

Model Question Paper
Communication Skills
4th Sem. 2nd Semester.

Ques (a) Rectify the mistakes, if any in the following sentences. (10)

- 1) People say that it's filled with pneumonia.
- 2) The consensus of opinion is that the job will not be entirely finished until October.
- 3) Our examination begins from Wednesday.
- 4) Little money is better than none.
- 5) Health is more preferable than wealth.
- 6) He hunted his dog.
- 7) Either you or I am guilty.
- 8) He needs spectacles.
- 9) Everyone of them lost their shirt.
- 10) Though she worked hard, but she failed.

(b) Do as directed (5)

- (i) Do not abuse anyone. (Change the voice)
- (ii) English was taught to me by your father. (Change the voice)
- (iii) The sage said, "steal not those who help themselves." (Change the statement)
- (iv) Use your common sense. (Add a question tag)
- (v) If I were you, I _____ (go) a bit slower. (Complete the conditional clause)

(C) Give one word substitution for the following:

(20) (2.5)

- (i) A book published after the death of its author
- (ii) A contagious disease which spreads over a large area
- (iii) A person who speaks two languages
- (iv) Study of mankind
- (v) A speech delivered without any previous preparation

(D) Use the following idioms and phrases in your sentences

- (i) a rock and a hard place
- (ii) to burn the midnight oil
- (iii) to cry for the moon
- (iv) to make the cat eat its tail

(2.5)

(E) Write one antonym and one synonym for each of the following words. (2.5)

- (i) Tolerance
- (ii) Surplus
- (iii) Brutal
- (iv) Pious
- (v) Credits

(F) Make the sentences from the following pair of words to differentiate their meanings: (2.5)

- (i) Adapt, adept
- (ii) Allusion, Illusion
- (iii) Explicit, Implicit
- (iv) Therapist, temper

(G) Give a technical description of any one of the following: (5)

- (i) Speedometer
- (ii) Watch
- (iii) Calculator
- (iv) Mirror

(H) What is technical writing? What are the various characteristics of technical writing? (5)

(I) Comment on the use and significance of charts, graphs and tables. (5)

(J) Write a paragraph of 200-250 words on any one of the following topics: (5)

- (i) My Right, my vote
- (ii) Women Empowerment
- (iii) Child Trafficking

Write short notes on the following:

- (i) Topical Sentence
- (ii) Analytical and Argumentative writing

What are the different ^{method} ~~types~~ of reading, explain. (5)

(5)

Explain the acronym ~~SELF~~ ^{method} in context of reading techniques.

Q6 Define Indianism. What are the various levels of Indianism? (5)

Q7 Write a brief note on the following (any two) (5) 2.5 x 2

- (a) Use of language in *What I Believe*?
- (b) State the ways to improve public speaking on the basis of reading of the text written by James Bryce.
- (c) What according to Salim Ali is the basic problem for the degradation of environment?
- (d) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam believes that work brings success. Discuss.
- (e) What could be the principles of good writing according to A. Hill?

Q8 Faith according to E.M. Foster is a stiffening process. Do you believe that in contemporary scenario faith is no longer required?

or

Why does Kalam question the term 'workaholic'? What does it imply to him?

Q.9 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Do we know the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Is there a need to know the difference between them? Are we well equipped to handle the vagaries of existence with what is known to us? Knowledge means all that we acquire from what we read, hear or see. Wisdom means the ability to choose from what is available to us and then use it for our own benefit. Today, the world has started talking about the value based education. What does it mean? In simple terms it means two things. First, it accepts that current education has badly let down. Secondly, it lays stress on values, and hence wisdom, instead of mere knowledge. How do we acquire this value based education? The answer becomes simple if we need education. We need education only to make us live better and more joyously. Once we know this we must add only those things in education which achieve this aim. The dictum that "a healthy mind can exist only in a healthy body" is a time tested one. Schools, thus become sources of healthy bodies too. This can best be achieved by yoga because games are beyond our financial capabilities. Yoga is very beneficial. It occupies so little space, and can be done without the least bit of fuss. One wonders why schools have not adopted it as a mandatory subject at all levels.

Questions:

- 1. What does knowledge mean? (1)
- 2. What does wisdom mean? (1)
- 3. Why is yoga ideal for schools? (1)
- 4. What does value based education convey? (2)
- 5. Why, according to the writer, do we need education? (2)
- 6. Write a précis for the passage and give a suitable title. (3)