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**B.Sc. Biotechnology 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**PAPER-BT-7 : COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN  
ENGLISH-I**

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

**Note** :— Attempt any **FIVE** questions, selecting one question from each Section. The **fifth** question may be attempted from any section. Each question carries **10** marks.

**SECTION—A**

1. Explain the role of Reading Skills in communication. 10
2. Explain kinds of Reading purposes. 10

**SECTION—B**

3. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

The largest Hindu temple in the world "is of such extraordinary construction that it is not possible to describe it with the pen, particularly since it is like no other building in the world. It has towers and decorations and all refinements which the human genius can conceive of". This largest Hindu temple is not in India but in Angkor, Cambodia, and the above observation is by a Portuguese monk Antonio da Magadalena, who visited the temple in

century by Henri Mouhot, a French explorer. The city of Angkor was the capital wherefrom a dynasty of Khmer kings ruled one of the prosperous kingdoms in the history of South-East Asia. Hindu King Suryavarman II, who reigned from 1113 to 1150, took nearly 30 years to complete this temple. It was dedicated to Lord Vishnu and at the time was known as Vrah Vishnuloka or the Sacred Abode of Vishnu. In the 13th century, Khymers embraced Buddhism and the King Jayavarman VII transformed it into Buddhist temple. The sculptures and the carvings in this temple, therefore, are a juxtaposition of the Hindu and the Buddhist relics.

**Questions :**

- (1) Why is it difficult to describe the temple ?
- (2) Who appreciated the beauty of the temple ?
- (3) How long did it take to build the temple ?
- (4) What did Jayavarman VII do ?
- (5) Give meanings of the following words in English :

(a) Extraordinary

(b) Prosperous.

2×5=10

4. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

Till date it is difficult to define happiness. Most people tend to equate happiness with fun, good living, plenty of money. If happiness were synonymous with all this, rich

1586. This observation, was vouched for in mid-19th people with all their luxuries and countless parties would be perpetually happy. But in actual fact, they are, frequently, acutely unhappy, despite their riches and ability to indulge in fun activities at will. We may have fun watching a movie, going shopping, meeting friends—these are all fun activities that afford us fleeting moments of relaxation and enjoyment. Another prevalent belief is that if one were rich enough not to have to work one would be blissfully happy. But a job is more than just a pay cheque. Almost all religions teach that work is worship. Work holds the key to happiness as doing something which increases confidence and self-worth. It brings on a feeling of satisfaction, of doing something, of contributing. No doubt the pay cheques count. It would be unrealistic to suggest that one could be happy without the basic shelter, roaming the streets with empty stomach. But job satisfaction comes less from how much one earns than from the challenge of the job. Happiness is much stronger, deeper and more abiding emotion. A secret ingredient of happiness is contentment. Contentment here does not mean apathy or lack of ambition, just as commitment does not mean curtailment of freedom. Commitment teaches us to give so that we may receive and contentment helps us to cherish the gifts we have received. These things are worth a try even if they don't promise access to the pinnacle of success.

Tick (✓) the appropriate answer :

- (i) The passage indicates that happiness is :
- (a) Easy to define
  - (b) Dancing, shopping and getting what one wants
  - (c) Difficult to define
  - (d) Impossible thing
- (ii) Rich people despite their ability to indulge in fun :
- (a) Are always happy
  - (b) Are frequently unhappy
  - (c) Are always angry
  - (d) Remain quiet and calm
- (iii) Work holds the key to happiness because :
- (a) It increases confidence and self-worth
  - (b) It increases blood circulation
  - (c) It forces a person to be competitive
  - (d) It is incorrect, work promotes stress
- (iv) A secret ingredient of happiness is :
- (a) spend money
  - (b) to be lazy
  - (c) to be selfish
  - (d) contentment

- (v) Contentment teaches us to :
- (a) Cherish the gifts we have received
  - (b) To ask for more than what is received
  - (c) Indulge in selfish acts
  - (d) Jealous of other people. 10

### SECTION—C

5. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city drawing his attention towards the menace of stray dogs in your locality. 10
6. Write a letter to your friend who met with an accident and is admitted in the hospital. Wish your friend a speedy recovery and advise him to be careful while driving. 10

### SECTION—D

7. What are the salient features of Resume ? 10
8. You are Headboy/Headgirl of the college. Draft a notice for the students of the college asking them to donate for the victims of Earthquake. You can imagine the necessary details. 10