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First Semester

Civil Engineering

HS 3151- PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH - I

(Common to: All Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Choose the best option to complete the given sentences: (4 × ½ = 2)
- (i) I am planning to \_\_\_\_\_ in May or June.  
(a) get a holiday (b) have a holiday  
(c) make a holiday (d) go on a holiday
- (ii) I wouldn't do that if I were you. You are making a \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) huge mistake (b) biggest mistake  
(c) great mistake (d) massive mistake
- (iii) After \_\_\_\_\_, we decided not to buy the new equipment for the lab.  
(a) caring consideration (b) deliberate consideration  
(c) careful consideration (d) genuine consideration
- (iv) Our company is always on the \_\_\_\_\_ young and talented programmers.  
(a) search for (b) look out for  
(c) demand for (d) need for
2. Write a definition for any two of the following: (2 × 1 = 2)
- (a) Modem  
(b) Dictionary  
(c) GPS  
(d) Photo Copier

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms.  $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for the company for thirty years. Then I gave it all up.  
 (b) After Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ (swallow) his medicine, he \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to feel better.  
 (c) I \_\_\_\_\_ (just / finish) my assignment.

4. Combine the following sentences using appropriate causal expressions.

$(2 \times 1 = 2)$

- (a) The cyclone blew the roof off our house. We had to find another place to live.  
 (b) The ocean is extremely polluted. The coral reefs die.

5. Complete the following table with suitable form of words:

$(8 \times \frac{1}{4} = 2)$

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Addition		
	Confide	
		Equal
Strength		

6. Complete the following sentences using an appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets.  $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

- (a) My friends who are in the district team \_\_\_\_\_ (want / wants) me to play with them.  
 (b) Neither the cat nor the dogs \_\_\_\_\_ (is/ are) going outside.  
 (c) Even though the students like the class, a few \_\_\_\_\_ (think / thinks) that the subject is too complicated.  
 (d) The samples on the tray in the Geology lab \_\_\_\_\_ (need/ needs) testing.

7. Choose the correct one word substitute for the given phrases:  $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$

- (a) An act of returning something that was lost or stolen to its owner:  
 (i) Duty (ii) Restitution (iii) Atonement (iv) Reference  
 (b) An excessively morbid desire to steal  
 (i) Dipsomania (ii) Megalomania (iii) Pyromania (iv) Kleptomania

- (c) **Animals without backbone are called**  
 (i) Vertebrates (ii) Amphibians (iii) Invertebrates (iv) Omnivores
- (d) **Changing from one state or condition to another**  
 (i) Transition (ii) Backtrack (iii) Tweak (iv) Incision

8. **Frame two sentences using any two of the phrasal verbs given below:**  
 (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) broke into (b) look forward to (c) show up (d) back off

9. **Frame any four compound nouns from the given words. You can use one word only once.**  
 (4 × ½ = 2)

back	pan	eye	track	pour
down	sound	ground	witness	sauce

10. **Frame wh-questions for the following statements.**  
 (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) I got this sculpture from the new gallery in the city.

(b) Ravi met his old friend in the stadium last night.

**PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)**

11. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

**The Upside of Dyslexia**

We live in a society where reading is very important-not just for school, but for daily life. (Think street signs, maps, medicine labels, and allergy labels on food packaging.) So life can be hard for people with dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning disability that affects a person's reading ability. For people with dyslexia, the parts of their brains that process language aren't functioning the way they're supposed to.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, dyslexia was the most common learning disability in 2011. It is still common today. However, people with dyslexia can learn to cope with the disability so that they can succeed in life.

Says Emerson Dickman, president of the International Dyslexia Association in Baltimore: "Individuals who have difficulty reading and writing tend to deploy other strengths. They rely on mentors, and as a result, become very good at reading other people and delegating duties to them. They become adept at using visual strengths to solve problems."



Take, for example, Richard Branson, the successful founder of Virgin Atlantic Airways, who credits his dyslexia as his 'greatest strength.' As he explains it, he "got bored easily" in school because he couldn't read well, and teachers thought he was simply "lazy and not very clever." So he spent most of his time visualizing all the things he would do when he left school. After launching his first business at 16, he went on to start eight different companies and amass billions of dollars. "On one of my last days at school, the headmaster said I would either end up in prison or become a millionaire," Branson recalls. "That was quite a startling prediction, but in some respects he was right....!"

