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Time : 2½ Hours

English Communication Skills

Subject Code

(New Syllabus)

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Total No. of Questions : 14 (Printed Pages : 7)

Maximum Marks : 70

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- (i) The paper consists of questions from 1 to 14.
 - (ii) All questions are compulsory. However, there is an internal choice in Q. Nos. 6 and 14.
 - (iii) Answer each main question on a fresh page.
 - (iv) Marks for each question are indicated on the right.

1. (A) Rewrite each of the following sentences after selecting most appropriate alternative for the underlined word : 2

(i) His ambition made him work hard.

- (a) desire
- (b) difference
- (c) dislike
- (d) distaste

(ii) People should practice segregation of wet waste and dry waste.

- (a) combination
- (b) separation
- (c) addition
- (d) selection

(B) Replace the underlined word with an antonym : 2

- (i) Some farmers follow traditional methods of farming.
- (ii) She uses natural colours for painting.

2. Complete each of the following statements in not more than **10-15** words each : 2

(i) I had heard so much about Mrs. Ruffner's severity that I was almost afraid to

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(ii) It would never do if we were at liberty to box people's ears because we

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3. Answer each of the following questions in not more than **25-30** words each : 4

(i) How do ethical choices influence successful life and career ?

(ii) How many stories were narrated by Steve Jobs at the graduation ceremony and what were they about ?

4. Answer each of the following questions in not more than **10-15** words each : 2

Oh, I kept the first for another day !
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back,

(a) What decision does the speaker take of the 'first road' ?

(b) Name and explain the figure of speech in the second line.

5. Answer each of the following questions in not more than **25-30** words each : 4

(i) What regrets does the poet have about today's generation with regards to good manners ?

(ii) The poet expresses that 'hope sings the tune without the word'. Explain.

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **50-60** words each : 8

- (i) Sympathy shown to the disabled does more harm than good. Comment.
- (ii) In your opinion was giving chits to the guest, to inform them about Promodini, right or wrong ? Substantiate.
- (iii) The story 'The Turtle' deals with the fact that survival is the uppermost priority of the poor. Comment.

7. Rewrite each of the following sentences as per the instructions given in the brackets : 6

- (i) I will clean the house every Sunday. (Change to passive voice)
- (ii) The ground is too slippery for us to play.
(remove too and use so.....that)
- (iii) He said that he come to repair the washing machine the next day. (Insert a modal auxiliary of 'certainty')
- (iv) I (finish) my work when the door bell rang.
(Use the past perfect tense of the verb 'finish')
- (v) We should not spend money luxuries.
(Insert a suitable preposition)
- (vi) Arun is the smartest boy in the class.
(Change to positive degree of comparison)

8. Read the passage given below carefully :

Plastic has long been with us, It became well known in the 1930's and particularly in 1940 through a great deal of publicity, as a major substitute for other materials. Since then it has steadily increased its influence over our lives. In 1976, plastic outstripped steel to become America's most widely used material.

The basic raw materials for the manufacture of plastic are petroleum and natural gas, but plastic can also be made from coal or from wood. These hydrocarbons materials are processed into a waxy, mouldable stuff called resin. Plastic require only one tenth of the energy required to produce aluminium, and inspite of the enormous volume involved, plastic accounts for only five per cent of U.S. petroleum consumption. But plastic also presents some special problems. Although the basic resin-manufacturing process presents a much cleaner face than a steel mill; it is also true that many of the ingredients are dangerous. Benzene, for example, which goes into the manufacture of polyester, and nylon, is a member of the dangerous family of carcinogens. Common types of plastic produce toxic gases when burned, and that non-plastics may be more likely to catch fire or start fires. Carbon reinforced plastics create a particular problem — when burned they release clouds of tiny fiber that can get into electrical equipment and cause short circuits.

One concern of environmentalists is that many plastics do not decay nor can they be recycled, and that used plastic is increasing our already serious problem of solid waste and litter.

(A) On the basis of your reading and comprehending the above passage, answer the questions given below in complete sentences in **10-15** words : 4

- (i) What was the most widely used material in America in 1976 ?
- (ii) What are the basic raw materials required for the manufacture of plastic ?
- (iii) What is the problem created by carbon reinforced plastics ?
- (iv) What is the main concern of the environmentalists ?

