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**Term End Examination – December, 2019**

READING SKILLS

Certificate in Communication Skills (CCS)

*Time* : 3 hours

*Full Marks* : 100

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks*

Answer **all** Groups as directed

Group—A

**1.** Fill in the blanks of the following :

1×10=10

- (a) When do you —— your lunch every day?
- (b) We —— respect the tricolor in our day to day life.
- (c) I —— in this city for five years. How can you call me a newcomer?
- (d) Suraj —— to keep dogs which are happy and healthy.

- (e) No one of your friends —— worried about your problems.
- (f) The king as well as the Prince —— happy about the results.
- (g) —— I get you some tickets for the show?
- (h) I —— the time when the Principal announced the results.
- (i) If I had read well before the examinations, I —— secured very good marks.
- (j) The Mehtas —— a beautiful luxury car.

## Group—B

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about 100 words each :

5×4=20

- (a) Critical reading
- (b) Response chains
- (c) Style of a discourse
- (d) Auxiliary verbs
- (e) Stylistic analysis
- (f) Encyclopedic dictionary.

that the tree was miraculous and this was a nice and quick way to earn some more money. He ordered his family to pack some clothes and they set off as if on a journey. They also stopped under the same tree and Morris started commanding everyone as Mike had done. But no one in his family was willing to obey his orders. Being a rich family, they were used to having servants all around. So, the one who went to the river to fetch water enjoyed a nice bath. The one who went to get wood for fire went off to sleep. Morris's wife said "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?" Morris raised his hands and said, "Don't worry. He is watching all this from above. He will help us."

As soon as he finished saying, the thief jumped down from the tree with a knife in hand. Seeing him, everyone started running here and there to save their lives. The thief stole everything they had. Morris and his family had to return to the village empty handed, having lost all their valuables that they had taken with them.

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the tree, there was a thief hiding. The thief watched as Mike's family worked together and also noticed that they had nothing to cook. Mike's wife also thought the same and asked her husband, "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?" Mike raised his hands to heaven and said "Don't worry. He is watching all this from above. He will help us."

The thief got worried as he had seen that the family was large and worked well together. Taking advantage of the fact that they did not know he was hiding in the branches, he decided to make a quick escape. He climbed down safely when they were not looking and ran for his life. But, he left behind the bundle of stolen jewels and money which dropped into Mike's lap. Mike opened it and jumped with joy when he saw the contents. The family gathered all their belongings and returned to the village. There was great excitement when they told everyone how they got rich. Morris thought

## Group—C

3. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about 200 words each :

10×4=40

- (a) How are readability and comprehension related?
- (b) What is the role of reading in distance learning?
- (c) What are the methods of narrative analysis?
- (d) What things do we take into account while analyzing poetry?
- (e) What are Special Dictionaries? Explain two of them with suitable examples.
- (f) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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 happy personality. Her great love for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became unhappy,

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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 sadness. She sadly 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

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(c) Read the following passage and do as directed : 5×3=15

- (i) State the main idea.
- (ii) State the supporting details.
- (iii) Give a suitable title.

Mike and Morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the largest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer. Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. One fine day, Mike tired of not being able to feed his family properly decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone. With his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree. There was a stream running nearby where they could freshen up themselves. He told his sons to clear the area below the tree, he asked his wife to fetch water and he instructed his daughters-in-law to make up the fire. He started cutting wood from the tree himself. He didn't know that in the branches of

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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.

- (i) Where was Marie born?
- (ii) When did she become unhappy?
- (iii) Where did she earn her Master's degree and doctorate in Physics?
- (iv) When did Pierre die?
- (v) How did her husband's death affect Marie?
- (vi) When did her feeling of desolation start fading?

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- (vii) When and why was she awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry?
- (viii) Did Marie give up research after getting ill due to her continuous exposure to radium?
- (ix) The passage is full of adjectives like 'early' and 'happy'. Write down four such words from the passage.
- (x) Make a sentence using the word 'consequences'.

Group—D

4. Answer *any two* of the following questions in about 300 words each :

15×2=30

- (a) How can we improve our reading skills by using the SQ3R Technique?
- (b) What do you understand by foregrounding through parallelism? Explain in detail with suitable examples.