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FIRST SEMESTER

English

ENGLISH PRAXIS COURSE – I

Paper I – A COURSE IN COMMUNICATION AND SOFT SKILLS

(w.e.f 2020–2021 Admitted Batch)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

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1. Answer any TWO of the following Questions: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Differentiate between hearing and listening?
  - (b) What are the qualities of a good listener?
  - (c) Write a note on types of listening?
  - (d) What are various barriers to effective listening?
2. Answer any TWO of the following Questions: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What are Phonemes in English?
  - (b) Explain Diphthongs with example.
  - (c) What is Word Stress? Give examples?
  - (d) Describe intonation with an example.
3. Answer any TWO of the following Questions: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Punctuate the following:
    - (i) he said will you attend function tonight
    - (ii) kiran said I am going to the market
  - (b) Rewrite the following words with correct spelling:
    - (i) Edacution
    - (ii) Sonflower
    - (iii) Vectory
    - (iv) Rivolve
    - (v) Defferent
  - (c) What are different qualities of a good paragraph?
  - (d) Write a paragraph on true friendship?



4. Answer any TWO of the following Questions:

(2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) What are the benefits of SWOC analysis?
- (b) What are the advantages of thinking Positive?
- (c) What do you mean by Interpersonal communication?
- (d) What is telephone etiquette? Explain.

5. Change the following sentences as directed:

(a) Change the following sentences into active and passive voice:

(3)

- (i) Pradeep was singing a song.
- (ii) Akhil sent a mail to Mohan.
- (iii) Open the window.

(b) Change the following sentences into direct and indirect speech:

(3)

- (i) Ram said to Pal, 'Do you agree this proposal?'
- (ii) He said, "I have passed the examination."
- (iii) The tourists exclaimed that what a wonderful view it was.

(c) Change the following into other degrees:

(4)

- (i) Ramesh is the tallest boy in the class. (Positive)
- (ii) John is as clever as his sister. (Comparative)
- (iii) A sword is not as strong as pen. (Comparative)
- (iv) Iron is more useful than any other metal. (Superlative)

6. (a) Fill in the blanks using right articles/prepositions.

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) She wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ engineer.
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ water is essential to life.
- (iii) Where is \_\_\_\_\_ refrigerator?
- (iv) He is very fond \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.
- (v) The train starts \_\_\_\_\_ 7'o clock.

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms.

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) The chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this large bungalow.
- (ii) Geeta \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) an orange now.
- (iii) Hari \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school every day by bus.
- (iv) The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to the victims yesterday.
- (v) Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to meet his brother.



(c) Correct the following sentences.

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Venkat has gone to college yesterday.
- (ii) Thousand rupees seem high for that shirt.
- (iii) The news are fake.
- (iv) Friend in need is a friend indeed.
- (v) Earth revolves around the sun.

(d) Add Question Tags to the following Sentence.

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) They have gone to the party. \_\_\_\_\_?
- (ii) he is not angry. \_\_\_\_\_?
- (iii) He doesn't speak German. \_\_\_\_\_?
- (iv) The box was empty, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (v) George likes coffee. \_\_\_\_\_?

(e) Write phonetic transcription for the following English words.

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Teacher
  - (ii) Sugar
  - (iii) Thanks
  - (iv) Mistake
  - (v) Exam
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