

**FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH**

(Common to CE, EEE, CSE, ECE, ME, EIE and IT)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

**PART – A**  
(Compulsory Question)

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- 1 Answer the following: (10 X 02 = 20 Marks)
- Write a concise paragraph on 'a day without water'.
  - Before the start of an international conference, the Head of department of Mechanical Engineering introduces Dr Prameela, a Senior colleague in the department to Professor Seema Mathew, who is to deliver the keynote address?.
  - (i) Either my shoes or your coat ----- (is, are) always on the floor.  
(ii) The movie, including all the previews, ----- (take, takes) about two hours to watch.
  - Give the meaning of the prefix *bene*- think of a word beginning with '*bene*' and use it in a sentence of your own.
  - How is a project different from a report?
  - What is the antonym of the word 'berserk' and make a sentence on your own?
  - What are the prerequisites of a group discussion?
  - What are 'adverbials of time' Give any three examples?
  - List any two differences between 'open ended' questions and 'hypothetical' questions asked in an interview.
  - What elements constitute the pro forma of a formal report?

**PART – B**

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

**UNIT – I**

- 2 What is green cover? Explain the measures taken by the Indian government to preserve nature.

**OR**

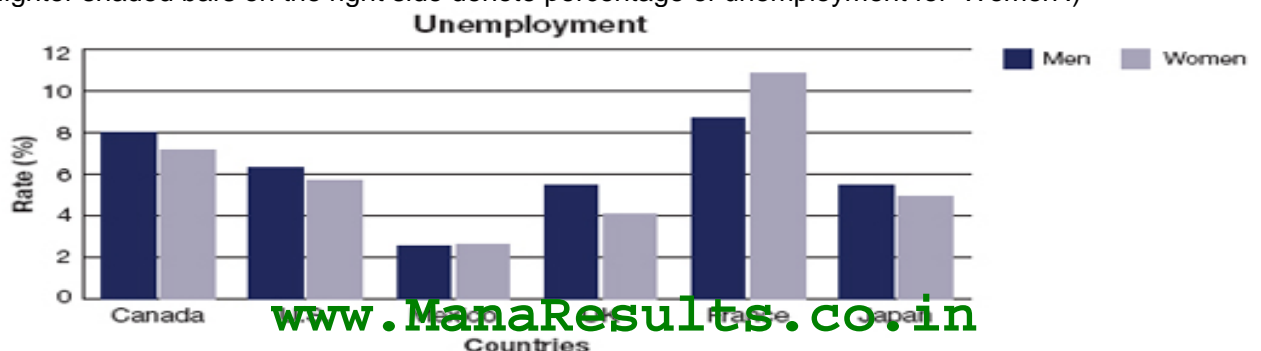
- 3 (a) How does pollution caused by climatic changes lead to acid rains? Explain citing examples.  
(b) Draft a letter to the Dean of a western university seeking admission into their Master's programme.

**UNIT – II**

- 4 Interpret the following picture in about 250-300 words. (Hints: Imagine and describe the background, people, expressions, context etc).

**OR**

- 5 Describe the following graph using expressions of comparison:  
Note\*\*(The left bars which are dark in shade represent the rate of unemployment in 'Men' while the lighter shaded bars on the right side denote percentage of unemployment for 'Women'.)



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**UNIT – III**

- 6 (a) Bring out the differences in meaning of the pairs of words given and write in sentences of your own:

Foul	fowl
Throne	thrown
Principal	principle
Cheque	Check

- (b) Explain the meaning of different smiley symbols used in expressing emotions in SMS.

**OR**

- 7 (a) Use the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect):

- (i) I (just / finish) my----- homework  
 (ii) Mary (already / write) -----five letters  
 (iii) Tom (move) ----- to his home town in 1994.  
 (iv) My friend (be) ----- in Canada two years ago.  
 (v) I (not / be) ----- to Canada so far.  
 (vi) They (fight) ----- for the last one hour.

In each of the following blanks put a verb in agreement with its subject.

- (i) Politics ----an interesting subject to study.  
 (ii) The police ----recently been armed with technological devices.  
 (iii) His policies -----very different from mine.  
 (iv) The clock ----- struck five hours

- (b) Complete the irregular verb forms listed:

	Past simple form	Past participle
Rise	-----	-----
Awake	-----	-----
Begin	-----	-----
Blow	-----	-----
Drink	-----	-----

**UNIT – IV**

- 8 (a) Use the following words with double consonants in sentences of your own:

- (i) Aggressive -----  
 (ii) Aggrandize -----  
 (iii) Beginning -----  
 (iv) Successfully -----  
 (v) Collection -----

- (b) Identify any five differences between a group discussion and a debate and explain in brief.

**OR**

- 9 What is the pro forma of writing a book review? Explain with reference to a specific book reviewed by you. Highlight the following: author's background, suitability of the title, plot/ theme and style of writing.

**UNIT – V**

- 10 (a) Compare and contrast the life of people living in 'rural areas' Vs 'Metropolitan cities'.  
 (b) What are the top ten frequently asked interview questions (FAQ's)?

**OR**

- 11 (a) What are the differences between a 'tweet' and an 'e mail'?  
 (b) How do you think does tweeting and blogging enable better communication?

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