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Part III — COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]   [Maximum Marks : 150

SECTION – A

1. Match the following phrases with their appropriate functions :   5 × 1 = 5

   a) That would be very nice. We'll be there. Thank you.   i) showing preference

   b) I generally find a suite in a hotel more satisfactory.   ii) congratulating

   c) Mind if I borrow your book for the weekend ?   iii) announcing

   d) That was a fantastic performance ! Keep it up !   iv) seeking permission

   e) Everybody must be here by 9 O'clock.   v) accepting.

2. Complete the following dialogue :   5 × 1 = 5

   Rajesh   : Excuse me.

   Bookseller : ....

   Rajesh   : Do you have any books on Computers ?

   Bookseller : ....

   Rajesh   : I am looking for books on C++

   Bookseller : ....

   Rajesh   : I'd like to have one with more detailed information.

   Bookseller : ....

   Rajesh   : I like this one. How much does it cost ?

   Bookseller : ....

   Rajesh   : I'll take this, thank you.

3. Write a dialogue containing 5 sets of exchanges on the following :   10

   You are uncertain about what career to choose. Your teacher offers you a few guidelines that help you to make up your mind.

   OR

   Your mother is hesitant about letting you have a puppy for a pet. Convince her of your need to have one.

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4. Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer.

5 × 1 = 5

Quick reading is extremely important. In most occupations a good deal of reading is required. Top executives spend around four hours a day reading. One has to find the time to keep up with the knowledge explosion. Research suggests that the faster you read the more you understand, may be because concentration is sharpened. When reading fast, we devote all our attention to the text, squeezing for as much meaning as possible. Fast reading can be accomplished with regular practice. Reading can be compared to driving a car. Driving slowly on a free way invites wandering attention, but turn on a free way and accelerate and see how speed pushes distractions aside and forces improved concentration.

a) The passage is about

   i)   reading ability   ii) writing ability
   iii) speaking skill   iv) quick reading.

b) We must cultivate the reading habit in order to

   i)   update our knowledge   ii) spend time usefully
   iii) increase our vocabulary   iv) learn a language.

c) Research proves that quick reading

   i)   hinders concentration   ii) improves concentration
   iii) eases tension   iv) hinders comprehension.

d) In the given passage reading is compared to

   i)   swimming   ii) writing
   iii) driving   iv) walking.

e) Fast reading can be accomplished with

   i)   reading loudly   ii) reading clearly
   iii) regular meditation   iv) regular practice.

5. Read the following passage and fill in the table that follows with short answers :

5 × 1 = 5

Coffee sparks off the day of billions of people world wide and each one appears to have his own beliefs, myths and fears about coffee and caffeine. Cures headaches : This one has some truth in it. Caffeine increases the power of analgesics like aspirin.

Sharpens your wits : Yes and no. Caffeine quickens reflexes and improves speed in automatic tasks like solving minor arithmetic problems and proof reading. But put down that cup of coffee while solving the crossword. Caffeine worsens the performance in complex tasks like solving the crossword.

Improves athletic performance : Yes, but only if you are a trained athlete. Drinking two much coffee before a competition can get you banned for four years. But coffee is of no use, if you are just a weekend warrior.

Raises blood pressure : True, but the effect is only minor and temporary. And cutting back on caffeine neither prevents hypertension nor cures it.

Health risks : Coffee does not cause coronary heart disease, cancer, fibrocystic breast disease or birth defects.

Sobers up drunks : No. Coffee will keep a drunk wide awake but it will not make him sober. Drinking a cup of coffee after taking alcohol, will not keep you safe while driving.

Promotes weight loss : No. No. No.

a)	Taking a cup of coffee along with aspirin helps ....
b)	"A weekend warrior" refers to a person who ....
c)	While tackling complex tasks like solving a crossword ....
d)	As for hypertension ....
e)	That coffee causes birth defects, sobers up drunks and promotes weight loss is ....

6. Write a conversation between Priya and Reena about their children spending too much time playing games on the computer and its adverse effects.   5

7. Complete the sentences given below, choosing words from the list that follows :

$5 \times 1 = 5$

   a) The study of tumours and cancer is called ....

   b) The last sentence or phrase that contributes to the humour of a joke or a story is called its ....

   c) A person who writes and expresses his opinion about things is called a ....

   d) Pure-bred dogs are referred to as ....

   e) .... should be taken only under medical supervision.

   (*punchline, pedigrees, oncology, steroids, critic*)

8. Read the following passage and answer each question given below in a short sentence : $5 \times 1 = 5$

Most penguins build their nests on the ground. They carry up pebbles and plants from the beach and make their nests with these. Often they steal pebbles from each other if they get the chance. Penguins usually lay two eggs and both parents crouch over the eggs to keep them warm.

