

20. (a) Role play following situation as a teacher and a student about the forthcoming students' chairman election nomination.

Or

- (b) Role play following situation as a father, mother and daughter discussing about the higher studies of their daughter.
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Part IV – Common Skilled

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose a word which is nearly the same in meaning as the word and given in bold letter.

1. **Abandon**

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| (a) keep | (b) cherish |
| (c) hold | (d) forsake |

2. **Abolish**

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| (a) establish | (b) institute |
| (c) cancel    | (d) produce   |





Choose the correct answer which is closest in meaning to the word / phrase in bold given in the sentence:

3. The principal is extremely popular with the students because he is a strong **advocate** of students' rights.
- (a) opponent (b) enemy  
(c) member (d) supporter
4. A funhouse mirror can really **distort** your image!
- (a) deform (b) disappear  
(c) repeat (d) extend

Choose the word which is the meaning to the word given in bold.

5. **Multifaceted**
- (a) two-faced (b) many-sided  
(c) cut into parts (d) chaotic
6. **Antecedent**
- (a) fighting against (b) looking after  
(c) coming before (d) recent

Choose the best antonym of the highlighted word in the sentence from the options given.

7. The classroom was **chaotic** once the teacher left the room.
- (a) confused (b) messy  
(c) entertaining (d) orderly
8. The kids **persisted** with their soccer game even though recess was over.
- (a) continued in spite of resistance  
(b) stopped  
(c) insisted on  
(d) resisted

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

9. Feminine form of **bachelor** is
- (a) spinster (b) canister  
(c) single (d) nun
10. A person who is simple, peaceful, rustic is known as...
- (a) Arcadian (b) Barbarian  
(c) Cannibal (d) Abstainer





PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a letter to a company to provide character reference for Mr. John, whom you have known as a classmate, roommate, and friend for a period of 15 years.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the Oxford publisher placing an order for some books.

12. (a) Write a letter to the editor protesting against the Corporation's move to fell the trees on the roadside.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to your mother describing an incident in your college.

13. (a) Imagine that you are the Secretary of the English Literary Association. The Special meeting will be on 26th August, 2014, evening at 3.30 p.m.. Write the minutes of the following, assuming the agenda to be as follows:

- (i) 3.30 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting

- (ii) 3.40 p.m Treasurer's address  
(iii) 3.50 p.m. HOD's Address  
(iv) 4.45. p.m. Special Lecture by the chief guest  
(v) 4.50 p.m. next meeting date and rote of thanks.

Or

- (b) There is a general feeling of discontent in the Management of Salem Steel Coporation, Salem that employees spend nearly an hour on lunch, though the time allotted for it is only 30 minutes. This causes quite a lot of disruption of work Assuming yourself to be the General Manager of the Company, draft a memo to be circulated to the employees asking them to be their desks during duty hours.

14. (a) You are the President of your college sports committee. Prepare the presidential address and focus on – Introducing the chief guest – District level Athletic meet – audience – Principal, Staff members, students various colleges.

Or

- (b) You are the Chairman of your college students' union. Prepare a speech on the Importance of education and the chief guest is a renowned academician.





15. (a) Complete the dialogue:

Patient: Hello Doctor!

Doctor: Hello, what is your problem?

Patient: Doctor, I have a problem of not having proper sleep at night.

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

- (b) Complete the dialogue:

Atan Hello, Dinah. Did you have a good trip?

Dinah It was not too bad. In fact I managed to sleep a bit. \_\_\_\_\_  
(to express satisfaction)

Atan Is that all your luggage?

Dinah Yes. Wait a minute. The small holdall is missing. \_\_\_\_\_  
(to express dismay) I must have left it at the duty-free shop.

Atan \_\_\_\_\_ (to reassure) We can ask the security guard to get it. Which shop was it?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions:

The ten-year-old child was miserable. His mother had died of cancer. He was sent to a strict boarding school in England where the headmaster had fits of rage. The boy longed for his faraway home in Ireland with a library that delighted his imagination and an overgrown garden where he and his brother Warren played exciting games. He began to pray. Just when he could bear it no more, he was taken out of school and put under the care of a private tutor. The tutor told the father that his son could become a writer or a scholar.

