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I/GENG (All Stream)

2016

( 1st Semester )

GENERAL ENGLISH

( Science, Home Science, Arts  
and Commerce )

FIRST PAPER

( Language and Writing, Communication Skills )

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) "Good English, well spoken and well written, will open more doors than a college degree."

Discuss the importance of English language in the light of the above statement.

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(b) What is communication? Explain and discuss the process of communication focussing clearly on the elements of communication.

(c) Write short notes on the following :

(i) Interpersonal barrier

(ii) Physical barrier

(d) What is e-mail communication?

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

Or

As a former student, write an e-mail to your Professor Mr. David, thanking him for his teaching and guidance that contributed to your academic success. Sign the e-mail as Robert.

UNIT—II

2. Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets : 1×5=5

(a) The committee \_\_\_\_\_ (debated/debate) on these questions carefully.

(b) Your pants \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) at the cleaners.

(c) Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (know/knows) the trouble I've seen.

(d) The man with all the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (live/lives) on my street.

(e) The players, as well as the captain, \_\_\_\_\_ (want/wants) to win.

3. Change the voice of the following : 1×5=5

(a) May God bless you with success!

(b) Children love the rainbow.

(c) Who broke this dish of butter?

(d) You are requested to keep quiet.

(e) Rosy will stitch the dress in a week.

4. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : 1×10=10

(a) He said, "My father is reading his book." ( Change the speech )

(b) I wrote a letter. ( Change into present perfect continuous )

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(c) The man who has just spoken is a Member of Parliament.

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

(d) Let no guilty man escape.

( Pick out the subject )

(e) The rain began to fall.

( Supply a suitable adverb )

(f) He is fond \_\_\_\_\_ tea.

( Provide a suitable preposition )

(g) He accompanied me (till/to) the station.

( Choose the correct word )

(h) I know German (beside/besides) English.

( Choose the correct word )

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(i) I requested my father to let me go to Delhi.

( Change into direct speech )

(j) They were involved in a heated argument.

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

UNIT—III

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

Applications are invited for the post of a Manager at Holy Land Electronics. The candidate should be an MBA having at least 3 years' experience in the same field. Starting salary is ₹ 25,000 p.m. Apply to the CEO, Holy Land Electronics, Zarkawt, Aizawl, Mizoram. Provide resume.

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Or

(b) You are a reporter for a local newspaper. You have witnessed a car accident in your locality. Write a report on the accident providing necessary details.

Or

(c) Draft a technical proposal to be submitted to the Manager, ISD, Aizawl for the production of any item of your choice. Invent necessary details.

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

There is a story of a man who thought he had a right to do what he liked. One day, this gentleman was walking along a busy road, spinning his walking-stick round and round in his hand, and was trying to look important. A man walking behind him objected. "You ought not to spin your walking-stick round and round like that!" He said. "I am free to do what I like with my walking-stick," argued the gentleman. "Of

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course you are," said the other man, "but you ought to know that your freedom ends where my nose begins." The story tells us that we can enjoy our rights and our freedom only if they do not interfere with other people's rights and freedom.

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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