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English/English with Computer Application

Elective II — DEVELOPING COMMUNICATION
SKILLS

(For those who joined in July 2012 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Concord deals with the agreement between the subject and the _____.
(a) sentence (b) word
(c) verb (d) none
2. The verb 'is' is called a _____ verb.
(a) be (b) main
(c) stem (d) none

3. When we can report what the person said without quoting exact words, it is called _____.
(a) direct (b) indirect
(c) passive (d) active.

4. In an active voice sentence, the doer of the action is in the _____ place.
(a) subject (b) object
(c) active (d) none.

5. You _____ swim.
(a) can (b) must
(c) shall (d) may.

6. If you help me, I _____ help you.
(a) will (b) must
(c) can (d) none.

7. If you had studied well, you _____ have failed.
(a) should not (b) would not
(c) could not (d) none.

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8. One who builds a building is
(a) mason (b) driver
(c) engineer (d) tailor.

9. Car for hire.
(a) pleasure (b) taxi
(c) borrowed car (d) none.

10. The antonym of the word 'small' is _____
(a) big (b) weighty
(c) large (d) heavy.

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Identify the part of speech in underlined word :
- (i) Milk is considered nutritious.
 - (ii) Black colour dress is not suitable for you
 - (iii) Latha works hard.
 - (iv) She is lazy.
 - (v) The floor is clean.

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- (b) Correct the following sentences : (errors are in subject verb agreement)

- (i) No one of them were negligent.
- (ii) No one of them have brought the text book
- (iii) Most of the children likes to eat sweets
- (iv) Some of the students is absent minded
- (v) Many of us is good at sports.

12. (a) Change the sentences into Indirect Speech :

- (i) Radha said to her husband, "Are you mad?"
- (ii) Ravi said to me, "Have you posted the letters?"
- (iii) He said to me. "Why do you ask me this?"
- (iv) My mother said to me, "Where are you going?"
- (v) She said to him, "Have you been to London?"

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(b) Change into Passive voice :

- (i) He considers his wife as a slave.
- (ii) Someone has disturbed my father.
- (iii) They praised the Noble Prize winner.
- (iv) He has published a new book.
- (v) India defeated Sri Lanka.

13. (a) Rewrite the sentences correcting errors if any :

- (i) They don't use their furniture's.
- (ii) He has two homes.
- (iii) The Secretary and treasurer go for a walk every morning.
- (iv) His sons as well as his friends are waiting for him.
- (v) Neither Maran nor James is good.

Or

(b) Give the synonym of the following words.

- (i) Overt
- (ii) Peace
- (iii) Promise
- (iv) Passive
- (v) Advance.

14. (a) Write an essay on "Clean India".

Or

(b) Describe the beauty of something you have seen.

15. (a) Write a review of the book you have read or the film you have seen.

Or

(b) Comment on your personality.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer the following in about 600 words each, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Attempt an essay on tenses.

Or

(b) Comment on the uses of determiners.

17. (a) Attempt an essay on 'Modals'.

Or

(b) Write an essay on conditionals.



18. (a) Frame words using the prefixes and suffixes :

- (i) Un——
- (ii) dis ——
- (iii) anti——
- (iv) vice——
- (v) ex——
- (vi) ——ness
- (vii) ——ily
- (viii) ——fully

Or

(b) Correct the following sentences :

- (i) They have met him three days ago.
- (ii) The students play Cricket now.
- (iii) The boys listen to music at the moment.
- (iv) We work in a school at present.
- (v) The train just now arrived at the station.
- (vi) My father just returned home.
- (vii) We had just now talked about you
- (viii) They already studied that lesson.

19. (a) Write a paragraph on computers.

Or

(b) Describe an unforgettable incident in your life.

20. (a) Write a job application letter with a resume of your own for an imaginary post.

Or

(b) Write a short story on any moral or write a review of the film you have seen recently.

