

Bachelor of Vocation (Semester – I) Examination
(Winter-2015)

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS-I

Paper : 1 BVCGEC 1

Time—Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks—40

Note :— Attempt ALL questions.

1. Do as directed :

(A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

- (i) She was _____ NCC cadet.
- (ii) _____ married woman considers herself wiser.
- (iii) _____ man in the red tie is my friend.
- (iv) _____ class elected her monitor. 4

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

- (i) He has been waiting for me _____ 8 am.
- (ii) They often go out _____ evenings.
- (iii) She'll be here _____ a moment. 3

(C) Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives choosing from brackets.

(i) It was quite _____ that he passed the examination.

(Surprised/Surprising)

(ii) She speaks _____ English.

(Perfect/Perfectly)

(iii) We were _____ with the film.

(Disappointing/Disappointed)

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2. (A) Your T.V. cable operator is demanding more than the subscription prescribed. Write a letter of complaint to the District Collector, Nagpur.

OR

Write a letter of complaint to the Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Nagpur regarding negligence of the sanitary Inspector to repair drainage.

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- (B) Your brother lives in Dubai. He sent a parcel of gift to you with Indian Airlines that you haven't received. Write a letter to the concerned authorities seeking information regarding the same.

OR

You require 5 books for your personal library. Place your order to Neha Book's Centre, ABC Chawk, Pune. Give list.

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- (B) Lokesh attends the interview for the post of Assistant Manager, Bajaj Finance Ltd., Nagpur. He enters the cabin of the interviewing committee and introduces himself.

OR

Shobha greets her friend Shila on her 30th birthday in the party organized by Shobha.

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We have been inventing machines at a growing pace now for about three hundred years. This is a short-span even in our recorded history, and it is not a thousandth part of our history as men. In that short moment of time we have found a remarkable insight into the workings of nature. We have used it to make ourselves for more flexible in our adaptation to the outside world than any other animal has ever been. We can survive in climates which even germs find difficult. We can grow our food and meat. We can travel overland and we can tunnel and swim and fly, all in the one body. More important than any of these, we have come nearest to the dream, which Lamarck had, that animals might inherit the skills which their parents learnt. We have discovered the means to record our experience so that others may live it again. 5

4. Prepare scripts of conversation on the following situations.

(A) Raju goes to Shekhar to congratulate him on his selection as the Police Inspector, that he read in the newspaper.

OR

Suresh and Ramesh are working in a private company at Pune. Their parents live in Nagpur. Ramesh goes to Nagpur to meet his parents. Suresh requests him to deliver the parcel of gift to his parents. Ramesh fails to deliver the same. He apologizes. 5

3. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

The average life span of humanity throughout all history was 27 years. In the 19th century, however, science and improved technology tripled life expectancy. As technological capabilities improved and life expectancy increased, the number of babies per family went down, demonstrating the fact that nature keeps on balancing the population figure. 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 or so after the wars end, until the score is rectified. All this happens without the conscious co-operation or even the knowledge of the humans concerned. When the probabilities of human survival are poor, nature makes many babies. When the chances of men's survival improve nature reduces the number of new babies.

Questions :

- (i) What is the average life span throughout history?
- (ii) What is result of improvement in technological capabilities ?
- (iii) What is the effect of major wars ?
- (iv) After war, for how many years the birth rate continues to rise ?
- (v) When does the nature make many babies ?

OR

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. There was also boxing and wrestling and special tests of varied ability such as the pentathlon, the winner of which excelled in running, jumping, discus and Javelin throwing and wrestling. The evening of the third day was devoted to sacrificial offerings to the heroes of the day, and the fourth day that of the full moon, was set aside as a holiday.

Questions :

- (i) In whose honour the Olympian athletic festival was held ?
- (ii) Where and when did the Olympic games first start ?

- (iii) Who were not allowed to participate in the Olympics ?
- (iv) What was the sequence of events in the Olympics ?
- (v) How was the evening of the third day celebrated ?

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- (B) Make 1/3 of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

Of all the judgements we pass in life, none is more important than the judgement we pass on ourselves. That judgement impacts every moment and every aspect of our existence. Our self evaluation is the basic context in which we act and react, choose our values, set our goals, meet the challenges that confront us. Our responses to events are shaped in part by whom and what we think we are——our self-esteem.

Self-esteem is the experience of being competent to cope with the basic challenges of life and being worthy of happiness. It consists of two components.

- (i) Self-efficacy – confidence in our ability to think, learn, choose and make appropriate decisions; and
- (ii) Self-respect – confidence in our right to be happy; and in the belief that achievement, success, friendship, respect, love and fulfilment are appropriate to us.

OR