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COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND HUMAN VALUES [HUM 1052 - 2020 -PHY]

Marks: 50

Duration: 180 mins.

A

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

In 100 countries around the world, women are barred from doing certain work solely because they are women. Over 150 countries have at least one law that is discriminatory towards women. Only 18 countries are free of any law disadvantaging women. This is just the tip of the iceberg of legal barriers for women to achieve their full economic potential. New World Bank Group research in the 'Women, Business and the Law 2016' report shows that in 32 countries women cannot apply for passports in the same way as men and in 18 countries they cannot get a job if their husbands feel it is not in the family's interest. Jordan and Iran are among them. In 59 countries, there are no laws against sexual harassment at work. Myanmar, Uzbekistan and Armenia are among 46 countries where there is no legal protection against domestic violence. The research makes for depressing reading when you care about inclusion and ending poverty. Countries whose laws discriminate against women and do not promote gender equality deteriorate economically. Previous research tells us that gender gaps in women's entrepreneurship and labour force participation account for estimated income losses of 27 per cent in West Asia and North Africa; 19 per cent in South Asia; 14 per cent in Latin America and the Caribbean; and 10 per cent in Europe. These are losses that many countries cannot afford, particularly those facing high levels of poverty. There is good news too: the world is more aware of the human and economic cost of mistreating women. When women are allowed to work in a profession of their choice, when they have access to financial services and when they are protected, by law, from domestic violence, they are not only economically empowered, they also help the country's growth. The more say they have over the household income and the more they participate in the economy, the more girls are enrolled in secondary school, the larger the benefits for their children, their communities, and their countries. The private sector too benefits from empowerment of women. A survey of 6,500 firms showed that where women had greater representation on boards, those organisations were less likely to be hit by scandals like bribery or fraud. Yet, surprisingly, only nine countries have laws where at least one woman has to be a board member of a publicly listed company. Policymakers have a choice. They can use the overwhelming evidence that shows the economic benefits of equality by ridding their system of discriminating laws that are holding women back. Or they can maintain the status quo and condemn whole societies to remain poorer than they need to be.

-Source, The Hindu, 10th September

- 1) Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage? (1)
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| There are nearly over 150 countries in the world where majority of the laws are discriminatory towards women. | Countries whose laws discriminate against women and do not promote gender equality suffer economically. | A survey showed that where women had greater representation on boards, those organizations were less likely to hit by scandals like bribery or fraud. | Only 18 countries are free of any law disadvantaging women. |
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- 2) According to the passage, promotion of gender equality helps countries to reduce poverty mainly (1)
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| by reducing domestic violence | by eliminating bribery or fraud at the private sector | by reducing income loss created by uneven participation | by providing the girls education |
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- 3) Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the word "deteriorate" as used in the passage. (1)
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| Evolve | Languish | Agonize | Decline |
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- 4) According to the passage, which of the following regions has shown a higher loss of income due to its lack of policy towards gender equality? (1)
- Latin America North Africa South Asia Europe
- 5) The author indicates that in order to progress, the policymakers (1)
- need to maintain the status quo need to remove certain laws need to condemn the society need to change the evidence
- 6) Answer the following in about 200- 250 words: (5)
- "Today's world is more aware of the human and economic cost of mistreating women." Do you agree with the view? Substantiate your answer.

B

Fill in the blanks with the correct option to complete the sentence

- 1) Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, the students have been working on the project _____ six months. (0.5)
- since for while between
- 2) Carlos informed the team members that he _____ the information related to the change in schedule to all the participants. (0.5)
- communicated has communicated had communicated was communicating
- 3) We _____ here last month with a lot of enthusiasm to explore the campus. (0.5)
- have arrived arrived had arrived were arriving
- 4) Everyone in my class as well as my friends in other sections _____ about the end semester examinations. (0.5)
- is apprehensive are apprehensive were apprehensive have been apprehensive
- 5) The committee decided to change _____ policy as all the members agreed upon the decision. (0.5)
- its their it's one's
- 6) One of the _____ of the students _____ about the use of Exam pad. (0.5)
- main concern. main concerns. main concern, is main concerns, is
- 7) A number of people have expressed the view that the Indian Cricket Team's victory in Australia is _____ ever by a visiting team. (0.5)
- best achievement a better achievement the best achievement best achievement
- 8) Each member of the basketball team _____ his alarm for six in the morning so that he can practice. (0.5)
- have to set had to set could set has to set
- 9) After a month at MAHE, I realize the significance of being a part of _____ of international repute. (0.5)
- an university a university the university university
- 10) My hostel warden and my teacher guardian visit me every Saturday to ensure that I can _____ with my studies. (0.5)
- cope cope up coping up cope along

C

Answer all the questions.

