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Career Related First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course — I

EN 1111/EN 111/EN 1111.4 : LANGUAGE SKILLS

(Common for Career Related 2(b) and B.Voc. Programmes)

(2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence :

1. What does "channel" mean in communication?
2. What is entropy?
3. What is 'lingua franca'?
4. What is an active skill?
5. What is the primary difference between listening and hearing?
6. Why is communication considered as a biphasic process?
7. Why is English called Un-phonetic language?

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8. What is a syllable?
9. Question tags hold a _____ intonation.
10. What is bio-data?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words :

11. Distinguish between micro-skills and macro skills.
12. What is plagiarism? Name some instances of plagiarism.
13. How can you keep up proper eye contact while engaging in a conversation?
14. Name some barriers to effective communication.
15. How is language acquisition different from language learning?
16. Which are the four types of reading?
17. How is editing classified?
18. What are the common characteristics of academic writing?
19. Write a paragraph about your dream job.
20. Role of gestures in communication.
21. Etiquette you have to bear in mind while engaging in a telephone conversation.
22. What are the do's and don'ts of netiquette?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words :

23. Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow :

Deforestation, the act of clearing the forest land to serve different purposes, is a growing concern worldwide. It has led to numerous environmental problems. Some of these include the loss of wildlife, impact on biodiversity, climate change, global warming and impact on the water cycle.

Deforestation has disrupted the water cycle as well as the carbon cycle and thus attributed to climate change which in turn is causing numerous problems for humans as well as animals. Plants and trees inhale carbon dioxide and release oxygen which is one of the essentials for the human survival. Trees also absorb other harmful gases from the atmosphere thus making it cleaner. Deforestation leads to the loss of vast number of trees which in turn leads to an increase in the amount of carbon and poisonous gases such as methane in the atmosphere. This has contributed a great deal to the global warming.

Forests also play a significant role in managing the water cycle. Continuous cutting of forests is the root cause of disruption in the water cycle which causes erratic rainfalls in different regions. Deforestation also results in environmental imbalance by affecting the biodiversity adversely. Forests serve as safe habitats for a large species of flora and fauna. Clearing away the forest lands damages the habitat of these innocent creatures. Several species of animals and plants become extinct each day due to loss of habitat and lack of food. Our planet needs to sustain rich biodiversity in order to strike environmental balance. Deforestation thus creates an imbalance in the environment.

- (a) Why do people engage in deforestation?
- (b) How does deforestation affect climate change?
- (c) What are the effects of deforestation on environment?
- (d) How can we protect our flora and fauna?

24. Write an anchoring script for the prize distribution ceremony of state level athletic meet.

25. Write a report of the social extension activity conducted in your college.

26. You are interested in pursuing your higher studies abroad. You are making a telephone enquiry with the chairman of a reputed institution. What can be the contents of such a conversation? Write at least ten exchanges between you and the chairman about the course that you are interested in.
27. Write an email to a publisher enquiring about the availability of some important books that you require for your degree project.
28. Write minutes of a meeting that was arranged in connection with the forthcoming College arts festival.
29. Edit the following Passage :
- Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, affectionate known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, was the main architecture of our Constitution. The first meeting of the Constituent Assembly for this purpose was held on December 6, 1946. Ambedkar elected on August 29, 1947 as the chairman of the drafting committee. He was insistent that the guarantees of fundamental right be clear incorporated in the Constitution and that remedy for their enforcement be easily accessible and swift. He belief that unless the moral values of a Constitution is uphold, grandiloquent words will not protect the freedom and democracy values of people.
30. Write a blog on the need for healthy food habits.
31. Prepare a speech on the topic: Impact of Social Media in public life.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** each in about **300** words :

32. Write notes for the following passage : (10-15 points)

You might have heard the term 'Health is Wealth', but its essential meaning is still not clear to most people. Generally, people confuse good health with being free of any kind of illnesses. While it may be part of the case, it is not entirely what good health is all about. In other words, to lead a healthy life, a person must be fit and fine both physically and mentally. For instance, if you are constantly eating junk food, yet you do not have any disease, it does not make you healthy. You are not consuming healthy food which naturally means you are not healthy, just surviving. Therefore, to actually live and not merely survive, you need to have the basic essentials that make up for a healthy lifestyle.

If you wish to acquire a healthy lifestyle, you will certainly have to make some changes in your life. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle demands consistent habits and disciplined life. There are various good habits that you can adopt like exercising regularly which will maintain your physical fitness. It also affects your mental health as when your appearance enhances, your confidence will automatically get boosted.

Further, it will prevent obesity and help you burn out extra fat from your body. After that, a balanced diet is of great importance. When you intake appropriate amounts of nutrition, vitamins, proteins, calories and more, your immune system will strengthen. This will, in turn, help you fight off diseases powerfully resultant in a disease-free life. Above all, cleanliness plays a significant role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Your balanced diet and regular exercise will be completely useless if you live in an unhealthy environment. One must always maintain cleanliness in their surroundings so as to avoid the risk of getting communicable diseases.

33. Write about the achievements in your life.
34. The following passage is in jumbled manner. Arrange them in the correct order so as to make a sensible passage. The first and last one is done for you :

Global warming has become a grave problem which needs undivided attention.

The natural causes include the release of greenhouses gases which increases temperature. It is not happening because of a single cause but several causes. Further, volcanic eruptions are also responsible for global warming. One of the most common issues that are taking place rapidly is deforestation. So, when one of the biggest sources of absorption of carbon dioxide will only disappear, there will be nothing left to regulate the gas. After that, the excessive use of automobiles and fossil fuels results in increased levels of carbon dioxide.

In addition, activities like mining and cattle rearing are very harmful to the environment. Thus, it will result in global warming. These causes are both natural as well as manmade. Similarly, methane is also one big issue responsible for global warming. That is to say, these eruptions release tons of carbon dioxide which contributes to global warming.

Steps must be taken immediately to stop global warming and make the earth better again.

35. Tata Motors is looking for Sales Executives in their newly opened showroom in Kochi. You saw the advertisement in a daily and like to apply for the same. Draft a covering letter and prepare a CV.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)