

B. Voc. Banking & Financial Services - Ist Sem.

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Paper: BVC-102

Communication Skills in English

Time allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

Attempt all questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom. Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

1. Marie Curie was one of the most _____ scientists in history
 - A. Famous
 - B. Infamous
 - C. Skilled
 - D. Glamourous
2. The _____ collaboration of Pierre and Marie helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.
 - A. friendly
 - B. competitive
 - C. courteous
 - D. industrious
3. Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality.
 - A. strong
 - B. carefree
 - C. strange
 - D. envious
4. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt _____.
 - A. hopeless
 - B. crazy
 - C. dissatisfied
 - D. worried
5. Marie _____ by leaving Poland and traveling to France to enter the Sorbonne.
 - A. challenged authority
 - B. showed intelligence
 - C. behaved submissively
 - D. was distressed

5 x 2 = 10

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2. Read the following write-up and answer the questions that follow:

It was twenty years ago and I was living in Paris. I had a tiny apartment in the Latin quarter overlooking a cemetery, and I was earning barely enough money to keep body and soul together. She had read a book of mine and had written to me about it. I answered, thanking her, and presently I received from her another letter saying that she was passing through Paris and would like to have a chat with me; but her time was limited, and the only free moment she had was on the following Thursday; she was spending the morning at the Luxembourg and would I give her a little luncheon at Foyot's afterwards? Foyot's is a restaurant at which the French senators eat, and it was so far beyond my means that I had never even thought of going there. But I was flattered, and I was too young to have learned to say no to a woman. (Few men, I may add, learn this until they are too old to make it of any consequence to a woman what they say.) I had eighty francs (gold francs) to last me the rest of the month, and a modest luncheon should not cost more than fifteen. If I cut out coffee for the next two weeks I could manage well enough. I answered that I would meet my friend-by correspondence-at Foyot's on Thursday at half-past twelve. She was not so young as I expected and in appearance imposing rather than attractive. She was, in fact, a woman of forty (a charming age, but not one that excites a sudden and devastating passion at first sight), and she gave me the impression of having more teeth, white and large and even, than were necessary for any practical purpose.

1. Write about the writer of the passage.
2. Describe the lady.
3. What did the lady propose to the writer of the passage?
4. What do you get to know about Foyot's?
5. What does the passage tell about the nature of men?

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3. Write a letter to your mother regarding the challenges and hardships that you are facing as a student in Canada.

Or

Write a letter to the manager of a bank to get an account opened.

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4. Write a public notice to inform people regarding the prevention and treatment of Dengue.

Or

Write a notice to inform the general public regarding the ban on burning paddy straw and the rationale behind this ban.

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5. Do as directed

1. Chocolates are selling like hot-cakes. (Change the voice)
2. Let us finish the work in time. (Change the voice)
3. Neha said to me, "Have you ever been to Jaipur?" (Covert into indirect speech)
4. I said, "How sad he is!" (Covert into indirect speech)
5. It has been (rain) since morning. (Put the verb in correct form)
6. Sita has (work) very hard on this project. (Put the verb in correct form)
7. I am understanding your problem. (Use appropriate tense)
8. If she will invite Jia to the party, I may not attend it. (Use appropriate tense)
9. The teacher scolded the boy. He wanted to improve him. (Combine these sentences into one)
10. I saw the fox. It was chasing a rabbit. (Combine these sentences into one)

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