

I/GENG (R) (All Streams)

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2015

(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Science, Home Science, Arts and
Commerce)

FIRST PAPER

(Language and Writing/Communication Skills)

(For Regular)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) "English has become a link language around the world and in India." Based on the given statement, describe the importance of English as a means of communication.

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(b) Explain and discuss the components of communication.

(c) Write short notes on the following : 5×2=10

- (i) Non-verbal Communication
- (ii) Psychological Barrier

(d) State the advantages and disadvantages of e-mail communication.

Or

As a responsible citizen, draft an e-mail to the Chairman, Aizawl Municipal Council (AMC) raising your concern over the newly adopted rates of parking fees.

UNIT—II

2. Change the speech of the following sentences : 1×5=5

- (a) Rama said to Lala, "You must be careful where you put your foot as there are snakes on the ground."
- (b) The teacher said that she would not take her class tomorrow.
- (c) Mother said to me, "Your friend left an hour ago."
- (d) The girl exclaimed that the flower was beautiful.

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(e) The stranger asked John, "Could you tell me where the Chief Minister resides?"

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : 1×5=5

- (a) By whom was the book written? (Change into active voice)
- (b) The little girl was singing the National Anthem beautifully. (Change into present perfect tense)
- (c) Someone has broken the glass window. (Change into passive voice)
- (d) The stranger who came along with the headman ate all the fruits. (Change into past perfect continuous tense)
- (e) A grumpy old man with a red umbrella in his right hand was carefully unwrapping a big roll of newspaper. (Point out the subject and predicate)

4. Answer the following according to the instructions given : 1×10=10

- (a) Finally, a glimmer of light came out of the darkness. (State whether the underlined group of words is a phrase or a clause)

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(b) Smoking is a serious offence in public places today.

(Name the part of speech of the underlined word)

(c) In the beginning there was nothing to see.

(State whether the underlined group of words is a phrase or a clause)

(d) Economics (is/are) a branch of study in colleges. (Choose the correct word)

(e) The sweets were distributed _____ the orphans.

(Provide a suitable preposition)

(f) Mizo as well as English (is/are) taught here. (Choose the correct word)

(g) I was in Delhi when Prime Minister Modi won the elections.

(Pick out the adverb clause)

(h) There are _____ nurses in the hospital. (Supply a suitable adjective)

(i) One of my friends (has/have) left the country. (Choose the correct word)

(j) Either the dog or the cat (has/have) taken it. (Choose the correct word)

UNIT—III

5. (a) Respond to the following advertisement referring to yourself as X : 10

Required a fresh graduate in any discipline for the post of Assistant Project Manager under Rihnim Bamboo Processing Pvt. Ltd., Ramhlun, Aizawl. Pay—₹ 45,000 monthly (fixed) with accommodation. Interested person may apply to the undersigned in plain paper with a complete resume on or before 15th December, 2015.

Sd/-

Director

Rihnim Bamboo Processing Pvt. Ltd.
Ramhlun, Aizawl

Or

(b) You are a reporter for a local newspaper. You are called to witness the opening of a new public library in your town. Write a report of the event filling in the details using your imagination. 10

Or

(c) Draft a technical proposal to be submitted to the Branch Manager, IDBI Aizawl for setting up of a manufacturing unit of your choice. Invent necessary details. 10

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6. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Throughout North America, wherever bears live, they have been honoured as powerful figures associated with healing. Because bears hibernate in winter, they are symbols of renewal and seasonal change. The Plains tribes refused to eat bear meat because they considered bears to be their ancestors. Bears were central to the basic rites of many tribes and were celebrated in the initiation of young people—both boys and girls—into adulthood, shamanistic and healing rituals, and hunting practices. Bear Dances were held by many tribes for a variety of purposes—to heal the sick and those injured in battle, to prepare for war, to welcome and honour bears when they emerged from hibernation in the spring, and to protect people from attacks by bears. A bear kachina (which the Zuni call Aincekoko) takes part in the Zuni Mixed Dance held each spring. For the Zuni, Bear is the beast god symbolizing the west. According to Yavapai tradition, Bear was the first great shaman, Tribes of the western subarctic also portrayed the bear as an animal shaman. Among many tribes, shamans with bear power were believed to be the greatest healers of all. Shamans with bear spirit helpers wore bearskin robes and

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necklaces of bear claws; kept bear claws, teeth, and other body parts in their medicine bundles; and painted bear signs on their faces and bodies.

Questions :

- (a) Write the summary or the abstract. 5
(b) Make notes. 5

Or

Make a précis of the given passage in one-third of its original length. Supply a suitable title. 10

UNIT—IV

Oral Communication : 15 marks
(To be conducted in the college)

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