(B) Choose and rewrite the *correct* meaning of the words given below, from the alternatives provided : 2

(i) Enormous

(a) lean

(b) large

(c) leap

(d) least

(ii) Substitute

(a) register

(b) rehearse

(c) regain

(d) replacement

(C) The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Choose the alternative that best matches the meaning given below : 2

(i) Cancer causing agent

(a) plastic

(b) carcinogen

(c) nylon

(d) resin

(ii) Capable of being shaped

(a) mouldable

(b) economic

(c) volume

(d) outstripped

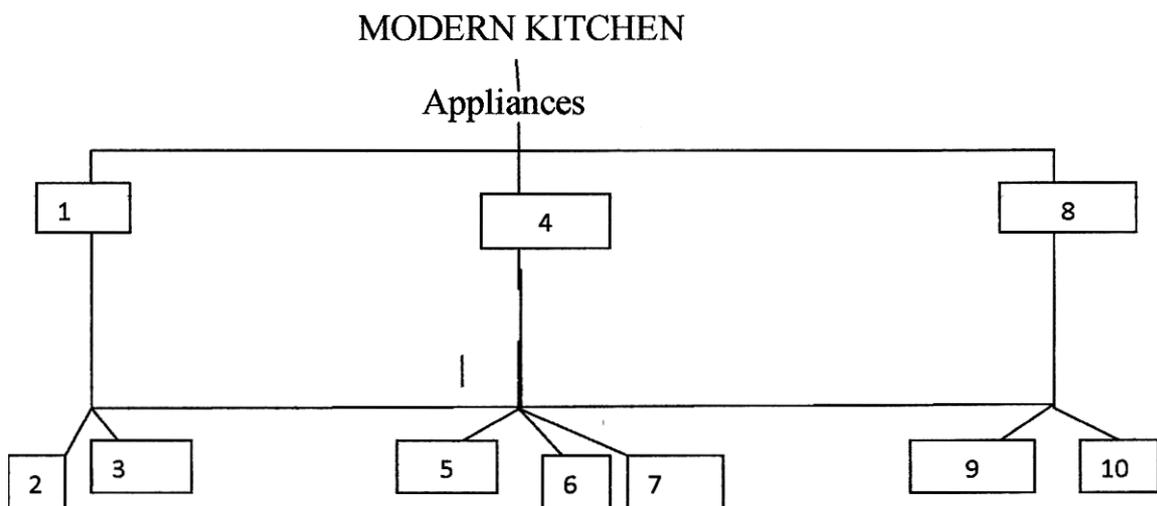
9. Given below is an informative passage. Interpret it in order to complete the flowchart in a single word or a short phrase to bring out the main topic. Write the answers with their corresponding numbers. Do not draw the flowchart. 5

The kind and variety of fittings, appliances and concepts present in the Indian market have completely redefined the traditional cooking. Every housewife must make her own choice in selecting the appliance to suit her needs.

Toasters have been a regular fixture in the kitchen- from the pop-up ones to the very contemporary sandwich toasters. Most essential for the working woman, is the mixer grinder. This has multi-purpose facilities. Those available in the Indian market are grinders, those with a juicer and grinder and the hand mixer. The choice of the gas stove would depend on the size and the need of the family.

Perfect for a small family is a two burner gas stove whereas a four-burner one is ideal for large families.

With these appliances at her disposal, the modern housewife will find cooking fun, whether it is everyday meals or elaborate exotic recipes.



10. Write a letter of complaint to The Proprietor Samsung Electronics, Mapusa, Goa, regarding the malfunctioning of the washing machine which you purchased a month back. You are Mrs. Vijaya Naik, residing at A/F, F2, Hillview Apartments, Housing Board Colony, Mapusa Goa.
(Use full block format) 5
11. Write a Letter of application in response to the following advertisement, giving your complete C.V. : 7
Wanted an Electronic Engineer, IFB Electronics Pvt. Limited, Panaji Goa. Your name is Mr. Sam D'souza, residing at H. No. 416, Alto Betim, Porvorim, Goa.
(Use full block format)
12. You are Nimish/Nimisha Kamat, Cultural Secretary, Students' Council of St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Vasco Goa. Draft a notice for the school notice board, inviting the students to participate in the interclass umbrella painting competition to be conducted in the school. 3
13. Write a descriptive paragraph using the following words/phrases : 4
Fish, staple food, contaminated, use of chemicals for preservation, affects health, governments ban, demand for local fish, price rise, change in food habits.
(About **50-60** words)
14. Write an Essay on any *one* of the following topics in about **175-200** words : 8
- (i) Online shopping : advantages and disadvantages
 - (ii) Alternative sources of energy—need of the hour
 - (iii) My favourite picnic spot.