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## Question Paper Code : HS8151

B.E/B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATION, 2017

First Semester

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. Fill in the blanks with the correct words taken from the list : **(4×½=2)**  
(Delegation heritage collaborate eroded)
  - a) Mahabalipuram is a historic place with many \_\_\_\_\_ sites. Some sites are being \_\_\_\_\_ by the wind and water.
  - b) A high-level \_\_\_\_\_ from Japan visited India in order to \_\_\_\_\_ with India and start an electronics company.
2. Complete the dialogue framing suitable questions : **(4×½=2)**

A : Hi, \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B : I'm fine, \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A : I'm going to visit my grandfather in the village.  
B : Great! \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A : He's completing 75 years next week.  
B : Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ weekend ?  
A : I will be spending just a day in the village. The bus has come. Bye!
3. Add suitable prefixes to the underlined words to form antonyms : **(4×½=2)**  
(In im dis ir non)

- a) The worker is very honest in his work. He was also polite.  
b) The money I have is sufficient to buy the book. The book contains some relevant chapters.

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. : **(4×½=2)**

Google, \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration with Railtel, rolled out free WiFi service \_\_\_\_\_ Ooty station \_\_\_\_\_ Tamil Nadu, taking to 100 the railway stations where it offers high-speed internet \_\_\_\_\_ an estimated 10 million people.

5. Complete the sentences using the given adjective in the correct degree : **(4×½=2)**

Dubai is the \_\_\_\_\_ (large) city in the UAE. The Buildings in Dubai are \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) than the buildings in Mumbai. In fact the \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) building has 161 floors. Its skyline looks \_\_\_\_\_ (attractive) at nights than during the day.

6. Fill in using the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets : **(4×½=2)**

The Chennai Metro \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) its construction in the year 2009. The system \_\_\_\_\_ (commence) revenue service in 2015 after partially opening the first phase of the project. The network \_\_\_\_\_ (consist) of two colour-coded lines covering a length of 54.1 kilometers. It \_\_\_\_\_ (become) fully operational in 2021.

7. Substitute a single word for the underlined words in the sentence : **(4×½=2)**

Inflate, exotic, itinerary, marvellous, souvenir, enjoyment

- a) We are going to make the plan of our journey.  
b) You need to fill air into your life jacket.  
c) These trees are from South America, they are \_\_\_\_\_  
d) I bought some things as a reminder of the place.

8. Rewrite the following into indirect speech : **(2×1=2)**

Doctor : How long are you suffering from stomach ache ?

Patient : I've been suffering for the past three days.

9. Choose the word that collocates with the given word and complete the sentence : **(4×½=2)**

a) The man had a miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ (day/escape) when the bus \_\_\_\_\_ (fell/met) with an accident.

b) The patient is making good \_\_\_\_\_ (attempt/progress) after the accident. But his dog went \_\_\_\_\_ (alone/missing)

10. Complete the sentences using the correct modal verbs : **(4×½=2)**

a) Dengue fever is a mosquito borne fever and so we \_\_\_\_\_ keep our surroundings clean. If water stagnates, that \_\_\_\_\_ be used as a breeding place. (Obligation/Possibility)

b) The man \_\_\_\_\_ lift this heavy box. He \_\_\_\_\_ be very strong. (Ability/Probability)

**PART – B**

**(5×16=80 Marks)**

11. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America. At 35 years of age, the Georgia-born minister was the youngest person ever to receive the award.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta in 1929, the son of a Baptist minister. He received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 organized the first major protest of the civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated nonviolent civil disobedience to racial segregation. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and their nonviolent movement gained momentum.

A powerful orator, he appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and northern whites. In 1963, he led his massive March on Washington, in which he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address. In 1964, the civil rights movement achieved two of its greatest successes: the ratification of the 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which abolished the poll tax, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public facilities. In October of that year, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the prize money, valued at \$ 54,600, to the civil rights movement.

In the late 1960s, King openly criticized U.S. involvement in Vietnam and turned his efforts to winning economic rights for poor Americans. By that time, the civil rights movement had begun to fracture, with activists such as Stokely Carmichael rejecting King's vision of nonviolent integration in favour of African American self-reliance and self-defence. In 1968, King intended to revive his movement through an interracial "Poor People's March" on Washington, but on April 4 he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, by escaped white convict James Earl Ray, just a few weeks before the demonstration was scheduled to begin.

I. Choose the correct answer for the following questions : (10×1=10)

- 1) What did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., win the Nobel Peace Prize for ?
  - A) Nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice
  - B) African American self-reliance
  - C) Violent resistance to racial prejudice
  - D) African American self-defense
- 2) This article describes a sequence of events. What happened in the sequence of events before King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize ?
  - A) King donated \$ 54,600 to the civil rights movement
  - B) King turned his efforts to winning economic rights for poor Americans
  - C) King planned an interracial "Poor People's March" on Washington.
  - D) King led a massive March on Washington, in which he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.
- 3) Martin Luther King, Jr., was committed to nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice, even when facing people who disagreed. What evidence from the text best supports this conclusion ?
  - A) "The peaceful protests he led though out the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and their nonviolent movement gained momentum."
  - B) "A powerful orator, he appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and northern whites".
  - C) "By that time, the civil rights movement had begun to fracture, with activists such as Stokely Carmichael rejecting King's vision

of nonviolent integration in favor of African American self-reliance and self-defense”.