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Emperor penguins lay their eggs in the middle of winter, so that the chicks wi
arrive early in spring. An Emperor penguin lays only one egg. A father takes thi
in front of his body and rests it on his feet. The chick sits against his warr
body, until it is old enough to stand the cold.

Even so, many chicks die of cold before the spring comes. Penguins are goo
parents. While one is looking after the chicks the other brings food. It bring
back fish and other small animals and when it has chewed them a little, th
chick pushes his head into the parent's mouth, to reach for the food. Late
when the chicks are older all the parent birds come out to feed together.

All the chicks stay together in one place where they keep warm and safe fron
other animals. Big birds will attack small penguins, but they do not often attac
them, if they are in groups.

a)   How do penguins build their nests ?

b)   Why are penguins considered good parents ?

c)   How many eggs does an Emperor penguin lay ?

d)   Why do you think the parent penguins first chew the food a little ?

e)   When are the small penguins attacked ?

9.   Write a paragraph about an important event celebrated in your school and how
      you participated in it.   1(

10.   Write a short paragraph of about 10 to 15 lines about the slogan given below
      Bring out the importance of the role of students in promoting literacy especially
      in the remote areas :   5

                           " EACH ONE TEACH ONE."

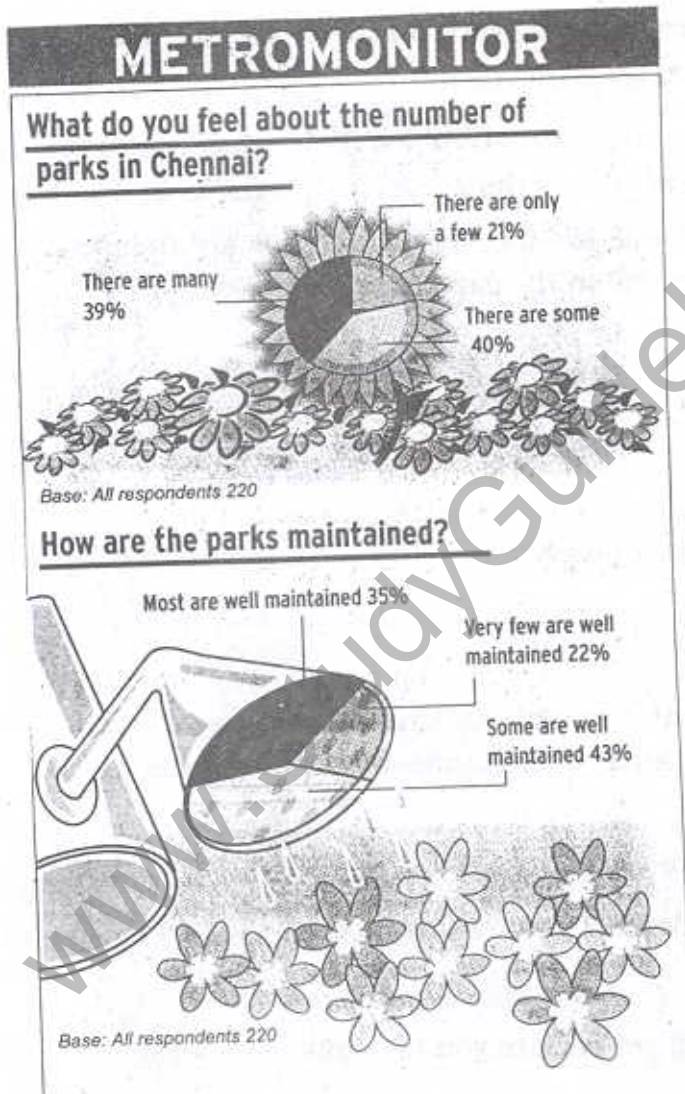## SECTION - B

11.   Prepare a two minute presentation in the classroom on any topic of your choice
      in 100 words.   5

12.   Read the following passage and choose the correct answer : $5 \times 1 = 5$

      Michael Faraday was born in England in 1791. His father, a blacksmith, had
      nine other children to support. So Michael was sent to work at an early age. His
      work involved assisting a book-binder. The books in the shop gave Michael a lot
      of knowledge. He became very interested in science especially Physics and
      Chemistry. He listened to lectures in Science and also performed experiments at
      home. At the age of twenty-two, he went to work in Sir Humphrey Davy's
      laboratory. There he worked at washing bottles all day long. But he got a chance
      to watch the great scientist at work and this helped him later.

      a)   Michael Faraday's father was a
            i)   book-binder   ii)   scientist
            iii) blacksmith   iv)   inventor.

      b)   There were .... children in the Faraday family.
            i)   twelve   ii)   nine
            iii) ten   iv)   eleven.

c)   Michael read books and gained his knowledge
  i)   at binding shop   ii)   in a library
  iii) at school   iv)   at a scientist's house.

d)   'The great scientist' refers to
  i)   Faraday's father   ii)   Faraday himself
  iii) Sir Humphrey Davy   iv)   his teacher.

e)   Faraday became a
  i)   scientist   ii)   teacher
  iii) doctor   iv)   lawyer.

