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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Follow instructions strictly.

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

Is meaning conveyed only by the words we use ? Or, is part of the message conveyed through tone, volume, posture, eye contact and facial expression ?

A study states that only 7 percent of human communication occurs through language, 38 percent is conveyed through 'voice' and 'tone'; and 55 percent is conveyed through body language. This has interesting implications for language learning because different societies differ in the ways in which they use these forms of communication.

Among farming communities speaking loudly is acceptable behavior. People call out to each other loudly and thump each other on the back on happy occasions or when they are among equals. People in the West however, use more subdued tones and gestures.

Similarly, notions of public and private spaces also differ. Europeans dislikes touching the body above the forearm but Arabs greet each other with a warm embrace. In Eastern cultures, touch is associated with warmth, comfort and empathy. However, since touch is also associated with intimacy, there are

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restrictions imposed by tradition as to who should touch whom, when and in what circumstances.

Furthermore, a given communication function may be fulfilled verbally in one society. In another there may be no verbal means available, and the function is fulfilled by a gesture or a facial expression. Depending on need, motivation and exposure, learners pick up these aspects of culture and language as they proceed.

(i) Read the above passage carefully and complete the sentences given below :

- (a) Part of the message is conveyed through
- (b) A study states that 38 percent of human communication is conveyed through
- (c) Among farming communities speaking loudly is
- (d) In Eastern culture, touch is associated with
- (e) When there are no verbal means available a given communication function may be fulfilled by (5)

(ii) Find words from the passage that are opposite in meaning to the words given below :

- (a) Uninteresting
- (b) Unacceptable
- (c) Like
- (d) Indifference
- (e) Discomfort (5)

2. (a) State whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) :

- (i) Anyone who knows the grammar of a language can be said to know that language.
- (ii) Indianisms are nothing but grammatical mistakes.

- (iii) The expression 'to axe your own feet' is an example of code-mixing.
- (iv) Some dictionaries indicate the origin of words.
- (v) Informal and slang words can freely be used in formal situations.
- (vi) There is little or no difference between being respectful and being polite.
- (vii) Body language, tone and posture convey more than words.
- (viii) All languages are written from left of the page to the right
- (ix) Ideographs have little or no relationship with pictographs.
- (x) The English alphabet has 5 vowels and 21 consonants. (5)

(b) Write short answers to any **five** of the questions given below :

- (i) What is Indianism ? Give at least two examples.
- (ii) Explain what is meant by bilingual and multilingual.
- (iii) Can we show politeness and deference through English language ?
How ?
- (iv) What is acceptable behaviour in farming communities ?
- (v) What is meant by skimming ?
- (vi) What is 'reading between the lines' ?
- (vii) What is a Prohibition sign ? Give two examples.
- (viii) What are logographs ? Name at least two languages where logographs are used extensively. (10)

3. (a) Make new words by adding prefixes like fore-, pre-, post-, re-, ir- etc. to the following :

- (i) regular
- (ii) knowledge

(iii) mortem

(iv) build

(v) marital

(5)

(b) Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate word from the bracket :

(i) '_____ Christmas and a _____ New Year Jim. Where's Susie?' (gay/merry/happy)

(ii) 'Well, I'm taking my _____ for boating at the Purana Quila this weekend. Why don't you bring yours along?' (children/offspring/kids)

(iii) 'No, no, he wasn't ill. He _____ in sleep.' (demise/passed away/expired)

(iv) 'My contract with this company will _____ at the end of this month.' (finish/expire/end)

(v) 'Don't _____ business with pleasure. It doesn't work.' (blend/mingle/mix)

(vi) 'I _____ (take/have) pleasure in confirming our ability to _____ your requirement.' (meet/match)

(vii) 'Please place your _____ for the agreed equipment as soon as possible.' (request/order/demand)

(viii) 'Can we go for a long _____ in the evening?' (ride/drive/stroll)

(10)

4. (a) Fill in the blanks using appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

(i) She _____ (cooked/was cooking) dinner when the door-bell rang.

(ii) The little boy did not remember what his mother _____ (asked/had asked) him to buy.

- (iii) Water _____ at zero degree Celsius. (freeze/ freezes).
- (iv) We _____ (spent/have spent) all our money. We shall have to walk home.
- (v) I _____ (did not read/haven't read) a newspaper since the past one week.
- (vi) The fire _____ (was burning/ had been burning) for three hours.
- (vii) I _____ (hear/am hearing) that you have bought a new house.
- (viii) Tea _____ (made/is made) from the leaves of the tea plant.
- (ix) He _____ (go/goes) to office daily by bus.
- (x) Although there are thousands of volcanoes in the world, most of them _____ (were/are) dead. (10)

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the ones given. One word is extra :

briefcase	carton	razor	grinder	saucepan
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- (i) An apparatus for crushing things into small grains or powder _____ .
- (ii) An instrument with a sharp blade used for shaving hair from the skin _____ .
- (iii) A leather or plastic case for documents, important papers etc. _____ .
- (iv) A cardboard box for holding goods _____ .
- (v) A deep metal cooking pot, usually round with a lid and a handle _____ . (5)

5. Write a short essay on any **one** topic :

(i) Violence in Indian cinema

(ii) Politicians today

(iii) Is Delhi safe for women ?

(10)

6. Prepare an advertisement for selling your old television. Provide details of make, model, features, condition etc.

Or

Write a notice for the College notice board about a bag you have misplaced. Include a description of the bag, what it contains and where it should be deposited if found.

(5)

7. Make a list of at least 10 points on any **one** of the following :

(i) The Delhi Metro Rail.

(ii) The role of television in our lives.

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