- D) “In the late 1960s, King openly criticized U.S. involvement in Vietnam and turned his efforts to winning economic rights for poor Americans.”
- 4) Based on the text, which of King’s qualities probably helped him most in gaining support ?
- A) his Nobel Peace Prize, doctorate degree in theology, and experience as a minister
  - B) his persistence, powerful speeches, and appeals to Christian and American ideals
  - C) his background as an African American from Georgia and his young age
  - D) his rejection of people who disagreed with his ideals or methods.
- 5) What is the main ideas of this text ?
- A) A powerful orator, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and northern whites.
  - B) The civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public facilities.
  - C) African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America.
  - D) On April 4, African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, by escaped white convict James Earl Ray.
- 6) Read these sentences from the text :
- “Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated nonviolent civil disobedience to racial segregation”. Based on this evidence, what is the meaning of the word “advocated” in this excerpt ?
- A) urged support of
  - B) resisted
  - C) acted against
  - D) criticized
- 7) Which of the following statements according to the passage is FALSE ?
- A) Martin Luther King awarded the prize money to civil rights movement

- B) Martin Luther King was the youngest one to receive the Nobel Prize
- C) Martin Luther King has a doctorate in Theology
- D) Martin Luther King supported the US in its war against Vietnam

- 8) "A person who makes formal speeches in public" is called
- A) A Speaker
  - B) A Priest
  - C) An Orator
  - D) A Lecturer
- 9) Which of the following words collocate with "meet with \_\_\_\_\_"
- A) my friend
  - B) violence
  - C) happiness
  - D) freedom

- 10) Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.  
King intended to revive his movement with the "Poor People's March" on Washington. \_\_\_\_\_, he was assassinated in Memphis a few weeks before the demonstration was scheduled to begin.
- A) Therefore
  - B) Moreover
  - C) However
  - D) Earlier

II. Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences : **(3×2=6)**

- 11) What did King advocate as a response to racial segregation ?
- 12) Identify two of King's achievements that contributed to his winning the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 13) Why might King's work and accomplishments have been considered especially prize worthy ?

12. a) Write a letter to your father about the Independence Day celebration in your college.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend about a cultural event that took place in your college campus.

13. Arrange **any one** of the following jumbled sentences in order :

- a) i) So I put the pot in a sunny spot by the window, and I added some water.
- ii) My grandfather loves to grow plants and last week, my Grandpa gave me some green bean seeds.
- iii) I checked on my plant every day. When the soil felt dry, I added more water.

- iv) I brought those seeds home and showed my mom who helped me get my green bean project ready.
- v) I now remembered that Grandpa told me that plants depend on water and sunlight to grow.
- vi) First, we put some soil in a pot and planted a few seeds.
- vii) What am I most excited about ? I cannot wait to eat the beans ! I think they will taste even better because I grew them myself.
- viii) Today, I saw a tiny stem. The plant is growing ! Over the next few weeks, more stems and leaves will grow. Then flowers will grow, too.

(OR)

- b) i) The geckos are great climbers and they can cling to smooth walls and hang from glass ceilings.
- ii) What is the secret to the gecko's power ?
- iii) Spider-Man ! Now you don't have to be a comic-book superhero to creep up walls.
- iv) They modelled the new tape after the feet of geckos, the little lizards.
- v) A gecko has millions of tiny hairs on the bottom of its feet.
- vi) Scientists have recently invented a powerful tape.
- vii) The hairs create a natural force between the gecko's feet and the wall.
- viii) Scientists are developing the sticky tape with billions of tiny plastic hairs based on the hairs on a gecko's foot.

14. Complete any of the following dialogues adding eight exchanges :

- a) Dialogue between a student in an college and the manager of a bank. The student had approached the manager requesting for an educational loan.

Student : Excuse me sir, Can I speak to you for a few minutes ?

Manager : Yes, How can I help you ?

Student : \_\_\_\_\_

Manager : \_\_\_\_\_

(Write eight more exchanges)

(OR)

- b) Prepare a telephone conversation between two friends A and B about the choice of their mobile phones.

A : Hi, How're you ?

B : Fine, What a surprise ! Anything important ?

A : \_\_\_\_\_

B : \_\_\_\_\_

(Write eight more exchanges)

15. a) How would you describe the place you live ? Describe in 200 words.  
Talk about the place, its special features etc.

(OR)

- b) Write an essay using the following hints. Develop into a narrative essay. Give a suitable title.

A memorable experience with a favourite family member

Which family member – what experience – where did it take place – how – was it good or bad – interesting and enjoyable or dull and boring – how and why is it memorable ?

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