The boy got scholarship in an Oxford College, but volunteered for active duty in World

War I. Wounded and discharged, he resumed his studies to top the class. From then onwards it seemed natural for Clive Stapleton Lewis (1898 - 1963) to become a scholar. He spent 29 years teaching English in Magdalen College, Oxford, and became professor of Medieval and renaissance





Literature in Cambridge. His lectures were so popular that the university had to shift them to a largest hall. Later his public speeches were to draw large audiences. Among the 38 books he published, Lewis is the most remembered for his children's fantasy and science fiction.

- (i) Why did Lewis feel miserable at school?
- (ii) Why did he want to go home to Ireland?
- (iii) What work did he do at Oxford and Cambridge?
- (iv) What did his famous books deal with?
- (v) Why did he leave the army?

Or

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Deep in a forest, a black-and-white bear sits peacefully. It chews the green leaves of a plant. The bear is alone, but there are others not too far away. Later, it might amble over to find them. They may play together. This is the giant panda in nature.

The giant panda is a bear native to China. It is unusual for a bear to be found only in one place. For over a hundred years, scientists

thought that giant pandas might belong to the raccoon family. Then research in the 1980s showed that giant pandas are bears after all. These bears are black and white, with black patches of fur around their eyes. Giant pandas live in bamboo forests, high in the mountains in the western part of China. This is their habitat. Here they eat bamboo. Bamboo is a grass that can grow 100 feet high. It has hollow green stalks. Giant pandas peel off the leaves and stems to eat. Their paws are well adapted to this task. They have a special thumb that helps them grasp the bamboo. Giant pandas spend about 10-15 hours a day eating this plant. Giant pandas are an endangered species. Why are so few left? One reason is that they have less bamboo to eat. More and more of the bamboo forests where giant pandas live are being cut down. China has more people than any country in the world, and these people need food, clothing, and homes. Farmers want to use the land where the forests are to plant food. Loggers want to cut down the forests and sell the bamboo to make money. As the forests disappear, giant pandas are having a harder time finding food. Sometimes they starve. Today, there are about 1,600 pandas left in the wild.

- (i) According to the passage, what helps pandas eat bamboo?





- (ii) According to the passage, what helps pandas eat bamboo?
- (iii) As the population in China increases, will the number of giant pandas most likely increase or decrease? Why?
- (iv) Where do giant pandas live?
- (v) Where would you be most likely to find a giant panda?

17. (a) Arrange the numbered sentences in right order. Sentences 1 and 10 are in order.
- (i) Danisha is drawing a picture of a tree.
  - (ii) She lifts the paper and carries the cricket outside.
  - (iii) She colors it with her crayons.
  - (iv) The cricket is safe.
  - (v) Chirp! Is that a bird in her room?
  - (vi) She tries to pick it up with her hand and it runs away.
  - (vii) She sees a cricket near the door.
  - (viii) She slides a piece of paper under the cricket.
  - (ix) Then she hears a sound.
  - (x) Danisha's room is quiet again.

Or

- (b) Describe a hospital in detail.

18. (a) You are the head of the Department of English of your college. You preside over the Literary Seminar. Prepare a speech.

Or

- (b) Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Sports Committee of your college. You asked to propose the Vote of thanks in the sports day celebrations.

19. (a) Deliver Felicitation Address for the Final year students' toppers in the college Winners' Day Celebrations.

Or

- (b) Complete the dialogue:

Hi, Jane. \_\_\_\_\_?

B : I'm OK, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_?

A : Fine, thanks, Dan. This is my friend Monique.

B : \_\_\_\_\_

C : Hi, Dan. Nice to meet you too.

B : \_\_\_\_\_?

C : I'm from France.

B : \_\_\_\_\_?

C : No, I'm a student at a language school.

