

MA-151 Seat No. _____
First Year B. B. A. Examination
March / April – 2003
Communication Skills : Paper - I

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Write both sections in the same answer–book.
(2) Figures to the **right** indicate **full** marks.
(3) Indicate clearly the questions and sub-questions you attempt.

SECTION – I

- 1 Discuss Rabindranath Tagore's depiction of people and society of his time. **15**

OR

- 1 "Hemnalini is an ideal of Maidenhood, *Kamala*, an epitome of wifehood and Sailaja, a fulfillment of Motherhood." Discuss the aspects of womanhood in these three female characters of 'The *Wreck*.' **15**

OR

- 1 Write short notes on : (any **two**) of the following : **15**
(1) Relationship of Kamala and Uncle Chakrabartti
(2) Annada Babu
(3) Friendship between Kamala and Sailaja
(4) Ramesh in the role of Hemnalini's lover.

- 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **10**

Football is, I suppose, the most popular game in England. One has only to go to one of the important matches to see this. Rich and poor, young and old, one can see them all there, shouting and cheering for one side or the other.

One of the most surprising things about football in England to a stranger is the great knowledge of the game which even the smallest boy seems to have. He can tell you the names of the players in most of the important terms, he has photographs of them and knows the results of a large number of matches. He will tell you with a great air of authority who, he expects, will win such and such a match,

and his opinion is usually as valuable as that of men, three or four times his age.

Most schools in England take football seriously—more seriously than nearly all European schools, where lessons are all important, and games are left for private arrangements. In England, it is believed that education is not only a matter of filling a boy's mind with facts in the class room; education also means character—training and one of the best ways of training character is by means of games, especially team games, where the boy has to learn to work with others of his team, instead of working selfishly for himself alone. The school therefore arranges matches for its pupils. Football is good team game. It is a good exercise for the body, it needs skill and a quick brain, it is popular and it is cheap : as a result, it is the schools' favourite game in winter.

Questions :

- (1) What does an English boy know about the game of football ?
- (2) What is the European idea of education ?
- (3) What is the English idea of education ?
- (4) How are team games useful in building character ?
- (5) Enlist the reasons why football is the school's favourite game in England in winter.

3 Write a paragraph of about **150** words on (any **one**) **10**
of the following :

- (1) The craze for MBA programmes in India.
- (2) College life – 'The Golden Years'
- (3) War is a necessary evil.

SECTION – II

4 (a) As a librarian of a local college, draft a letter of **10**
complaint to the publishing house in Mumbai, intimating
them that some of the books sent by them are found
in damaged condition. Demand replacement at the
publisher's cost.

OR

(a) As a manufacturer in leather goods, write a letter **10**
to a retailer making a firm offer in response to his
inquiry.

OR

- (a) Draft an application in response to the following advertisement : **10**
 "Wanted sales person for a reputed firm manufacturing household items. Apply stating your qualification, experience and salary expected to Box No. 576, C/o The Times of India, Ahmedabad-6."
- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper in Ahmedabad informing about the poor condition of libraries in the city. **5**
- OR**
- (b) Write a letter to the deputy commissioner of police, Ahmedabad, requesting him to take actions against the rising crime rate in the city. **5**
- 5** Do as directed : **10**
- (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles, wherever necessary : (any **two**) **2**
- (1) Laughter is _____ best medicine.
 - (2) It was _____ one-sided affair.
 - (3) Some women like _____ kitty parties.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : **2**
 (any **two**)
- (1) She usually remains busy _____ her activities.
 - (2) Ajanta caves are famous _____ their paintings.
 - (3) I like to travel _____ air.
- (c) Rewrite the following statements using question tag : **2**
 (any **two**)
- (1) He reached home late.
 - (2) They did not come to see me.
 - (3) He was an honourable man.
- (d) Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets : (any **four**) **4**
- (1) She always _____ loudly. (speak)
 - (2) When I came in, the movie _____. (start)
 - (3) He _____ from jaundice for the last one month. (suffer)
 - (4) He _____ talking in the class, quite often. (see)
 - (5) The train _____ as soon as the signal was given. (leave)
 - (6) _____ you had your dinner ? (have).

- 6 Do as directed : 10
- (a) Rewrite the following sentences using suitable auxiliaries 3
from those given in the brackets : (any **three**)
- (1) What will you _____ this summer ? (do, does)
 - (2) Last night they _____ a lot of fun at the party. (have, had)
 - (3) He _____ have stolen your purse. (may, might)
 - (4) Neither of us _____ broken the glass. (has, have)
 - (5) There _____ twice the amount of sugar required, in my soup. (is, are)
- (b) Give full forms of the following abbreviations : 2
(any **two**)
- (1) RSVP
 - (2) afft.
 - (3) VAT
 - (4) E & OE.
- (c) Explain the following commercial terms briefly : 2
(any **two**)
- (1) Caveat emptor
 - (2) Rebate
 - (3) Tariff
 - (4) Blue chips.
- (d) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from these 3
given in the brackets : (any **three**)
- (1) I have applied for a housing _____.
(lone, loan)
 - (2) He can drive at a great speed on _____ land.
(coarse, course)
 - (3) You are driving an _____ car. (imaginary, imaginative)
 - (4) One can _____ across the sea with a lot of difficulty. (sail, sale)
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