

BCA - Ist Sem. (old sylb. 2017)

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Paper : Paper-IV

Communication skills in English-I

Time allowed : 3 hrs.

Max. Marks : 50

Note: All Questions are Compulsory. Each carries 10 marks.

1. Read the comprehension and choose the right answer of the following questions

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally at least, most of us could compile formidable lists of do's and don'ts. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment.

If we remain inveterate smokers, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our old bad ways.

- i. The phrase 'formidable lists of do's and don'ts means that
 - A. the bad points of our character are formidable
 - B. the list is so long that it is frightening
 - C. the things that need to be included is frightening
 - D. the realisation that we are so imperfect is frightening
 - ii. The same old favourities recur with monotonous regularity implies that
 - A. we want to be so perfect that we include some items regularly
 - B. we have been so regularly doing certain things that they have become monotonous
 - C. in spite of repeated failures, we still would like to try one more time
 - D. some favourite actions if repeated often could become monotonous
 - iii. The author seems to imply that many are inveterate smokers because
 - A. they have not really tried to give up smoking
 - B. they know from past experience that they can never succeed in their attempt to give up
 - C. they want to forget the frustration of not smoking
 - D. they do not have the will power to stop smoking
 - iv. The author says that most of us fail in our attempts at self-improvement because
 - A. we set too high goals for ourselves
 - B. we do not have the persistence of mind
 - C. our nature is such that we cannot become perfect
 - D. certain imperfections have become a part and parcel of our lives
 - v. The author seems to think that others
 - A. feel happy when we slip back to our old ways
 - B. do not really want us to improve ourselves
 - C. are ready to tease and laugh at our attempts
 - D. might embarrass us by praising our attempts
2. Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

Computers are machines that can help us in many ways. But they cannot think or do things on their own. Humans have to feed them with information and tell them what to do with it. They cannot come up with any new information. But they can save much time and work. For example, all the information and the office files can be stored in a

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computer's "memory". If a clerk were to trace any information from a particular file, the computer would only take seconds to find it. It would take a clerk days or even weeks to go through every file if no computers were used. The first computers were huge and costly. They filled up almost the whole floor of large offices. Later, because of the usefulness and demand for computers in business, scientists soon found ways to produce cheaper and smaller computers. They invented chips which made it possible to store more information in less space. Today, computers are not only cheaper, but also more compact. They can just be placed on top of an ordinary writing table. They can even be carried from place to place easily. Computers are not only used in offices by companies, but they are also used at home, by families who can afford them. Robots, on the other hand, are not mechanical people. They are only moving parts controlled by a computer. A robot can do the same work for twenty four hours, and yet, it does not complain or get tired. In the United States robots are computers that tell them where to guard and what to do. These robots are programmed to listen for certain noises and signals for help in case of trouble or danger. In Japan and in some places in America, robots are used in factories to assemble cars. As computers become more common businesses and factories, people fear that one day computers and computer controlled robots will put human workers out of work.

- i) Why do humans have to feed the computers with information and tell them what to do?
- ii). Why did the first computers fill up almost the whole floor ?
- iii). Find a word in the passage that has the same meaning as more compact.
- iv. Robots are more intelligent than human beings. TRUE or FALSE
- v. Humans fear that one day computers and robots

3. Write a letter to your friend about the benefits of visiting library regularly.

4. You are the coordinator of Technical Club. Write a notice for inviting the name for participating in Technical Club. OR

Draft a notice for the Students of Computer stream of your institutions instructing them to participate in Group Discussion.

5. Do as directed:

- a) Ratan visited the beautiful places. (Change the voice)
- b) Open the window. (Change the voice)
- c) The teacher says, "Earth revolves round the Sun" (Change the narration)
- d) Seerat said to Raman, "I love you very much" (Change the narration)
- e) I.....(go) to your college tomorrow. (Correct form of verb)
- f) Manpreet(join) the job yesterday. (Correct form of verb)
- g) Raman.....(like) the poems written by Shelley. (Change into past-Indefinite)
- h) I.....(go) to library daily. (Correct form of verb)
- i) I know him very well. (Change the voice)
- j) I love to play hockey. (Change the voice)

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