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B. Design (Multimedia) 1st Semester
COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH—I
Paper—VI

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

Note :— There are **Eight** questions. Candidates are required to attempt any **Five** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION—A

1. Read the passage below and choose the most appropriate option to complete the blanks :—

Not a (1)..... passes without a controversy..... (2)..... over the national sports awards. The (3)..... that arises every year following the announcement of the Khel Ratna, Arjuna and Dronacharya awards often (4)..... to accusations of bias, regionalism and (5)..... .Representations to the Sports Minister, interventions (6)..... Chief Ministers, Union Ministers and politicians have all(7)..... part of the game, though the rules stipulate that any form of “canvassing” could lead to disqualification of an(8)..... . In practice, no such disqualification takes (9)..... and aspiring candidates

readily plead their cases with the Sports Minister even after the recommendations of the awards panel become public (10).

- (1) distance/year/right/second
- (2) harming/developing/surrounding/erupting
- (3) debate/understanding/struggle/discussion
- (4) permits/allows/leads/results
- (5) honesty/complexity/encourage/manipulation
- (6) for/by/from/with
- (7) become/crossed/affected/lasted
- (8) award/game/entry/theory
- (9) part/toll/role/place
- (10) choice/fury/property/knowledge

2. Make a Précis and give an appropriate title :—

Over-eating is one of the most wonderful practices among those who think that they can afford it. In fact, authorities say that nearly all who can get as much as they desire, over-eat to their disadvantage. This class of people could save a great more food than they can save by missing one meal per week and at the same time they could improve their health. A heavy meal at night, the so-called 'dinner' is the fashion with many and often it is taken shortly before retiring. It is unnecessary and could be forgone, not only once a week but daily without loss of strength. From three to five hours are needed to digest

food. While sleeping, this food not being required to give energy for work is in many cases converted into excess fat, giving rise to over-weight. The evening meal should be light, taken three or four hours before retiring. This prevents over-eating conserves energy and reduces the cost of food.

SECTION—B

3. Read the passage below and based on a deeper understanding, choose the most appropriate answer :—
- Emotions often trump reason. The Cauvery water dispute it turning out to be less about water and irrigation and more about linguistic chauvinism and regional identity. Nothing else can explain the mindless violence in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the Supreme Court order asking the former to release water to the latter, keeping in view the distress situation in both States in a season of deficit rainfall. Many of the acts of violence have been perpetuated in the two States by lingual chauvinistic, fringe organisations that have little to do with the farming community or its interests. It is clear that there is insufficient water in Karnataka's reservoirs to meet the full irrigation needs of both States. The point of the Supreme Court order was to make the States share their distress and not to magically fulfill the needs of farmers on both sides. But political parties and some media houses, especially regional language television channels, have sought to portray the issue as

one that pits the people of one State against that of the other. Indeed, two major national parties have taken different stands in the two States on this issue. No party or State government appears to believe it can afford to be seen as taking even so much as a conciliatory step toward defusing the crisis. On some previous occasions when Karnataka released water in a distress year, the State government did so quietly so as to not give chauvinistic elements any opportunity to inflame passions. Cauvery is an inter-state dispute, but this is no reason to turn the issue into a raging controversy that draws the peoples of the two States into confrontation.

1. What was the purpose behind Supreme Court's order regarding Cauvery water ?
 - (a) To solve the irrigation needs faced by the farmers of Tamil Nadu.
 - (b) That the two states share their distress due to shortage of water.
 - (c) To fulfil the needs of the farmers in both states.
 - (d) To solve the irrigation needs faced by the farmers of Karnataka.
 - (e) None of these.

2. According to the passage, the violence in states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka is over which issue ?
- (a) Chauvinism
 - (b) Regional identity
 - (c) Releasing more Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.
 - (d) Supremacy of one state over the other.
 - (e) None of these.
3. According to the passage, who are the drivers of the acts of violence in the two states ?
- (a) Chauvinistic organisations
 - (b) Farming community
 - (c) Political parties.
 - (d) The Supreme Court
 - (e) None of these.
4. According to the passage, which of the following entities have contributed in portraying the Cauvery issue in a way that pits the people of one state against those of the other ?
- (a) Political parties
 - (b) Regional television channels
 - (c) The farming community
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
 - (e) None of these.

5. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage ?
- (a) Both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have experienced deficit rainfall this year.
 - (b) There is sufficient water in Karnataka's reservoirs to fulfil the irrigation demands of both states.
 - (c) Karnataka has released water to help Tamil Nadu in distress years before.
 - (d) The Cauvery water dispute is an inter-state issue.
 - (e) None of these.
4. Each sentence given below contains an idiom/phrase. From the given alternatives, choose the one that best expresses the meaning of this idiom/phrase :
1. He has the *gift of the gab*.
 - (a) He is gifted.
 - (b) He is a chatterbox.
 - (c) He is a good conversationalist.
 2. Parental property has become a *bone of contention* between the siblings.
 - (a) unifying factor
 - (b) cause of jealousy
 - (c) cause of rivalry

3. *Once in a blue moon*, we meet each other.
- (a) frequently
 - (b) sometimes
 - (c) very seldom indeed
4. He has been jobless for several months, and it is his wife who *keeps the pot boiling*.
- (a) keeps the fire burning
 - (b) provides food
 - (c) gets angry
5. In the end he had to *eat the humble pie*.
- (a) apologize humbly
 - (b) defend himself vigorously
 - (c) adopt an aggressive attitude
6. To be a good orator, you don't have to *play to the galleries*.
- (a) make a fool of yourself
 - (b) offend the audience
 - (c) appeal to the lower taste
7. The officer *took him to task*.
- (a) reprimanded him severely
 - (b) dismissed him
 - (c) promoted him

8. His arrogant behaviour with others has left him *high and dry*.
- (a) to be penniless
 - (b) to be very sick
 - (c) isolated
9. All the residents of the colony *painted the town red* on the eve of festival.
- (a) to white wash buildings
 - (b) to celebrate noisily in public places
 - (c) to create nuisances
10. The chairman *pulled a long face* when the house did not accept the suggestions put forth by him.
- (a) to look disappointed
 - (b) to get annoyed
 - (c) to be agitated

SECTION—C

5. You had recently bought a water purifier for your home from M/s. National Cooling Systems, Ludhiana. The purifier has not been working properly for the last two weeks. Write a letter to the Manager complaining about the malfunctioning unit and seeking redressal for the problem.

6. Write a letter to your friend appreciating his/her book that he/she wrote in Bangalore while pursuing his/her writing career.

SECTION—D

7. Your college is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. As the Chief Student Editor, write a notice for the college notice board in about 50 words, inviting students to submit creative write-ups.
8. Draft a résumé for a journalism graduate aspiring to work in a renowned media house for his/her internship.