

**Certificate in Communication Skills**  
**Term End Examination**  
**December 2016**  
**CCS-02: Reading Skills**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100  
(Weightage: 70%)

Figures on the right hand margin indicate marks.

**Section-A**

1. **Answer any one of the following questions in about 1000 words. Provide two examples for each answer.** [20 X 2= 40]
  - a. What are the differences between skimming and scanning? Explain with examples.
  - b. What is inferencing? Why do good readers continue to infer all through their reading? Describe with suitable examples.
  
2. **Read the following passage.**
  - a. State the main idea. [5]
  - b. State the supporting details. [10]
  - c. Give a suitable title. [5]

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had

shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

## Section-B

3. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

[10X2=20]

It is physically impossible for a well-educated or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts, just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money—ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money. A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so, and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—still his main notion of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergyman's object is essentially to baptize and preach, not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt, -- out to like them; yet if they are brave and well educated, the entire object of their lives is not fee. They, on the whole, desire to cure the sick, and, if they are good doctors, and the choice were fairly put to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men; their work is first, their fee second – very important always, but still second.

- a. Why does the writer think that it is physically impossible for a well-educated man to make money the chief object of his thoughts?
- b. What is the main notion of a soldier's life?
- c. What is the main object of a clergyman?
- d. What would the doctors do if they are given a choice between making money and curing people?
- e. What comes first for the brave and rightly trained men? Why?
- f. Why does the writer say that fee is second though it is very important?
- g. Which of the following meanings is suitable for the word 'principal':
  - (i) Head of an institution
  - (ii) Main
  - (iii) Rule
- h. Find out the nouns in the passage which have been formed from verbs.
- i. Coward is to brave as 'sad' is to\_\_\_\_\_.
- j. Write down the different uses of the word 'object'.

**4. Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of the words given in brackets. [1X10=10]**

- (a) We should \_\_\_\_\_ with our neighbours to do good things. (collaboration)
- (b) The manager \_\_\_\_\_ the dog in its cage before going out. (unlock)
- (c) Manish's \_\_\_\_\_ to win a scholarship prompted him to study hard. (determined)
- (d) The old woman was \_\_\_\_\_ to know about her son's death. (heartbreaking)
- (e) I cannot tolerate the \_\_\_\_\_ of younger children. (defiantly)
- (f) Farmers depend upon agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ for their sustenance. (productive)
- (g) Selfish people often suffer from \_\_\_\_\_. (isolate)
- (h) I was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch the train just in time. (misfortune)
- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ upon my father's transfer, I have stopped going to my hobby classes.  
(consequences)
- (j) Mother Curie's \_\_\_\_\_ to her profession was matchless. (dedicated)

## Section-C

**5. Do as directed.**

**(a) Transform the following sentences as directed.**

**[1X5=5]**

- (i) She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. (complex sentence)
- (ii) He grumbles when you keep him ten years without it. (simple sentence)
- (iii) All healthy people like their dinners. (complex sentence)
- (iv) Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked by the authorities to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne.  
(change the voice)
- (v) Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune. (change the voice)

**(b) Correct the following sentences.**

**[1X5=5]**

- (i) Pierre and Marie's quarrelsome collaboration latter helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.
- (ii) She was the first woman to be allotted a professorship at the world-famous university.
- (iii) The politician and poet are dead today.
- (iv) Children cannot play with fire as it is dangerous.
- (v) All my friends are having bikes but I have none.