Identify the grammatically correct sentence in each of the following:

- 1) (1)
- A. All humans are uniquely different, just as every snowflake that fall to earth have a different pattern.
- B. All humans are uniquely different, just as every snowflake that falls to earth have a different pattern.
- C. All humans are uniquely different, just as every snowflake that falls to earth has a different

pattern.

- 2) A. We need to discuss about the matter and come out with a solution immediately. (1)
B. We need to discuss about the matter and turn up with a solution immediately.
C. We need to discuss the matter and come up with a solution immediately.
- 3) A. He had been an inadequate parent, moreover, he ended up in prison with a long sentence. (1)
B. He had been a inadequate parent, however, he ended up in prison with a long sentence.
C. He had been the inadequate parent, hence, he ended up in prison with a long sentence.
- 4) A. Self-development can take place only in a setting where either openness or honesty are encouraged, where there is no possibility of being judged. (1)
B. Self-development can take place only in a setting where either openness or honesty is encouraged, where there is no possibility of being judged.
C. Self-development can take place only in a setting where either openness or honesty is encouraged, where there are no possibility of being judged.
- 5) A. After she identified the criminal, she had been taken into safe custody. (1)
B. After she had identified the criminal, she was taken into safe custody.
C. After she had identified the criminal, she had been taken into safe custody.

D

Answer all the questions.

Choose the right word to fill in the blanks. Write only the word.

- 1) Sailors have special equipment to help them _____ through turbulent seas and oceans. (0.5)
(navigate/ retrench/ flourish)
- 2) Because he was an _____ criminal, he was sentenced to life imprisonment. (0.5)
(irrevocable/ ascetic/ incorrigible)
- 3) She has an _____ supply of enthusiasm, and readily takes on any task assigned to her. (0.5)
(elite /inexhaustible/ uncanny)
- 4) A huge _____ crowd gathered around the Commissioner's office to protest against the new bill. (0.5)
(presumptuous/ belligerent/ competent)
- 5) The organization has promised to eliminate _____ and unnecessary bureaucracy for increased efficiency. (0.5)
(cumbersome /prodigious/ austere)
- 6) Crime has increased on an _____ scale in these difficult times of increasing unemployment. (0.5)
(agnostic/ unprecedented/ incompatible)
- 7) The questionnaire was intended to _____ information on the eating habits of teenagers. (0.5)
(inundate/ elicit/ assuage)
- 8) The language difference proved to be an _____ barrier during the complicated negotiations between the two countries. (0.5)
(inept/ irrelevant/ insurmountable)
- 9) She managed to _____ the championship, inspite of the stiff competition she had to face. (0.5)
(retain/ concede/ combat)
- 10) I had the _____ task of cleaning up after the party, as my two roommates had left with the other guests. (0.5)
(prodigious/ precocious/ unenviable)

E

Read the following extract from the commencement speech given by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to class 2017 Harvard University graduates and write a response (your views) in about 250-300 words.

- 1) "...How many of you remember exactly what you were doing when you got that email telling you that you got into Harvard? I was playing Civilization and I ran downstairs, got my dad, and for some reason, his reaction was to video me opening the email. That could have been a really sad video. I swear getting into Harvard is still the thing my parents are most proud of me for. What about your first lecture at Harvard? Mine was Computer Science 121 with the incredible Harry Lewis. I was late so I threw on a t-shirt and didn't realize until afterwards it was inside out and backwards with my tag sticking out the front. I couldn't figure out why no one would talk to me - (5)

except one guy, KX Jin, he just went with it. We ended up doing our problem sets together, and now he runs a big part of Facebook. And that, Class of 2017, is why you should be nice to people. But my best memory from Harvard was meeting Priscilla. I had just launched this prank website Facemash, and the ad board wanted to "see me". Everyone thought I was going to get kicked out. My parents came to help me pack. My friends threw me a going away party. As luck would have it, Priscilla was at that party with her friend. We met in line for the bathroom in the Pfoho Belltower, and in what must be one of the all-time romantic lines, I said: "I'm going to get kicked out in three days, so we need to go on a date quickly."

Actually, any of you graduating can use that line.

I didn't end up getting kicked out - I did that to myself. Priscilla and I started dating. And, you know, that movie made it seem like Facemash was so important to creating Facebook. It wasn't. But without Facemash I wouldn't have met Priscilla, and she's the most important person in my life, so you could say it was the most important thing I built in my time here.

