

Post Graduate Diploma in English Communication (One Year) Semester—I Examination
COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Paper—I

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION—I

1. (A) Read the following conversation and answer the questions below in **one** or **two** sentences each :

Radha : Doctor, please look at my cat !

Doctor : Cat ? But your hand is bleeding.

Radha : I cut it while chopping the vegetables.

Doctor : You'll be OK. The cut is not deep.

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| (i) What did Radha want the doctor to treat ? | 1 |
| (ii) Did Radha take her cat to the doctor ? | 1 |
| (iii) How did Radha cut her hand ? | 1 |
| (iv) Why and how did the confusion occur here ? | 2 |

- (B) Read the following conversation and answer the questions below in **one** or **two** sentences each :

Teacher : Where do you live ?

Student : No sir, I am staying in the class.

Teacher : Where is your home ?

Student : I live in Rajaji Nagar Sir.

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| (i) What did the teacher want to know ? | 1 |
| (ii) Did the student want to leave the class ? | 1 |
| (iii) Where does the student live ? | 1 |
| (iv) Who do you think is responsible for the confusion ? Why ? | 2 |

- (C) Read the outline and write a piece of conversation between two students :

Saroja a fresher meets Anita, another fresher – Saroja introduces herself by telling that she is in the first year B.A. English class – Anita introduces her – She is a first year B.Sc. student of Computer Science. 5

- (D) Read the following conversation and write a summary in about **50** words :

Seema : Hey Aakash ! There was a horrible accident on the highway.

Aakash : Oh no ! What happened ?

Seema : A speeding truck lost control and ran into the dividers.

Aakash : Is anybody hurt ?

Seema : Yes, the driver is seriously injured. The ambulance took him to the hospital. 5

SECTION—II

2. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below in **two** or **three** sentences :

The human brain is spherical. It is divided into two halves, called the two hemispheres. The right hemisphere controls the working of the left side of the body, while the left hemisphere controls the right side. Furthermore, each hemisphere controls certain kinds of mental activity. In most people, reasoning or logical thinking and the learning of mathematics and languages are controlled by the left hemisphere, while abilities in arts and crafts and in music, dance and sports are controlled by the right hemisphere.

- (i) What are the two parts of the human brain called ?
- (ii) Creative and artistic activities are associated with which part of the brain ?
- (iii) A student solving numerical problems uses which part of the brain ?
- (iv) Find out the similar words used in the passage for :
 - (a) ball shaped
 - (b) restrains.
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage and justify it. 10

- (B) Read the passage carefully and 'Do-as-Directed' :

Many living creatures use colour to protect themselves from their enemies. The spotted deer, for example is almost invisible inside the jungle; the sunlight shining through the gaps in the leaves has almost exactly the same colouring as the deer's spotted coat, and so the animal seems to become a part of the forest. A bird called the bittern has long white streaks on its neck, which make it difficult to find when it is swimming among the reeds. In some other creatures, nature has designed a still more wonderful system of protective colouring : these animals change their colours to match their surroundings. This is how certain insects and tree-lizards can move from green leaves to brown dried up twigs without revealing themselves to their enemies. Some rabbits have brown coats in summer and, to match the snow on the ground, white ones in winter.

- (i) Fill in the blank spaces in the sentences below :
 - (a) The colour is used by the creatures as _____ against their enemies.
 - (b) The deer use spots on their body to remain _____ in the jungle.
 - (c) The sunlight coming through the leaves has the same colouring as the _____ of spotted deer.
 - (d) The animals change their colours according to their _____.
 - (e) The tree lizards remain invisible as they move from green leaves to dry _____.

(ii) Answer the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences each :

- (a) How do many wild creatures protect themselves ? 2
- (b) How does bittern protect itself in the water ? 2
- (c) Why do some rabbits have brown coat in summer ? 2
- (d) In some creatures the nature has designed a still more wonderful system of protective colouring. Which creatures the writer is referring to ?

What does he mean by 'Still more wonderful system of protective colouring' ?

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SECTION—III

3. (A) Fill in the blanks in the sentences below, using suitable words from the given list.

(sensitive, typical, complex, variety, substances, crude, link, resist, reminder, adopted, carnivore, considered)

- (i) In Western countries all men dress alike. However in India there is a great _____ of dress.
- (ii) Suresh always sings when he is out on the street. This habit is _____ of Suresh.
- (iii) If your body becomes weak you will not be able to _____ diseases.
- (iv) Many words from Marathi and Hindi have been _____ by English language.
- (v) My friend is very fat, but he does not like people making fun of him. He is very _____ about his appearance.
- (vi) If you forget to pay me before the end of the week I will send you a _____.
- (vii) The cat is a _____ although it likes milk.
- (viii) Rubber is made from a stickily white _____ called latex.
- (ix) In some countries people are able to talk by whistling to each other. This special kind of whistle language is very _____.
- (x) I did not think you would pull the chair from under me as I was going to sit down. Really this is a very _____ joke. 10

(B) (i) Fill in the blanks by using suitable joining words given in the brackets.

(as well as, and, as, also, too)

My friend is very famous, _____ he is a very good singer. He is a good painter _____. He _____ has a very good sense of humour _____ he tells a lots of interesting stories. He visited many countries and he knows French _____ German.

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(ii) Fill in the blanks in the passage below using suitable forms of the verbs in brackets. You may need more than one word for some of the blank spaces.

Calcutta is the home of Indian football. The people of Calcutta love this game; they _____ (be) in love with it for nearly hundred years. Football _____ (introduce) to Calcutta by the British. The first football match _____ (play) in the year 1876. In Calcutta thousands of football matches _____ (play) since then. Mohun Bagan, the oldest club _____ (set up) about sixty years ago.

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SECTION—IV

4. (A) Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following :

- (i) Vowels
- (ii) Tongue
- (iii) Diphthong
- (iv) Lips.

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(B) Give phonetic transcription of any **FIVE** of the following words :

- (i) boy
- (ii) toil
- (iii) come
- (iv) mother
- (v) safe
- (vi) cheese
- (vii) man
- (viii) thief.

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