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ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I

[*Time* : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

Marks

I   Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :

1. He loved his father, wanted more than anything in the world his approval. If only he could conduct himself properly this morning, he knew that he would get it.

   (a) Who is the 'he' mentioned here ?   1

   (b) What was special about 'this morning' ?   2

   (c) How did the morning turn out for him ?   4

2. "We have chosen this locality for our first meeting because it is isolated and peaceful".

   (a) Identify the speaker.   1

   (b) Which locality was chosen for the meeting ?   2

   (c) What was the outcome of the meeting ?   4

3. Despite the fact that Hitler glared at us from the stands not a hundred yards away, Luz shook my hand hard and it wasn't a fake "smile with a broken heart".

   (a) Whom did Hitler glare at ?   1

   (b) Why did Luz shake his hand ?   2

   (c) Comment on the relationship between the speaker and Luz.   4

4. Then a water-hydrant played its part and the buggy upturned. The driver was flung on the road in front of a certain brownstone mansion.

   (a) What is the name of the driver ?   1

   (b) How is the Brownstone Mansion significant in this context ?   2

   (c) This accident is a blessing in disguise for the driver. Comment.   4

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Marks

PART — B

II 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :

    (a) The .... of the gun glinted in the light. (mallard, muzzle, mitten)

    (b) The .... sinner asked for forgiveness during his confession.
        (haggard, penitent, iridescent)

    (c) Dinosaurs .... from the face of the earth millions of years ago.
        (chiselled, recycled, vanished)

    (d) When a person has an infectious disease, he is usually ....
        (dishevelled, camouflaged, isolated)

    (e) .... is a field sport in which athletes complete by riding a horse over
        a frame. (fencing, equestrian, archery)   (5 × 1 = 5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

    (a) As a result of having studied history for several years, Nishitha has become quite **erudite** on the subject of art history. (useless, well informed, ignorant)

    (b) Though emotions can be expressed, they are **intangible** because they cannot be physically touched. (indefinable, contradictory, acceptable)

    (c) He was arrested in 2015 on **spurious** corruption charges, but the court released him the next year when he was proved innocent. (fake, true, reliable)

    (d) Eventhough the defendant had broken the law, the **magnanimous** judge gave him the lightest punishment possible. (wealthy, unsuccessful, noble in mind and houghts)   (4 × 1 = 4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences :

    (a) You need to <u>make</u> a bath before dinner.

    (b) I got angry because the kids did not <u>pass</u> attention.   (2 × 1 = 2)

4. (a) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence.

        Her paintings have won awards in <u>numerous</u> art shows.

    (b) Write the **antonym** of the bold lettered word in the sentence.

        Even though the building had an **ancient** appearance, it had all the ....
        conveniences.   (2 × 1 = 2)

III 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

    Malala Yousafsai is a Pakistani activist **which** advocacy for female education has grown into **a** international movement. **In** 9 October 2012 she was seriously injured after a Taliban gunman attempted to murder her. Later in 2014, she received the Nobel Peace Prize along **from** Kailash Satyarthi.   (4 × 1 = 4)

Marks

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.

Medha Patkar is a .... (populous, popular) Indian social activist. She developed interest in social service from a very young age, something which she .... (inhabited, inherited) from her parents. She got involved in many .... (vital, vague) environmental issues and worked .... (diligently, drastically) on two projects, Narmada Bachao Andolan and Lavasa. She also actively supported Anna Hazare in his fight against .... (corruption, contradiction). (5 × 1 = 5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)

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4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

Pollution **was** not a new problem now-a-days. Much **have** been done to improve sanitation and public health over the past few years. Yet in modern industrial towns the disposal of waste still **remaining** a big problem. If the situation **continued,** it will be a great threat to posterity. Only self-conscious efforts to protect our environment can **saved** our lives on earth.

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5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

DON'T WALK ON GRASS	KEEP LEFT	NO ADMISSION

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PART — C

IV 1. Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion.

The Role of examinations in education system.

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2. Read the details of Ms. Sruthylaksmi.

Name	:	Sruthylakshmi
Lives in	:	Chennai
Education	:	Completed M.A in English Language and Literature
Additional Qualification	:	PGDCA
Strengths	:	reliable, hardworking, innovative
Achievements	:	Student editor (college magazine)
Hobbies	:	Reading, playing video games

Imagine that you are Sruthylakshmi and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself. Prepare a self introduction.

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Marks

3. India's biggest automobile company Tata is looking for smart, young and dedicated technicians to their different branches. Candidates must have diploma in Automobile or Mechanical Engineering and a minimum of three years experience. Apply within ten days to the HR Manager, Intelecom Pvt. Ltd, Banglore.

Prepare a Cover Letter in response to this advertisement given in The Hindu of 21 October 2017.　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　5

4. Complete the conversation as directed :

Nikhil　　　: Hi Faisal ! Good evening. What a pleasant surprise !
　　　　　　　What brings you to my town ?

Faisal　　　: Good Evening Nikhil. I have been promoted and transferred to your town.

Nikhil　　　: .... (congratulates him)

Faisal　　　: .... (asks for the nearest grocery store)

Nikhil　　　: .... (gives directions) .... (suggests to take an auto)

Faisal　　　: .... (expresses gratitude). See you later.　　　　5

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following :

(a) Value of time

(b) Violence against women in India　　　　　　　　　　　　　　6

6. Imagine that you are the Vice-Principal of your college. Prepare a memo to be circulated among the staff asking their willingness to take-up the charge of the Placement Cell.　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　6

Or

Your nephew has won the President's medal for the best N.C.C cadet, Construct a conversation between yourself and your nephew congratulating him on his success.　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　6

7. Prepare five slides for Power Point Presentation based on the paragraph given below :

　　　Sleep deprivation is defined as not obtaining adequate total sleep. When someone is in a chronic sleep-restricted state they'll notice excessive daytime sleepiness, fatigue, clumsiness and weight gain or weight loss. Interestingly, there's a subset of cases whereby sleep deprivation can actually lead to an enhanced mood, alertness, and increased energy. What are the side effects of sleep deprivation ? It's now believed that people who experience short-term sleep restriction are not able to process glucose as efficiently as those who get eight hours of sleep; which means that they have an increased likelihood of developing Type 2 Diabetes. In the year 2005, a study was conducted on a group of rats: for five days the rats were deprived of sleep and, compared to a group of rats which were not deprived of 'dream' sleep, the results showed significant changes in their wound-healing ability. In addition, sleep deprivation adversely affects the brain and cognitive function. Besides the many physical consequences of insufficient sleep, perhaps the most important consequences of sleep deprivation are deficits in working memory and attention. The primary treatment of sleep deprivation is to increase total sleep time. Treating the cause of sleep deprivation is also a general solution to the problem. If a sleep disorder is interrupting sleep, the problem will need to be addressed in order to improve sleep duration and quality. Inadequate sleep hygiene or insufficient sleep is often a cause that needs to be addressed.　　6