

Term End Examination-December, 2017
Certificate in Communication Skills
CCS-02: Reading Skills

Time: 3 Hours
Maximum Marks: 100

Figures on the right hand margin indicate marks.

Section-A

1. Answer two of the following questions in about one hundred words. 2X5=10

- (a) Types of text structures
- (b) SQ3R Technique
- (c) Appreciation of texts
- (d) Modals

2. Do as directed.

(a) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets. 5

- (i) The villagers complained that untimely rainfall _____ (spoil) their crops.
- (ii) I _____ (shall) consult the doctor immediately to prevent further damage to my teeth.
- (iii) Does Rohini _____ (has) any pen friends in Italy?
- (iv) One of Sania's friends _____ (have) lent her the bike.
- (v) Pratyush goes to college by bike everyday but today he _____ (go) to college by train.

(b) Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the errors. 5

- (i) We should not worry about small small problems.
- (ii) I like to watch movies in television.
- (iii) The postman asked to me my new address.
- (iv) We are not satisfied by your behaviour.
- (v) Simran is an European journalist.

Section-B

3. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow. 2X10=20

- (a)** Most of us nowadays carry the world in our pocket! It is amazing but true. The invention of mobile phones is a great achievement. A mobile phone can make us connected to the rest of the world within a second. Communication between people has become quite easy and very fast. We can keep in contact with others from any place on bus, in a street or in a meeting by sending message for less than the price of a call. It is also used to click photos and shoot videos. At the same time, parents can control their children and it is essential during emergencies. Business deals can be done on a single call through cell phone outside the office, in a park or in any shopping centre. This invention gets the world closer to a single point. Internet is also available on the cell phone. Today, mothers do not have to remain in tension if their sons or daughters are late. Businessmen do not have to queue up before a telephone booth to make an important call. Apart from making calls and sending SMS, the mobile phone is used as a multipurpose gadget. It is a calculator, time piece, calendar, voice recorder, media player, camera, gaming device, net browser and what not. Though mobile phone is a giant

step of technological advancement, its abuses cannot at all be overlooked. Talking or texting while driving may lead to accidents. Students misuse this tool in various ways and give way to social pollution. The radiations of mobile may be dangerous to health and may cause headache, earache and blurring vision. These invisible radiations destroy the cells located in ear and head which cause damage to the brain and nephrons in the head region. Its use at certain places causes disturbance sometimes, such as in a classroom etc. Mobile phones with camera are causing — privacy problems such as using it as a hidden camera to take pictures and making videos.

- (i) How does a mobile phone help us in communicating with others?
- (ii) How does a mobile phone get the world closer?
- (iii) How can the parents control their children with mobile phones?
- (iv) Why is a mobile phone an amazing invention? In what different ways can a mobile phone be used?
- (v) What are the main disadvantages of using mobiles?

(b) The tendency nowadays to wander in wildernesses is delightful to see. Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life. Awakening from the stupefying effects of the vice of over-industry and the deadly apathy of luxury, they are trying as best they can to mix and enrich their own little ongoings with those of Nature, and to get rid of rust and disease. Briskly venturing and roaming, some are washing off sins and cobweb cares of the devil's spinning in all-day storms on mountains; sauntering in rosinny pinewoods or in gentian meadows, brushing through chaparral, bending down and parting sweet, flowery sprays; tracing rivers to their sources, getting in touch with the nerves of Mother Earth; jumping from rock to rock, feeling the life of them, learning the songs of them, panting in whole-souled exercise, and rejoicing in deep, long-drawn breaths of pure wildness. This is fine and natural and full of promise. So also is the growing interest in the care and preservation of forests and wild places in general, and in the half wild parks and gardens of towns. Even the scenery habit in its most artificial forms, mixed with spectacles, silliness, and kodaks; its devotees arrayed more gorgeously than scarlet tanagers, frightening the wild game with red umbrellas, --even this is encouraging, and may well be regarded as a hopeful sign of the times.

- (i) The word 'wilderness' is made up of three components: wild, -er and -ness. Form four more such words by adding the suffix '-ness'.
- (ii) The passage is full of describing words. Find out four such words which have been used to describe nouns.
- (iii) The word 'rust' in the passage means:
 - 1. Decay
 - 2. Destruction
 - 3. Corruption
 - 4. Contamination
- (iv) The passage is full of verbs and verbal nouns(Gerunds) ending in -ing. Find out two verbs and two Gerunds (verbal nouns) from the passage.
- (v) 'Domestic' is to 'wild' as 'hopeful' is to _____.

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Section-C

4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 500 words. 2X20=40

- (a) What factors contribute to the readability of a text?
- (b) Why are reading skills important for enhancing communication skills?
- (c) How does a dictionary help us in improving our comprehension and interpretation of a text?
- (d) What is foregrounding? Discuss the different techniques of foregrounding with suitable examples.

5. Read the following passage and do as directed.20

- (a) State the main idea. [5]
- (b) State the supporting details. [10]
- (c) Give a suitable title. [5]

The tests of life are its plus factors. Overcoming illness and suffering is a plus factor for it moulds character. Steel is iron plus fire, soil is rock plus heat. So let's include the plus factor in our lives. Sometimes the plus factor is more readily seen by the simple hearted. Myers tells the story of a mother who brought into her home – as a companion to her own son- a little boy who happened to have a hunch back. She had warned her son to be careful, not to refer to his disability. The boys were playing and after a few minutes she overheard her son say to his companion “ Do you know what you have got on your back ?” The little boy was embarrassed, but before he could reply, his playmate continued “ It is the box in which your wings are, and some day God is going to cut it open and then you will fly away and be an angel.” Often it takes a third eye or a change in focus, to see the plus factor. Walking along the corridors of a hospital recently where patients were struggling with fear of pain and tests, I was perturbed. What gave me a fresh perspective were the sayings put up everywhere, intended to uplift. One saying made me conscious of the beauty of the universe in the midst of pain, suffering and struggle. The other saying assured me that God was with me when I was in deep water and that no troubles would overwhelm me. The import of those sayings also made me aware of the nether springs that flow into people's lives when they touch rock bottom or are lonely or guilt ridden. The nether springs make recovery possible, and they bring peace and patience in the midst of negative forces. The forces of death and destruction are not so much physical as they are psychic and psychological. When malice, hatred and hard heartedness prevail, they get channelled as forces of destruction. Where openness, peace and good heartedness prevail, the forces of life gush forth to regenerate hope and joy. The life force is triumphant when love overcomes fear. Both fear and love are deep mysteries, but the effect of love is to build, whereas fear tends to destroy. Love is generally the plus factor that helps build character. It creates bonds and its reach is infinite. It is true there is no shortage of destructive elements – forces and people who seek to destroy others and in the process destroy themselves – but at the same time there are signs of love and life everywhere that are constantly enabling us to overcome setbacks. So let's not look at gloom and doom – let us seek positivity and happiness. For it is when you seek that you will find what is waiting to be discovered.