Today I want to talk about purpose. But I'm not here to give you the standard commencement about finding your purpose. We're millennials. We'll try to do that instinctively. Instead, I'm here to tell you finding your purpose isn't enough. The challenge for our generation is creating a world where everyone has a sense of purpose.

One of my favorite stories is when John F Kennedy visited the NASA space center, he saw a janitor carrying a broom and he walked over and asked what he was doing. The janitor responded: "Mr. President, I'm helping put a man on the moon".

Purpose is that sense that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, that we are needed, that we have something better ahead to work for. Purpose is what creates true happiness.

You're graduating at a time when this is especially important. When our parents graduated, purpose reliably came from your job, your church, your community. But today, technology and automation are eliminating many jobs. Membership in communities is declining. Many people feel disconnected and depressed, and are trying to fill a void. As I've traveled around, I've sat with children in juvenile detention and opioid addicts, who told me their lives could have turned out differently if they just had something to do, an after-school program or somewhere to go. I've met factory workers who know their old jobs aren't coming back and are trying to find their place.

To keep our society moving forward, we have a generational challenge - to not only create new jobs, but create a renewed sense of purpose.

I remember the night I launched Facebook from my little dorm in Kirkland House. I went to Noch's with my friend KX. I remember telling him I was excited to connect the Harvard community, but one day someone would connect the whole world. The thing is, it never even occurred to me that someone might be us. We were just college kids. We didn't know anything about that. There were all these big technology companies with resources. I just assumed one of them would do it. But this idea was so clear to us - that all people want to connect. So we just kept moving forward, day by day.

I know a lot of you will have your own stories just like this. A change in the world that seems so clear you're sure someone else will do it. But they won't. You will.

But it's not enough to have purpose yourself. You have to create a sense of purpose for others.

Today I want to talk about ways to create a world where everyone has a sense of purpose.

Our generation will have to deal with tens of millions of jobs replaced by automation like self-driving cars and trucks. But we have the potential to do so much more together.

Every generation has its defining works. More than 300,000 people worked to put a man on the moon - including that janitor. Millions of volunteers immunized children around the world against polio. Millions of more people built the Hoover dam and other great projects. These projects didn't just provide purpose for the people doing those jobs, they gave our whole country a sense of pride that we could do great things.

Now it's our turn to do great things. I know, you're probably thinking: I don't know how to build a dam, or get a million people involved in anything. But let me tell you a secret: no one does when they begin. Ideas don't come out fully formed. They only become clear as you work on them. You just have to get started. If I had to understand everything about connecting people before I began, I never would have started Facebook.

It's good to be idealistic. But be prepared to be misunderstood. Anyone working on a big vision will get called crazy, even if you end up right. Anyone working on a complex problem will get blamed for not fully understanding the challenge, even though it's impossible to know everything upfront.

Anyone taking initiative will get criticized for moving too fast, because there's always someone who wants to slow you down.

In our society, we often don't do big things because we're so afraid of making mistakes that we

ignore all the things wrong today if we do nothing. The reality is, anything we do will have issues in the future. But that can't keep us from starting.

So what are we waiting for? It's time for our generation-defining public works. How about stopping climate change before we destroy the planet and getting millions of people involved manufacturing and installing solar panels? How about curing all diseases and asking volunteers to track their health data and share their genomes? Today we spend 50x more treating people who are sick than we spend finding cures so people don't get sick in the first place. That makes no sense. We can fix this. How about modernizing democracy so everyone can vote online, and personalizing education so everyone can learn?

These achievements are within our reach. Let's do them all in a way that gives everyone in our society a role. Let's do big things, not only to create progress, but to create purpose."

F

Answer any **ONE in each question** for about 250-300 words with reference to the texts you have read:

- 1) A. The perception of 'beauty' and 'disability' is culture bound. What are your views on this? (5)
Elaborate.

OR

B. Dealing with the uncertainties of the future: Is Technology or Humanities the way forward? Justify your views,

- 2) A. Recognising one's limitations is a step towards true progress. Comment on this in the context of India and its place in the world today. (5)

OR

B. In an era marked by corporate greed, job insecurity, and cultural confusion in global markets, what does it mean to be a true professional? Elaborate.

G

Write an essay in about 500-600 words on any**ONE** of the following topics:

- 1) 1. Sensitivity in the use of Digital Media: Responsibility or Necessity? (10)
2. Should Space Exploration be a Priority for India?
3. The Education System in the post-pandemic World will never be the same.

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