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COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours akubihar.com Full Marks : 70

Instructions :

- (i) The marks are indicated in the right-side margin.
- (ii) There are **NINE** questions in this paper.
- (iii) Attempt **FIVE** questions in all.
- (iv) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Answer any seven of the following :

(a) Match the words in Column—A with their meanings in Column—B : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Column—A	Column—B
d (i) Abundant	(A) Rise
a (ii) Escalate	(B) Reach its highest point
b (iii) Culminate	(C) Strikingly grand
c (iv) Spectacular	(D) Plenty

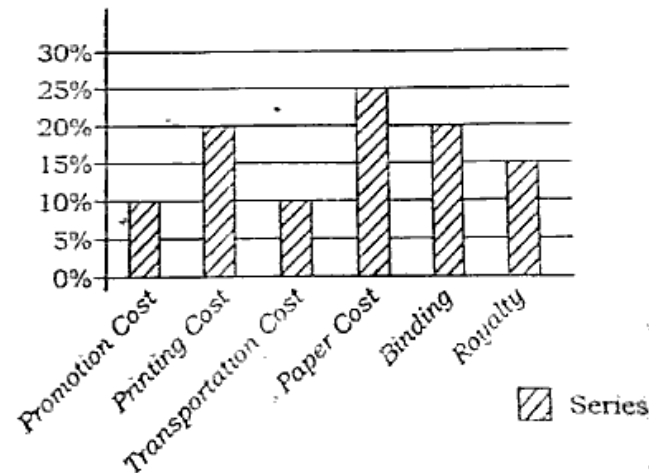
(b) Frame sentences using the given phrases : akubihar.com $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) Switch over
- (ii) Gone down

8. Write a set of eight recommendations—
- (a) that will help the public save petrol. 14
- Or
- (b) that should be followed to save water.

9. The following bar chart shows the percentage distribution of the expenditure incurred in publishing a book. Study the bar chart and write a paragraph presenting the information contained in it using expressions of comparison : 14

Various Expenditures (in percentage) Incurred in Publishing a Book



(c) Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form of the verbs given in brackets :

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(i) The government — (give) more attention to the development of dry land now. A programme — (launch) for rainwater harvesting in farmlands.

(ii) It — (rain) since morning and it — (stop) only an hour ago.

(d) Fill in the blanks by using correct form of the verbs that agrees with the subject

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(i) Everyone of the labourers — (is/are) given a reward.

(ii) Neither of the combatants — (was/were) able to break the record.

(e) Fill in the blanks with the comparative form of the adjectives given in brackets

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(i) Lead is — (heavy) than aluminium.

(ii) Platinum is — (precious) than silver.

(iii) Ravi is — (tall) than Suraj.

(iv) Computer works — (fast) than calculator.

(f) Use appropriate preposition to fill in the blanks :

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(i) I do not like being laughed —.

(ii) We stayed — Mumbai for five days.

(iii) The girl — red is attractive.

(iv) Sachin is endowed — special gifts.

(g) Join the following pair of sentences by using appropriate cause and effect expressions like *because*, *because of*, *due to*, etc.

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(i) The price of petrol has gone up. The essential commodities have become costlier.

(ii) There is a significant lacuna in today's education. There is a lack of industry and academia collaboration.

(h) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Just imagine — biology teacher explaining — respiratory system or just — body part like — larynx to the class.

(i) Edit the following passage by correcting mistakes in spelling, grammar and punctuation

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Science fiction are one of the most popular form of literature. It has a very

wide reading public its writers all over the world is trying to produce it

- b) Expand the following verbs into nouns by adding suitable suffixes : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(i) Protect protection

(ii) Attract Attraction

(iii) Purify purification

(iv) Deplete depletion

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2. Your company is considering a proposal to establish a new factory in a town nearby. The Managing Director has asked you to submit a report on the suitability of the place. Write a report explaining the advantage and disadvantage of this location. 14
3. Write an essay on any one of the following (maximum 500 words). 14
- (a) Advertising is a necessary evil
- (b) A bit of ragging is good for new students
- (c) Asia—the new superpower
4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow
- It is thus time for the Indian industry to enter into other areas of advanced ceramics as well. Ceramics are now entering into automobile and aircraft engines, with the

newer requirements for fuel efficiency, not only for economic reasons but for environmental reasons. As internal combustion engines and other energy conversion systems are likely to operate at higher and higher temperatures, ceramics have a unique advantage of heat resistance at these kinds of temperature, ceramics have also started competing with traditional machine tools. The cutting capability of ceramic is good for a number of applications. Ceramics can also be engineered to be biocompatible and are being used as replacements for broken bones. Some of the readers may already be having ceramics in the electronics industry. They form the base, called substrate, for a number of miniature electronic devices which are coated or etched on such substrates, keeping up the trends of micro-miniaturization. Many ceramic materials are crucial for advanced sensors. The tiny microphones in your tape recorders or in a collar mike have elements of ceramic in the form of piezoelectric crystals.

—India 2020—a vision for the
New Millennium

(A. P. J. Abdul Kalam with Y. S. Rajan)

- (a) What are the reasons for the use of ceramics in automobile and aircraft engines?

- (b) Give two examples of the use of ceramics in the human body. What does the word 'biocompatible' mean?
- (c) Which quality of ceramics is useful in manufacturing collar mikes or microphones in tape recorders?
- (d) Match the items under Column—A with that in Column—B to indicate connections between words or phrases :

Column—A

Column—B

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----|
| (i) Fuel | (A) Micro-miniaturization | |
| (ii) Substrate | (B) Machine tools | |
| (iii) Cutting capability | (C) Environmental concerns | 14 |

Write an application in response to the following advertisement in The Times of India. Enclose an appropriate CV .14

"Wanted fresh Engineering Graduates for Cascade Software Applicants should be willing to travel to all parts of India Preference will be given to candidates who have good communication skills "

Write a prectis of the following passage. Give a suitable title 14

The last three generations have witnessed a vast increase in the size and number of large

cities. Life is more exciting and more money can be earned in the cities than in the villages and small towns Hence the migration from country to city. In these, migrating populations have marched the ambitious, the talented, the adventurous. For more than a century there has been a tendency for the most gifted members of small rural communities to leave home and seek fortunes in the towns. Consequently, what remains in the villages and country towns is in the nature of a residual population, weak in spirit and intellectual gifts Why is it so hard to induce peasants and small farmers to adopt new scientific methods? Among other reasons, almost every exceptionally intelligent child born into a rural family for a century past has taken the earliest opportunity of describing opportunity of deserting the land for the city

As the Purchase Officer of Salt Lake Utilities you had ordered 20 'Pentium 4' computers from Micro Sun System When the consignment arrives, it is found that 7 of the computers are damaged. Write a letter requesting proper replacements 14