

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

(Common to all branches)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

PART – A

(Compulsory Question)

- 1 Answer the following: (10 X 02 = 20 Marks)
- Why do you think that people were attracted to the Astrologer as bees are attracted to cosmos?
 - Explain why do you think Raman had great admiration for Bhabha.
 - Why does Kalam feel that there is a risk involved when we venture into something new?
 - Why is Bose considered the father of Bengali science fiction?
 - How does water help in the formation of fertile land?
 - What kind of life did the Happy Prince lead when he was alive?
 - How does the old woman relate the growth of wood roses to old age?
 - Interpret the verse If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too?
 - Why is Prof. Corrie's murder by his sister, though tragic, considered highly dramatic?
 - How did the captain of the ship who was a white man help the writer reach Hampton?

PART – B

(Answer all five units, 5 X 10 = 50 Marks)

UNIT - I

- 2 (a) **Write dialogues based on the following situation**
Before the start of a conference, the Head of department of Civil Engineering introduces Dr V.Savitha, a Senior colleague in the department and Professor Rini Mathew, who is to deliver the keynote address, to each other.
- (b) What was the contribution of J.C. Bose to the study of metal fatigue and cell response?
- (OR)
- 3 (a) Do you agree that the story 'An Astrologer's day' is a humorous one? Justify in support of your answer.
- (b) **Fill in the blanks using suitable homonyms:**
- The morning _____ left the grass wet. (dew, due, do)
 - We knew he would _____ soon because he was so ill. (die, dye)
 - Be sure to _____ the eggs before Easter. (die, dye)
 - We _____ the matter many times. (disgust, discussed)
 - I left _____ at his horrible joke. (disgusted, discussed)

UNIT - II

- 4 (a) Why does Kalam state that he forgot his inconvenience during the landing after seeing the state's wealth?
- (b) **Identify the meanings of the words given with the suitable options:**
- alleviate:
 - Economical. (ii) Lessen. (iii) Rare. (iv) Sturdy.
 - Aggravate:
 - Bestial. (ii) Infuriate. (iii) Smooth. (iv) Unjust.
 - Caricature:
 - Dead body. (ii) Cartoon. (iii) Army. (iii) Illusion.
 - Credulous:
 - Trustful. (ii) Evaluate. (iii) Criticize. (iv) Enforce.
 - Belligerent:
 - Warlike. (ii) Friendly. (iii) Temperamental. (iv) None.

(OR)

- 5 (a) Describe the early life of J.C. Bose?
- (b) What were the Contributions and Achievements made by Bhabha to the nation?

UNIT - III

- 6 (a) C.V. Raman says that water in a landscape may be compared to the eyes in a human face. Why?
 (b) What was the reaction of the Mayor and the Town Councillors to look at the shabby Prince stripped off all his beauty?

(OR)

- 7 (a) Why does the Prince aspire to donate the sapphires studded in his eyes to the young man in a garret?
 (b) What is the role played, water in shaping the course of mankind's history?

UNIT - IV

- 8 (a) Why is the narrator reluctant about planting wood roses in the garden initially?
 (b) Why does the writer feel insecure about growing old and living in a town?

(OR)

- 9 (a) **Identify the meanings of the idiomatic phrases given in bold and italics with the options given below:**

- (i) It was a **close shave** getting out of the burning building.
 (a) Persuade. (b) Narrow escape. (c) Smother. (d) Benevolent.
 (ii) Take the present out of the closet when the **coast is clear**.
 (a) Threat. (b) Frightening. (c) Alluring. (d) safe.
 (iii) She told us the story in **dribs and drabs**.
 (a) Confidently. (b) Bavelly. (c) Strongly. (d) Little.
 (iv) My wife didn't want to take the job, but I **egged her on**.
 (a) Urge. (b) Deny. (c) Oppose. (d) Rely.
 (v) Mary **spill the beans**, although she has been warned to keep the issue confidential.
 (a) Became nervous. (b) Became angry. (c) Revealed the secret. (d) Was overwhelmed.

- (b) **Fill in the blanks using appropriate (is, are, were) verb forms that agree with the subject**

- (i) Good manager as well as good staff _____ necessary for better results.
 (ii) Either the section officer or the assistants _____ responsible for this error.
 (iii) The manager and proprietor of the firm _____ going on a tour.
 (iv) All the passengers, with the driver _____ killed.
 (v) The poet and the writer ----- dead.

UNIT - V

- 10 (a) What is the backdrop of the play 'Progress'
 (b) How does Corrie claim that Eddie's death was an act of patriotism?

(OR)

- 11 (a) What was writer's experience of working as a Janitor at Hampton?
 (b) **Fill in the blanks using appropriate collocations given:**
 (i) My grandfather was a smoker, so few people were surprised when he died of oral cancer.
 (a) Serial. (b) Heavy. (c) Big.
 (ii) She was a / anwife who loved her husband more than anything else in the whole universe.
 (a) Devoted. (b) Sincere. (c) Intelligent.
 (iii) I always avoid his company because he is a crashing
 (a) Bore. (b) Nuisance. (c) Guy.
 (iv) It is a golden If you miss it, you will regret it.
 (a) Chance. (b) Opportunity. (c) Offer.
 (v) She seemed quite interested in buying that house, but at the last moment, she changed her
 (a) Mind. (b) Thoughts. (c) Offer.
 (vi) Although I was annoyed by her attitude, I said nothing.
 (a) Moderately. (b) Lightly. (c) Slightly.
 (vii) Could you the oil?
 (a) Inspect. (b) Check. (c) Test.