

P-14/2115

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS-I

Paper-211

(Semester-III)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : All questions are compulsory.

SECTION-A

- I. (a) Discuss the theme of the story 'Green Parrots in a Cage'.

OR

Describe the charactersketch of Kabuliwallah. (10)

- (b) Answer any *five* questions in about 40-50 words each:
- Why does the narrator in "The Eyes Are Not Here" make pretence of studying the landscape?
 - Describe Mini's mother.
 - Who is Veerendra More and what does he do?
 - What does the Cab driver want?
 - Describe the attitude of the members of the family to Uncle Podger's habits.
 - What advice does the doctor give Gopal's wife?
 - What are Joe and Delia's ambitions? Do they reach their goal?
 - Describe the character of Kezia. How is she different from her family? (10)

SECTION-B

II. Several times in the history of the world particular countries and cities, or even small groups of people, have *attained* a high degree of civilization. Yet none of these civilizations, important as they were, have lasted; and one of the reasons why they did not last was that they were *confined* to a very few people. They were like little oasis of civilization in a desert of barbarism. Now it is no good being civilized in a desert of barbarism. Now it is no good being civilized if everybody round about you is barbarous, or rather, it is some good, but it is very risky. For the barbarians are always liable to break in on you, and with their greater numbers and rude *vigour* scatter your civilization to the winds. Over and over again in history comparatively civilized people dwelling in cities have been *conquered* in this way by barbarians coming down from the hills and burning and killing and destroying whatever they found in the plains. In the thirteenth century, most of Europe was overrun in this way by the Mongols from Central Asia, and such civilization as then existed was nearly destroyed. Thus, any person which has advanced in civilization too far beyond its neighbours has always been *liable* to be set upon and pulled back by the others, just as if you build a high tower without proper supports, it is always liable to fall down to the level of the lower building round about it. Read the above passage and answer the following questions:

1. Why do advanced civilizations not last for long?
2. Being civilized is very risky. Why?
3. Who destroyed civilization in most of Europe in the thirteenth century?

4. Who have been conquered by barbarians?
5. Who is liable to be set upon and pulled back by the others?
6. Give meanings of italicised words and use them in meaningful sentences. (10)

SECTION-C

- III. (a) Read the following paragraph carefully and compose the dialogue :

Rita and Gauri are having a conversation and Rita asks Gauri whether she has adjusted to her new hostel. Gauri says she has. Rita then asks her several questions about the hostel itself, how many girls live there, what the food is like and how often the girls are allowed to go out. Rita gives the details saying she is very happy in her new surroundings and suggests to her friend that she too must join the same hostel in the following year. (5)

- (b) Identify the error in each sentence and do the correction: (Attempt any 5)

- (i) His circumstance is not good.
- (ii) I never wear a goggle.
- (iii) One must do his duty.
- (iv) This is different to that.
- (v) The number of guests were large.
- (vi) Never tell lie.
- (vii) He said that he is coming.
- (viii) My friend invited me on tea. (5)

- (c) You are a journalist. You have been asked to visit several shops on the mall in Shimla to conduct a survey on the use of polythene bags. You are going to collect the information about the use of polythene bags/paper bags and to tell them about the disadvantages of polythene bags. Draft five questions covering the different points mentioned above. (5)

SECTION-D

- IV. (a) Write a letter of complaint regarding the short supply of goods.

OR

Write a letter to the manager of bank regarding status inquiry of the loan you have applied one month back. (10)

- (b) Develop a story on the basis of given hints :

A businessman advertised a post of trainee selected a boy with no recommendation his friend asked him why he had selected him replied that the boy was kind, thoughtful, courteous, generous, polite these were his letters of recommendation. (10)

- (c) Write an application with your resume for the post of Lecturer in Computers in a college. (10)