13.   Study the pie charts and answer the question :   5

METROMONITOR

What do you feel about the number of parks in Chennai?

There are only a few 21%

There are many 39%

There are some 40%

Base: All respondents 220

How are the parks maintained?

Most are well maintained 35%

Very few are well maintained 22%

Some are well maintained 43%

Base: All respondents 220

Using the information given and your own ideas write a paragraph of about 100 words on the number of parks in Chennai and their maintenance.

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SECTION - C

(Occupational Purposes)

14. Fill in the blanks choosing from the words given in the box : 5 x 1 = 5

> increments, holiday entitlement, climbing the ladder,
> job satisfaction, glass ceiling

a) Do you have .... in your work place ?

b) Do you get regular salary .... ?

c) Does your job require you to work hard or to get better qualified academically to keep you .... ?

d) Would you reach a .... in this post ?

e) Is .... one of your perks ?

15. You are a job seeker. Your name is Gita. The following is an interview with the manager of a top IT company. Fill in the gaps in the interview. 5 x 2 = 10

Gita : Good morning.

Manager : ....

Gita : Thank you.

Manager : You have completed your MCA with a high first class. Why did you apply for this job ?

Gita : ....

Manager : Better opportunities may come your way, considering your academic background, wouldn't better prospects abroad tempt you ? What kind of commitment can you give us ?

Gita : .... I believe that India has a very bright future.

Manager : Good ! If selected, when will you be able to join us ?

Gita : ....

Manager : Great ! I will get back to you in a couple of days.

Gita : ....

16. Based on your CV, the Manager of a five star hotel, talks to you over the phone. Write down *five* important points you will remember while being interviewed over the telephone.

5 x 1 = 5

SECTION - D

17. You have to talk on the topic "Fury of Nature" and you are given a day to prepare. Briefly narrate how you would go about it.   5

18. a) Prepare a vote of thanks which you will deliver for a special function in your school. You will speak for about 3 minutes. (150 words)   10

OR

b) Write a poem of about 8 to 14 lines about a festival.

SECTION - E

19. a) You have been given the responsibility to take a group of students to an old-age home as a part of the social service scheme in your school. Write a letter to the Warden asking for permission to visit the senior citizens and entertain them.   10

OR

b) Write a letter to the editor highlighting the problem of children begging at traffic signals, the danger involved and the need to provide these children with basic education.

20. Spot the errors in the following sentences and write down the sentences in the correct form :   5 × 1 = 5

a) Children prefer TV games than story books.

b) We all sympathise for the unfortunate girl.

c) If you practise well you would win the game.

d) The box is so heavy to lift.

e) We congratulated him for his success.

21. Choose the correct option :   5 × 1 = 5

a) Each of the issues (was, were) resolved.

b) The date of the examinations (have, has not) yet been announced.

c) The stage crew (are, is) working together on the changes in the last scene of the play.

d) A number of students taking computer course (belong, belongs) to the

22. Match the following :   5 × 1 = 5

Idioms   **Meanings**

   a) In a hand to mouth existence.   i) To make all possible attempts to do the task.

   b) In the driver's seat.   ii) Very rare.

   c) Once in a blue moon.   iii) To correct and make a fresh start.

   d) To turn over a new leaf.   iv) Full control of the situation.

   e) No stone unturned.   v) Barely enough to maintain himself.

23. Fill in the blanks using suitable modals :   5 × 1 = 5

   a) A teacher .... have patience.

   b) .... they have nothing but bread and water ?

   c) The district collector .... ban the sale of this drug.

   d) I .... play football in school.

   e) He .... not hold a good job.

24. Complete the sentence given below using suitable prepositions :   5 × 1 = 5

   .... Saturday, he left .... Delhi .... order to receive a certificate .... merit .... the Prime Minister.

25. Match each part of the sentences under **Part-A** with **Part-B**, so that they make *five* meaningful sentences :   5 × 1 = 5

Part-A   **Part-B**

   a) I was very happy   i) if the trucks don't arrive on time

   b) She will leave home by 5 pm   ii) she worked hard and made it to the top.

   c) Vegetable prices will shoot up   iii) as the roads are slippery.

   d) Don't rush, drive carefully   iv) when I passed the test.

   e) Though her chances were bleak   v) as the train leaves at 7 pm.