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Civil Engineering

HS 8151 — COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

(Common to all Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations 2017)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Identify the countable and uncountable nouns in the following sentences. (4 × ½ = 2)
 - (a) Sugar and salt must be taken in moderation.
 - (b) The carpenter made tables.

2. Choose the most suitable option of the four given alternatives to fill in the blanks in the following sentences. (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) The astronauts made extensive notes of their _____ on the planetary mission.
 - (i) Measures, (ii) measurements, (iii) metrics, (iv) metres
 - (b) Data collected by the equipment will be analyzed to determine any structural _____ in the tower.
 - (i) Errors, (ii) fallacies, (iii) mistakes, (iv) flaws

3. Frame 'WH' questions for the responses given. (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) I prefer the model you showed me previously.
 - (b) The party begins at 7.00 pm.

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the science _____ developing computers that can learn and follow instructions _____ great accuracy and speed. An example _____ AI is the use _____ expert systems.

5. Use appropriate conjunctions and combine the following sentences. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

- (a) The parents could not afford to pay the fee. They decided to enrol their daughter anyway.
(b) Can we eat sandwich? Can we have coffee?
(c) Amit started to cry at the end of the movie. The dog has a tragic death.
(d) Milo lives lives on Oak Street. His brother lives nearby.

6. Give single word substitutes for the following. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

- (a) A company with branches in many countries.
(b) One who looks at the brighter side of things.
(c) A speech made without any preparation
(d) Fit to be eaten

7. Complete the passage by filling the blanks with suitable tense forms. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

Nanotechnology _____ (deal) with all the processes that tend to manipulate with matter on an atomic and molecular scale. They work on developing materials or devices that _____ (possess) at least one dimension within one hundred nanometer in size. Nanotechnology _____ (have) a great future. It can not only improve vast area of current applications but can also _____ (create) new materials and devices.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs from the options given below. $(2 \times 1 = 2)$

- (a) Tina finally _____ with her best friend Mira. They hadn't been talking for a few days.
(i) Put down
(ii) Made up
(b) The relatives argued over the baby's nose-whether it had _____ the paternal or maternal grand mother.
(i) Taken after
(ii) Taken care of

9. Identify the following sentences as fixed and semi fixed expressions.

- (a) Pleased to meet you.
(b) Would you like some more coffee?

10. Rewrite the following sentences with modal verbs given in brackets.

- (a) I left for Trichy on the sixth of December. (will)
(b) She filled out an application. (can) correctly.

PART B - $(5 \times 16 = 80)$ marks)

11. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

$(8 \times 2 = 16)$

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

Questions:

- (a) The 16th century was an age of great _____ exploration.
- (i) cosmic
 - (ii) land
 - (iii) mental
 - (iv) common man
 - (v) none of the above
- (b) Magellan lost the favor of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____.
- (i) entanglement
 - (ii) discussion
 - (iii) negotiation
 - (iv) problem
 - (v) none of the above
- (c) The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction.
- (i) north and south
 - (ii) crosswise
 - (iii) easterly
 - (iv) south east
 - (v) north and west
- (d) One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent.
- (i) coastline
 - (ii) mountain range
 - (iii) physical features
 - (iv) islands
 - (v) none of the above
- (e) Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____.
- (i) coast
 - (ii) inland
 - (iii) body of land with water on three sides
 - (iv) border
 - (v) answer not available

- (f) The passage was found near 50 degrees S of _____.
- (i) Greenwich
 - (ii) The equator
 - (iii) Spain
 - (iv) Portugal
 - (v) Madrid
- (g) In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the International Date Line.
- (i) imaginary circle passing through the poles
 - (ii) imaginary line parallel to the equator
 - (iii) area
 - (iv) land mass
 - (v) answer not available
- (h) Give a suitable title for the passage.

12. (a) Describe any household appliance of your choice assuming that you are selling it to a customer. (Use appropriate vocabulary). (16)

Or

- (b) Describe the electronic gadget that you had bought recently. Assume you are describing it to your friend.

13. (a) Rearrange the following jumbled sentences in the correct order. (8 × 2 = 16)

- (i) The first settlements in North America took root and flourished in early Stuart times.
- (ii) By the middle of the 1700s, these scattered colonies had begun to grow into a powerful and profitable empire.
- (iii) By 1602, both England and the Netherlands had founded an 'East India Company' on the Indian coast to trade with the Far East.
- (iv) In 1661, Britain gained her first African foothold, seizing James Island on the Gambia River.
- (v) And gradually the empire grew to a great extent by 1821.
- (vi) By the 1750s, the British Navy was the ruler of the seas.
- (vii) Britain had started her collection of overseas colonies in the reign of Elizabeth I.
- (viii) By 1763, Britain had won most of France's territory in North America.

Or

(b) Prepare a conversation for the following situation.

A student who had joined first semester asking the librarian about the rules to be followed in the library. (Write eight exchanges).

14. (a) Your college is hosting the Annual Science Conference. Write a letter persuading your friend in another city to attend it.

Or

(b) Your friend wants to buy a new mobile phone and asks your opinion about it. Write a letter about the best features to look for in a phone.

15. (a) Prepare a speech outline on the topic-Today's children play more on the phone than on the field.

Or

(b) Write an argumentative essay on the topic-Sports and Academics need equal importance.