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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C–16)

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - 2020

DCE—FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours] [*Total Marks* : 80

PART—A 3×10=30

Instructions : (1) Answer **all** questions.

(2) Each question carries **three** marks.

(3) Answers should be brief and straight to the point and shall not exceed *five* simple sentences.

1. Write at least three reasons about the importance of Learning English for Diploma students.

2. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

(a) Having finished your dinner, ask the waiter in the hotel to get the bill.

(Make a request)

(b) Tell your younger brother to study well to get good marks.

(Write a sentence expressing suggestion)

(c) You saw your principal in the cinema hall on the first day of the movie release.

(Write a sentence expressing your feelings)

3. You want to invite the District Judge as the chief guest for the anti-ragging programme in your college. Make a call to his clerk to fix an appointment with him today evening to invite him.

4. Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

(a) Indus Valley Civilization is the oldest civilization in the world.

(Change into comparative degree using 'older')

(b) The police are looking _____ the thief who robbed the money from the ATM.

(Fill with the suitable preposition)

(c) Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.

(Change into positive degree using the phrase as ... as)

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verb :

(a) The boys _____ (play) cricket since morning.

(b) Vikram _____ (like) watching videos on YouTube regularly.

(c) John told the teacher that the _____ (finish) the homework.

6. Change the voice of the following sentences :

(a) Pruthvi asked a question yesterday.

(b) The clothes have been washed by the boy.

(c) The waiter served the tea hot.

7. Frame a sentence each in the following basic sentence patterns :

(a) S + V + SC

(b) S + V

(c) S + V + O + OC

8. Frame questions for the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

(a) Cyclone is very dangerous.

(Frame a question using 'What')

(b) Virat has been playing for India for nine years.

(Frame a question using 'How long')

(c) Cheetah is the fastest animal on land.

(Frame Yes/No question)

9. Change the speech of the following sentences :

(a) The father said to his sons, "Don't make noise."

(b) Raghu told Vikram, "We are going to college today."

(c) Police declared that they had arrested the thieves.

10. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

(a) He has come to the party very lately.

(b) Rajeswari is liking mangoes a lot.

(c) I am not only learning guitar but also keyboard.

PART—B

10×5=50

Instructions : (1) Answer **five** questions including Question No. **18** which is compulsory.

(2) Each question carries **ten** marks.

(3) Answers should be comprehensive and the criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given from the list in the brackets :

(directly, plants, production, problem, plough, immense, thereby, around, material, earth)

Earthworms are very useful creatures for us. They are the answer for every garden _____ that troubles us. The earthworms turn and freshen the soil, help in plant growth, and _____ increase the

crop _____. They can change the organic matter into nutritious plant-growing _____ called worm castings, where plants can be grown. These worm castings offer the _____ more important nutrients. Worms are also of _____ use for watering the plants. The water flows _____ to the roots through the worms which live _____ the roots. They create a consistent planting area and act as natural _____. If we take care of the earthworms, the earthworms will take care of the _____. So Charles Darwin aptly calls them the intestines of the earth.

12. Write sequenced instructions guiding your cousin for getting admission into a polytechnic through POLYCET.

13. *(a)* Frame two 'Yes' or 'No' (Confirmation) and three 'Wh-'(information) questions from the following paragraph :

R. K. Narayan is an Indian writer known for his novels and short stories. He was born in Madras on 10th October, 1906. He wrote more than thirty novels. The highlights of his novels are his characters and the humour that he draws from everyday life. He created an imaginary setting for his novels, which he named *Malgudi*. For his contribution, he received many awards like Padma Bhushan. His novels are also made into movies in many languages.

(b) Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

(i) My teacher congratulated me for my success.

(ii) One of my friends are going to visit my college next week.

(iii) Shreya Goshal is singing songs everyday.

(iv) Rakshitha is hardworking, doesn't she?

(v) Where is the scissors?

14. Write a well-organized paragraph describing the tourist place that you have visited recently.

15. Prepare a resume for N. Prasanna Kumar Reddy, B.Tech (Electronic and Communication Engg.), aged 23 applying for the position of Mobile Application Developer in Samsung India Ltd., Chennai.

16. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu Newspaper informing him about the problems related to drainage facilities, frequent power cuts and bad roads in your locality.

17. Read the following passage and make notes :

Television is considered a vast media for communication. Television is at the same time considered a media running in everyone's home carrying misinformation. Likewise, there are so many debates on the advantages and disadvantages of the television. Strictly speaking, this is true. Television carries the news from one corner of the world to another at the same time it carries so many unwanted programs. The educational programs in television are innumerable. Lots of programs are available on science and technology. Current news is made available with audio and visuals through television. Many learning programs and social programs are also telecasted in many channels. This will be a great way to induce and motivate people to know and excel in their fields of expertise. Women at home rely on television as their best companion. Women today cannot imagine a day without television. They can find television as a medium to bring everyone in the family together for some time. Many animated programs and cartoon channels are telecasted for kids and children. This also occupies the children when they are done with their assignments! For people who work the whole day, Television is a big stress buster. Watching various channels fun programs and songs would give them great relief.

Children start to become addicts to television. This ultimately spoils their studies. Another great disadvantage is that watching television for long hours might disturb a person's sleep cycle, routine and severely affects one's health too. The advertisements telecasted in TVs attract people to change their brands, increase their needs and wants. Most important is children start pestering for stuff that is telecasted on television. Though television played a vital role in carrying news and information across the world, it has considerably lost its importance in the society after the advent of computer and the Internet.

18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Do you every worry about your memory? Perhaps you go into a room and forget what you came for, go blank on names, mislay things? Or there may be something on the tip of your tongue, but you cannot get it off. Don't worry! You are perfectly normal. It is the nature of the mind to forget—and the nature of the man about forgetfulness.

Human beings have a prodigious memory. In a few cubic centimetres the brain stores more information than can be stored in a large computer. Today neurologists, psychologists, and biologists are studying the different aspects of memory. There are two types of memory; short-term memory lasts only few seconds, where you remember an OTP or any contact number from to dial. The long-term memory on the other hand lasts probably for life.

(a) What are the two examples of forgetfulness mentioned in the passage?

(b) "In a few cubic centimetres the brain stores more information than can be stored in a large computer." What does the author mean by this statement?

(c) Why does the author say not to worry about forgetting?

(d) What are the neurologists and psychologists involved in?

(e) Pick out a word from the passage with the same meaning as 'may be'.

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