Branson is not the only entrepreneur who is dyslexic. In 2007, Julie Logan, a professor of entrepreneurship at the Cass Business School in London, did a study on entrepreneurs in the United States. Thirty-five percent of the entrepreneurs in the study identified themselves as dyslexic.

"We found that dyslexics who succeed had overcome an awful lot in their lives by developing compensatory skills," says Logan. 'If you tell your friends and acquaintances that you plan to start a business, you'll hear over and over, 'It won't work. It can't be done.' But dyslexics are extraordinarily creative about maneuvering their way around problems."

Well-known journalist Anderson Cooper, who has visited many battle-torn areas and conducted interviews about tough subjects, knows this fact firsthand. Diagnosed as dyslexic as a child, he relied on the help of a reading specialist. He says that she encouraged him to find books he was very passionate about. I don't think it's an accident that I became a war correspondent." Cooper says. "I'm interested in stories of survival: how some people make it through desperate times and others don't."

The television and film world also boasts a number of other dyslexic superstars. For example, Whoopi Goldberg, an Oscar-winning actress and comedian, was diagnosed with dyslexia after suffering through her school years. When she was a child, she couldn't understand why she struggled so much with reading.

"You can never change the effect that the words 'dumb' and 'stupid' have on young people," says Goldberg. However, she says, "I knew I wasn't stupid, and I knew I wasn't dumb. My mother told me that."

Now, Goldberg defines herself as a person who believes that "it is okay to feel differently than the pack." When asked about what it takes to be successful? Goldberg says, "We're born with success. It is only others who point out our failures and what they attribute to us as failure."

Clearly, people with dyslexia may face many obstacles. However, they shouldn't be discouraged. There are ways they can cope with it and lead very successful lives.

- (A) Answer the following questions based on the passage: (10 × 1 = 10)
- (1) According to the text, what does dyslexia affect?
- (a) Living a successful life
  - (b) People who are lazy
  - (c) The American Academy of Pediatrics
  - (d) A person's reading ability
- (2) What does the author describe in the passage?
- (a) Entrepreneurs who identifies themselves as dyslexic
  - (b) How Anderson Cooper became a war correspondent
  - (c) Celebrities who are coping with their dyslexia
  - (d) How Richard Branson founded Virgin Atlantic Airways
- (3) Richard Branson was not very successful in school. What evidence from the passage best supports this conclusion?
- (a) Branson's teachers thought he was lazy and not very smart.
  - (b) Branson spent his time visualizing what he would do when he left school
  - (c) Branson credits dyslexia as "his greatest strength."
  - (d) Branson launched his first business at sixteen and started eight companies.
- (4) Why might Whoopi Goldberg have been called "dumb" or "stupid"?
- (a) Because she thought she could become a famous actress
  - (b) Because she was not as intelligent as her classmates
  - (c) Because she listened to what her mother said
  - (d) Because she struggled so much with reading
- (5) The phrase "compensatory skills" in the passage means
- (a) Skills that are not necessary for life
  - (b) Skills that can only be gained from practice
  - (c) Skills that make up for a weakness
  - (d) Skills that are taught in textbooks
- (6) Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below:
- Dyslexic people have trouble reading and understanding text, \_\_\_\_\_ they often develop ways to cope with dyslexia.
- (a) so
  - (b) after
  - (c) for example
  - (d) otherwise



- (7) In the line, " Well-known journalist Anderson Cooper, who has visited many battle-torn areas and conducted interviews about tough subjects knows this fact firsthand." What is the fact referred by the author in this context?
- (a) cynical behaviour (b) creative manoeuvring  
(c) statistics about battles (d) importance of reading
- (8) Who considered dyslexia as their 'greatest strength'?
- (a) Richard Branson (b) Goldberg  
(c) Julie Logan (d) Anderson Cooper
- (9) In the sentence, '*it is okay to feel differently than the pack*', who does the pack refers to?
- (a) pack of cards (b) her family  
(c) friends (d) all other people
- (10) What is author's opinion about dyslexia?
- (a) He feels people with such disease should be given personal care  
(b) Dyslexic people, in spite of many obstacles, shouldn't be discouraged.  
(c) People with dyslexia are mostly educated people  
(d) Dyslexia, as a disease has affected mostly poorer children.
- (B) Say True or False (3 × 1 = 3)
- (1) Dyslexia is a chronic disease that is genetic in nature.  
(2) After undergoing suffering during school days, Whoopi Goldberg today feels that it is okay to be different from others.  
(3) In a study conducted to find about dyslexic people, it was found that more than 50% of the study population were dyslexic.
- (C) Choose the right meaning for the highlighted words: (3 × 1 = 3)
- (1) What is a 'startling prediction'?
- (a) amazing (b) shocking  
(c) disquieting (d) humbling
- (2) 'To become adept at' means?
- (a) to become interested  
(b) to become addled  
(c) to become proficient  
(d) to become shocked

