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Bachelor of Design (BOD) 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH-I  
Paper-VII

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

**Note** :—(1) Attempt **five** questions in all, at least **one** question from each section.

(2) All questions carry equal marks.

**SECTION—A**

I. Use the context to understand the meaning of the passages given below :

(1) As the summer sun sent scattered rays through the maple and oak leaves overhead, the young deer stood frozen, making it almost impossible for the hikers to see her.

(a) In the above passage, the word "frozen" means

\_\_\_\_\_.

very cold/visible/not moving/not melted

(b) Differentiate between the homonyms 'hike/hike' by making meaningful sentences.

(c) Differentiate between the homophones 'deer/dear' by making meaningful sentences.

(2) Christmas is a time when Dad reverts to his childhood. I really think he looks forward to Santa's visit more than any other member of the family. Mom says that he'll always be a child during this season.

(a) What does "reverts" mean in the above passage ? stands up straight/peeks at presents/drinks too much/goes back to being what he was

(b) What do you mean by the idiomatic phrase 'to look forward' ?

(c) Differentiate between the homonyms 'season/season' by making meaningful sentences.

(3) Fortunately, the explosion diverted the asteroid from a course that would have sent it hurdling into our planet.

(a) To divert is to \_\_\_\_\_.

change the direction of/look for high waves/jump into a river/look through a telescope

(b) Identify an adverb in the sentence.

(4) A wonderful 98 year old woman is working day and night to knit warm scarves to send as gifts for the troops. What a selfless person she is!

(a) A selfless woman \_\_\_\_\_.

is selfish/has no name/likes to wear scarves/cares more about others than herself

(b) Identify an adjective in the passage.

OR

## II. Make a précis and give an appropriate title :

In every country, people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not as good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really, there is no person who has not got some good and some bad characteristics. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unfortunately, it is in a bad way today. Many of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.

**SECTION—B**

- III. Taking cue from the ideas given below, develop a paragraph of about 120 words on

"Work Your Way to Health" (Physical activity reduces the risk of diseases and premature death --- helps control weight ---- healthy bones and joints ---- improves stamina ---- tones muscles ---- cuts down health care costs)

**OR**

- IV. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity. At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her successes, and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike, she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength.

We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future ? Freedom and power bring responsibility. The responsibility rests upon this assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom, we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but as long as there are tears and suffering, our work will not be over. And so we have to labour and to work and work hard to give reality to our dreams. Those dreams are for India, but they are also for the world, for all the nations and people are too closely knit together today for anyone of them to imagine that it can live apart. Peace has been said to be indivisible,

so is freedom; so is prosperity now, and so also is disaster in this one world that can no longer be split into isolated fragments. To the people of India, whose representatives we are, we appeal to join us with faith and confidence in this great adventure. This is no time for petty and destructive criticism, no time for ill-will or blaming others. We have to build the noble mansion of free India where all her children may dwell. I beg to move, sir, that it be resolved that : After the last stroke of midnight, all members of the Constituent Assembly present on this occasion, do take the following pledge : At this solemn moment, when the people of India, through suffering and sacrifice, have secured freedom, I, a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, do dedicate myself in all humility to the service of India and her people to the end that this ancient land attain her rightful place in the world and make her full and willing contribution to the promotion of world peace and the welfare of mankind.

**Questions :**

- (a) Can you make out the day when this speech was delivered by Jawaher Lal Nehru ?
- (b) What is the pledge we must take ?
- (c) What is the opportunity before India ?
- (d) Why is the future not easy ?
- (e) Wherein does the true service of India lie ?
- (f) When will our work be over ?

- (g) Why are the dreams for India, the dreams for the world too ?
- (h) What is the appeal made by Nehru to the people of India ?
- (i) What things are indivisible ?
- (j) What should be the pledge of the members of the Constituent Assembly ?

**SECTION—C**

- V. Send a letter to your business partner, expressing your disappointment at his careless dealings which have incurred great loss to your business.

**OR**

- VI. Your neighbour's family creates a lot of noise that disturbs you and your family. Write a letter to him/her asking to do something about it so that you can continue to enjoy a good neighbourly relationship.

**SECTION—D**

- VII. Draft a job application-cum-CV for the post of a Staff Reporter in a leading newspaper of the country.

**OR**

- VIII. (a) Draft an Office Memo on behalf of the MD, ABC Company, seeking explanation from an erring employee over his failure to meet the annual targets.
- (b) Draft an Office Circular on behalf of the Principal of your college, warning students against going on a strike on account of fee hike.