

(For candidates admitted from 1997 – 1998 onwards)

CERTIFICATE COURSE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020.

Functional English

ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

PART I — (50 marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (10)

Three great challenges dominate the scene as one contemplates the global environmental campaigning the first few decades of the 21st C. being responded to second, societies can live and work clearly and sensitively but the means to do so are neglected. And third, governments are failing to organize politics and policies to protect public goods.

The first of these is failure to respond to and deal with the pollution legacy of the 20th C, and in particular global warming which is leading to climate change. Disruption of the world's climate is already having catastrophic consequences for human and ecological well-being. While the international climate convention was signed at the Rio Earth summit in 1992 and although some progress had been made, effective action has not yet been agreed on, either in terms of targets or time table.

The appropriate response to climate change is not mitigation or adoption measure such as planting trees in the hope that they will mop up carbon dioxide or even constructing flood shelters for low-lying villages. The appropriate response is to shift over energy economics rapidly out of fossil fuels and into renewable energy. It will be necessary to make extensive use of energy efficiency to make this task feasible in the necessary time scale.

The appropriate timescale available to us before climate warming goes too far, before it reaches the upper limit of a rise of around 0.2 degree Celsius per decade beyond which the united nations advisor anticipate that unpredictable and drastic ecological damage will ensue. All nations need to make this switch and obviously Industrial National have a proportionately greater responsibility to act first. It is the world's number one environment concern.

2. Read the following passage and make notes on it : (10)

A library is usually divided into two parts. First of all there is the lending library from which we may borrow books, either fiction or non-fiction, to read at home. Then there is often a small room called the reference department where is a collection of books, none of which is allowed out of the building. These books are being used all day long, though very few people would read any of them right through for pleasure. Here you would find books filled with information on all subjects – dictionaries of all kinds, encyclopedias, atlases, telephone directories, street guides, and almanacs.

Most of these volumes are expensive – some of the encyclopaedia cost well over Rs. 10,000 a set and it would not be worth having them in a private house where there would be needed. But there is one book which should be in every house – a dictionary. Even in an adults life there must be very few weeks when he does not need to look up something. English dictionaries range from tiny, pocket-size ones with perhaps 20,000 definitions to monster ones in many volumes containing almost half a million definitions. If you read at 150 words a minute which is quite fast, it would take you nearly two and a half days, reading day and night non-stop to read the list of words alone without even glancing at what they mean.

Smaller dictionaries will probably give only the spelling and meaning. Larger ones will give a great deal of extra information. A good dictionary will tell how to spell, to pronouns, parts of speech, meaning and the origination.

3. Write a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its length. (10)

To write well you have to write clearly and logically and you can't do this unless you think clearly and logically. If you can't do this yet you should train yourself to do it by taking particular problems and following them through, point by point, to a solution, without leaving anything out and without avoiding any difficulties that you meet.

At first you may find clear, step-by-step thought every difficult you may find that your mind is not able to concentrate several uncorrected ideas may occur together. But practice will improve your ability to concentrate on a single idea and think about it clearly and logically. In order to increase your vocabulary and to improve your style, you should read widely. Use a good dictionary to help you find the exact meanings and correct usage of words.

Always remember that regular and frequent practice is necessary if you want to learn to write well. It is no good waiting until you have an inspiration before you write. Even with the most famous writers, inspiration is rare. Some one said that writing is ninety-nine percent handwork and one percent inspiration. So the sooner you get into the habit of disciplining yourself to write, the better.

4. (a) Write a report to the local newspaper about the scarcity of drinking water in your village. (10)

Or

- (b) Prepare a report on women's day celebration – 2018, of your college.

5. (a) Read the following paragraph and write a similar paragraph about Radio :

Television is one of the wonders of modern science. Many useful programmes on education, health, agriculture and family planning are specially prepared for rural viewers. Interesting dramas and films are shown at regular intervals. The television is also used for commercial advertisements.

Or

- (b) Read the beginning of the story given below. Complete the story using your imagination.

Robert Bruce, king of Scotland fought many battles against the enemy. As he was defeated six times by his enemies, he gave up the attempt, went into a forest and hid himself in a cave. One day he saw a spider

Part II – (50 Marks)

6. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meaning in Column 'B' : (5)

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(a) Stagnant	(i) aim
(b) Fantast	(ii) variety
(c) Hazard	(iii) not moving (or) changing
(d) Diversity	(iv) wide imagination
(e) Objective	(v) danger

7. Give the synonyms of the following words : (5)
- (a) evolved
 - (b) choose
 - (c) delightfully
 - (d) anxious
 - (e) enfeeble.
8. Give the antonyms of the words given below : (5)
- (a) grief
 - (b) tough
 - (c) proceed
 - (d) triumph
 - (e) perish.
9. Spot the errors in the following sentences : (10)
- (a) He has ten dozens of shoes.
 - (b) Vivek and Ramesh are my family members.
 - (c) Either Charu or Deepi will give their books.
 - (d) Many a man were drowned in the sea.
 - (e) Bread and butter make a good breakfast.
 - (f) We have learnt English since childhood.
 - (g) If you would have practised regularly, you would have won the match.
 - (h) None of the rooms are available for occupation at present.
 - (i) One of the members expressed doubt if the minister was an atheist.
 - (j) I have got my M.A. degree in 2000.

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable letters : (5)
- (a) Cu - t - va - ion.
 - (b) E - u - a - ion.
 - (c) Ci - c - l - r.
 - (d) at - ra - tive.
 - (e) br - - k.
11. Observe the picture and describe it in ten lines. (5)



12. Expand any one of the following in about 100 words : (10)
- (a) Higher studies in other states
 - (b) Life on other planets.
13. (a) Write a letter to the editor protesting against the corporation's delay to remove the fallen tree on the roadside. (5)

Or

(b) Fill up the following :

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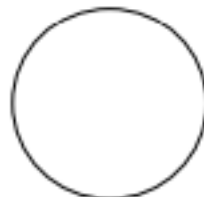
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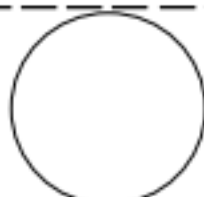
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