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I SEMESTER – COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH [IHS 112]

(Branch: Common to all)

Time: 3 Hours

Date: 01 June 2021

Max. Marks: 100

- ✓ Answer any FIVE full questions.
- ✓ Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

1A Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in a sentence each: (10)

The great Acharyas have said that having discovered a great goal, surrender yourself to that goal and act towards it drawing your inspiration from that goal whereby you will get a new column of energy. Do not allow this energy to be dissipated in the futile memories of past regrets or failures nor in the imagined sorrow of the future or the present and thus bring the entire energy focused into activity. That is the highest creative action in the world outside. Thereby the individual who is till now considered most inefficient finds his way to the highest achievement and success.

This is said very easily in a second. But in order to train our mind to this attitude it needs considerable training because we have already trained the mind wrongly to such an extent that we have become perfect in imperfection. Not knowing the art of action, we have been master artists in doing the wrong thing. The totality of activity will bring the country to a wrong end indeed.

If each one is given a car, to achieve an ideal socialistic pattern, and nobody knows driving but everybody starts driving, what would be the condition on the road? Everybody has equal right on the public road. Then each car must necessarily dash against the other, and there is bound to be a jumble. This seems to be the very apt pattern of life that we are heading to. Every one of us is a vehicle. We know how to go forward. The point is that intellect is very powerful and everyone is driving but nobody seems to know how to control the mental energy and direct it properly or guide it to a proper destination.

- a. Quote a title that best expresses the main idea of this text?
- b. What is the author's main purpose in writing this text?
- c. According to the author, what will cause the country to perish?
- d. Give a synonym that best defines the word “dissipated” as used in the first paragraph?
- e. What is an individual expected to do after having discovered a great goal?
- f. According to this passage, what is the effect of the wrong training of the mind?
- g. What is considered to be the source of energy?
- h. Give a synonym that best defines the word “futile” as used in the first paragraph?
- i. What could lead to success, according to the author?
- j. What inference do you draw from the last paragraph?

1B Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary

(10)

- a. Many leading members of the opposition party had criticized the delay.
- b. I think she might be getting a bit old for this sort of travelling, do you?
- c. This is one of the most difficult question that has ever been asked.
- d. Neither cooking vessels nor groceries was brought by the travelers.
- e. In a joint family every member are looked after with great care by the elders
- f. I saved my document before the computer crashed.
- g. The family has never been to Alps before.
- h. A pair of gloves are lying on the bed.
- i. Peter reminded me my appointment with doctor
- j. The candidates hardly worked in the project by themselves.

2 A well-known Australian university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. (20)

Prepare a statement of purpose (SOP) of about 400-450 words stating why you deserve to be selected.

3A A well-known Australian university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. (10)

Prepare a Resume/CV to be submitted along with your SOP. The resume should include your personal details and other details.

3B Read the following speech (by Kare Anderson on Be an opportunity maker, TED@IBM, September 2014) carefully and write a response (your impressions) of about 250-300 words. (10)

My idea to reimagine the world is to see it one where we all become greater opportunity-makers with and for others. There's no greater opportunity or call for action for us now than to become opportunity-makers who use best talents together more often for the greater good and accomplish things we couldn't have done on our own. And I want to talk to you about that, because even more than giving, is the capacity for us to do something smarter together for the greater good that lifts us both up and that can scale. I also want to point something else out: Each one of you is better than anybody else at something. That disproves that popular notion that if you're the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong room. What I'm asking you to consider is what kind of opportunity-makers we might become, because more than wealth or fancy titles or a lot of contacts, it's our capacity to connect around each other's better side and bring it out. And I'm not saying this is easy, and I'm sure many of you have made the wrong moves too about who you wanted to connect with, but what I want to suggest is, this is an opportunity. I started thinking about it way back when I was a Wall Street Journal reporter and I was in Europe and I was supposed to cover trends and trends that transcended business or politics or lifestyle. So I had to have contacts in different worlds very different than mine, because otherwise you couldn't spot the trends. And third, I had