(3) What did the author mean when he says 'tend to deploy'?

- (a) likely to use
- (b) tired to attend
- (c) told to arrange
- (d) tasked to play

12. (a) You are a member of the Cyber Club in your college. As part of social media awareness, your club plans to put up posters about Cyber Crimes. You have been asked to put up a set of eight instructions that have to be followed by users on social media. Your set of instructions should comprise of dos and don'ts in social media for teenagers. (16)

Or

(b) As a volunteer for a NCC event, you have been asked to put up a poster for Road Safety week in your city. Your poster should have a set of eight recommendations that have to be followed for safe driving in the city. (16)

13. (a) Your class had a gone for a field visit to an industry. As the Class Representative, you have been asked to write a short report of the visit to your Head of the Department Write an email to your Head of the Department about this visit and enclose a short report of the same. (16)

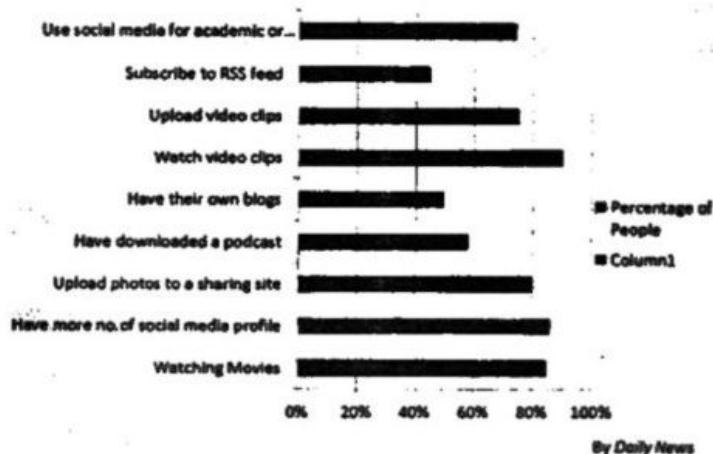
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(b) You are the Student President of your college. You are organizing an inter-college technical festival for two days. You would like to invite the CEO of a reputed social media company. Invite him by email with a short report about technical festival that you are organizing. (16)

14. Choose any one of the diagram and write a detailed description and interpretation for the same in not more than 200 words.

(a) The following bar chart depicts the social media usage in India. Describe and interpret the chart and give recommendations to the users. (16)

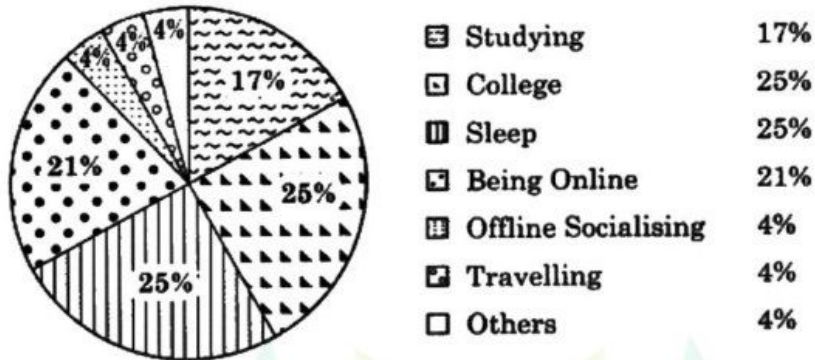
### Social Media Usage in India 2021



Or

- (b) The following pie chart depicts the daily routine of a college student. Describe and interpret the chart and give recommendations on better time management.

A College Student's Daily Routine



15. Write an essay on any one of the topics for not more than 300 words. (16)

(a) Your first day of college (face-to-face class)

Or

(b) Your favorite place.

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