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ENGLISH (Common)
Course 2 : Communication Skills in English (1A 02 ENG)

Time : 3 Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. Transcribe the following words phonemically :

- 1) a) chemistry b) garden c) clerk d) shirt
2) a) amateur b) estate c) union d) library
3) a) book b) summer c) banana d) wanted (Weightage 3×1=3)

II. Mark the primary stress in the following words (No need to transcribe)

- 4) a) hotel b) assembly c) engineer d) politics
5) a) additional b) election c) spring d) inflation
6) a) pencil b) admire c) simile d) traditional
(Weightage 3×1=3)

III. Mark the sentenced stress for the following :

- 7) I lost my bunch of keys.
8) Did you meet the principal ? (Weightage 2×1=2)

IV. Mark the intonation for the following sentences :

- 9) Can you come with me ?
10) Yesterday was a holiday for the college. (Weightage 2×1=2)

V. Write a short paragraph (about 80 words) on **any two** of the following :

- 11) The essential qualities of a good listener.
12) English is an unphonetic language – Explain.
13) Skills required for good performance in group discussions. (Weightage 2×2=4)

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VI. Write a conversation of **ten** exchanges on **any one** of the following :

- 14) You are always keen on keeping the environment clean. You see one of your friends throwing a used plastic bottle into the street. Imagine how you will talk to him.
- 15) You are in a bank and you want to open a zero balance account with the bank. Construct a dialogue with the bank manger. **(Weightage 2)**

VII. Explain in about **80** words how you will introduce yourself in **one** of the following situations :

- 16) To a popular singer you meet at a party.
- 17) To a board interviewing you for the post of an office assistant. **(Weightage 2)**

VIII. Prepare a speech for about **3** minutes (**80** words) for **any one** of the following situations :

- 18) You are the college union chairman. You are making the presidential address. Explain the activities you are planning to carry out during the year.
- 19) A welcome speech at a meeting of your local club in your capacity as the Secretary of the club. The panchayat president presides and a minister inaugurates. The occasion is the tenth anniversary of the club. **(Weightage 2)**

IX. Prepare an imaginary telephone conversation of **twelve** exchanges on **any one** of the following situations :

- 20) Make an appointment with a skin specialist at 4 p.m. on Monday evening.
- 21) Invite a friend of yours for your birthday party. **(Weightage 2)**

X. Write a paragraph of about **80** words on **any one** of the following :

- 22) A road accident you witnessed on the way home after college.
- 23) The visit to a hospital for cancer patients. **(Weightage 2)**

XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

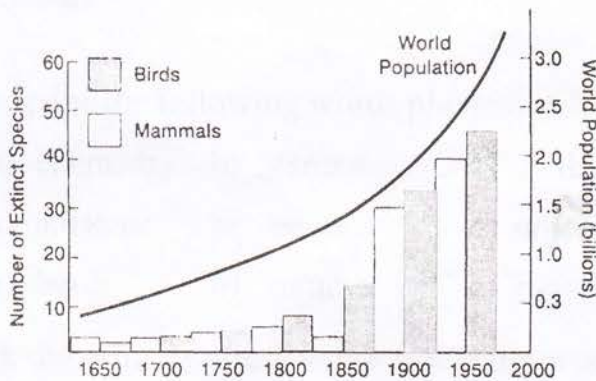
A *hospice* is basically a hospital for the terminally ill. The goal of the hospice movement is to improve the quality of life in the persons final days. Hospices typically offer support, guidance companionship from volunteers, other patients, staff, clergy and counselors. Pleasant surroundings, an atmosphere of informality, and a sense of continued living help the patients cope with their illnesses. Unlimited around the clock visits are permitted by relatives, friends, children and even pets. Patients receive constant attention, play games, make day-trips, have pre-dinner cocktails if they choose, and enjoy entertainment. In short life goes on for them.



- 24) The paragraph gives us information on what ?
- 25) What is the goal of the hospice movement ?
- 26) Is there a fixed visiting time in the hospice ?
- 27) How do the patients in the hospice feel that life goes on as usual ?

(Weightage 3×1=3)

XII. Study the following chart and answer the questions :



[Source : Keller, E.A. (1982) Environmental Geology, 3rd Edition (New York : Macmillan), p 18, Fig. 2.5 Increase in human population paralleled by increase in the extinction of birds and animals]

- 28) What is the approximate increase in world population between the years 1650 and 1950 ?
- 29) How many birds become extinct in 1950 ?
- 30) What is the approximate number of mammals which became extinct between 1650 and 1950 ?
- 31) What does the graph tell us ?

(Weightage 3×1=3)