains and to check the flood. The excess water collected in the dam can be utilized during the time of draught. Cyclone can be predicted before hand.

When disaster strikes it does not discriminate between rich and poor. Everyone is prone to loose everything. Thousands of people turn destitute within a matter of few minutes. Natural disaster is a human problem. People affected by it need all kinds of help from the rest of the humanity. But before we can understand how to manage a natural disaster, we must know the nature of disaster and extent of distruction it can cause.

Questions :

- (1) Which are the natural disasters mentioned in the passage ?
(2) What has enabled man to check some of the natural disaster ?

- (3) What are the uses of dams ?
- (4) What happens when a natural disaster strikes ?
- (5) What should we know before managing a natural disaster ?

OR

The average life span of humanity throughout all history was 27 years. In the 19th century, Science has improved technology tripled life expectancy. After major wars, when a large number of young and healthy men are killed, baby making increases. The birth rate continues to rise for five years. When the probabilities of human survival are poor, nature makes many babies. When the chances of man's survival improve nature reduces the number of new babies.

The essence of the passage is the nature balances itself. But many so-called learned people try to destruct the nature with their knowledge of weapons. So it is the responsibility of all the people in the world to maintain the balance of the nature.

Questions :

- (1) What was the average span of humanity in history ?
- (2) What happened in the 19th century ?
- (3) How many years the birth rate was risen ?
- (4) How does the nature balances itself ?
- (5) What is the responsibility of the people in the world ?

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- (B) Summarise the following passage and give it the suitable title :

In ancient Greece Athletic Festivals were very important and had strong religious associations. The Olympian Athletic Festival, held every four years in honour of Zeus, eventually lost its local character, became first a national event, and then, after the rules against foreign competitors had been waived, international. No one knows exactly how far back the Olympic games go, but some official records date from 776 BC.

The games took place in August on the plain by Mount Olympus. Many thousands of spectators gathered from all parts of Greece, but no married woman was admitted even as a spectator. Slaves, women and dishonoured persons were not allowed to compete. The exact sequence of events is uncertain, but events included boy's gymnastics, horse racing, field events such as discus and javelin throwing and the very important foot races, boxing and wrestling.

On the sixth and last day, all the victors were crowned with holy garlands of wild olive from a sacred wood. So great was the honour that the winner of the foot race gave his name to the year of his victory. Although Olympic winners received no prize money, they were, in fact, richly rewarded by their state authorities.

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