to write the story in a way stepping into the reader's shoes, so they could see how these trends could affect their lives. That's what opportunity-makers do. And here's a strange thing: Unlike an increasing number of Americans who are working and living and playing with people who think exactly like them because we then become more rigid and extreme, opportunity-makers are actively seeking situations with people unlike them, and they're building relationships, and because they do that, they have trusted relationships where they can bring the right team in and recruit them to solve a problem better and faster and seize more opportunities. They're not affronted by differences, they're fascinated by them, and that is a huge shift in mindset, and once you feel it, you want it to happen a lot more. This world is calling out for us to have a collective mindset, and I believe in doing that. It's especially important now. Why is it important now? Because things can be devised like drones and drugs and data collection, and they can be devised by more people and cheaper ways for beneficial purposes and then, as we know from the news every day, they can be used for dangerous ones. It calls on us, each of us, to a higher calling. So here's what I'm calling for you to do. Remember the three traits of opportunity-makers. Opportunity-makers keep honing their top strength and they become pattern seekers. They get involved in different worlds than their worlds so they're trusted and they can see those patterns, and they communicate to connect around sweet spots of shared interest. So what I'm asking you is, the world is hungry. I truly believe, in my firsthand experience, the world is hungry for us to unite together as opportunity-makers and to emulate those behaviors as so many of you already do — I know that firsthand — and to reimagine a world where we use our best talents together more often to accomplish greater things together than we could on our own. Just remember, as Dave Liniger once said, "You can't succeed coming to the potluck with only a fork."

Thank you very much.

4A Rewrite the passage correcting the errors and underline the corrections made. (10)

The tiny house movement began as a small grassroots effort, but the concept has intrigued so many people that it now has its own TV shows like "Tiny House Hunters" and "Tiny House Nation." **1.** A tiny house leaves more lighter carbon footprint, and so homeowners feel they are making a positive contribution to the world, said **2.** Sally Augustin, a environmental psychologist and the founder of Design with Science in Chicago. **3.** Besides their lower living costs, tiny abodes have many other attractive qualities that has annoyed the public's curiosity and the media's fascination with them. **4.** For example, some folks are drawn to those micro residences because of environmental concerns and their eco-friendliness. **5.** With little space and limited storage, a tiny house could also be part of a conscious shift toward a simpler life. **6.** Moving into one might require dramatic downsizing of clothing, housewares, furniture and other possessions, but the benefits are less house to clean and maintain, as well as lower housing payments and utility bills. **7.** Having a house that's their own, no matter how tiny, may strike some people as cozy and comforting, while others might consider as the living space cramped and claustrophobic. **8.** A tiny home is a very different way to live and some people who have an high need for uniqueness may view living in one as a psychological boost. **9.** The space constraints of tiny houses may made them unrealistic for families or older adults, she said. **10.** But

still, Augustin believes that the tiny house movement has a lot going for it financially, environmentally and even psychologically, and she suspect the trend will continue to grow, with communities of tiny homes popping up featuring shared facilities for self-storage, laundry or socializing. (293 Words)

4B Write a summary of the given passage (around 1/3 of its length) (10)

5 Answer ANY TWO of the following: (20)

- a. Critically analyse Santiago's character and his relationship with Manolin in the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- b. Explain the symbols/images and literary devices employed in *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway.
- c. Explain the significance of nature in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.

6 Answer ANY TWO of the following: (20)

- a. What are some of the themes represented in the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*?
- b. Write briefly the plot of the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- c. In the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*, the sea is characterized with both positive and negative connotations. Elucidate with reference to the events in the novella.

7 Write an argumentative essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words. (20)

- a. Humans should embrace new technologies at the expense of the natural world. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer in a detailed essay. Use facts, statistics and studies to supplement your views.
- b. The *prices* of diesel and *petrol* have hit an all-time high in India. "It is better to pay more taxes on diesel and petrol than on other products. It will help the environment and world peace." *Do you agree? Why or why not?*

8 Write an expository essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words. (20)

- a. *Procrastination* is a challenge all individuals face at one point or another. Explain the consequences of constant procrastination.
- b. *Teen depression* is a serious mental health problem that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest in activities. Why is teenage depression so common? How could it be dealt with?
