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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
1A01 ENG : Communicative English – I**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following questions in **not more than two** pages : **(1×6=6)**

- 1) Write a letter on behalf of Board of Directors of Grand Motors, India inviting all the employees and stake holders for an annual dinner. On this occasion, employees who have achieved distinction will be honoured.
- 2) Prepare a CV and cover letter for the post of News Reporter in Global News Network, Mumbai.

II. Answer **any one** of the following questions :

**(1×6=6)**

- 3) Write an essay on the topic, "Natural calamities: are human beings responsible too?", in not more than two pages.
- 4) Write a paraphrase for the following text :

Saints should always be judged guilty until they are proved innocent, but the tests that have to be applied to them are not, of course, the same in all cases. In Gandhi's case, the questions one feels inclined to ask are: to what extent was Gandhi moved by vanity – by the consciousness of himself as a humble, naked old man, sitting on a praying mat and shaking empires by sheer spiritual power – and to what extent did he compromise his own principles by entering politics, which of their nature are inseparable from coercion and fraud ? To give a definite answer, one would have to study Gandhi's acts and writing in immense detail, for his whole life was a sort of pilgrimage in which every act was significant. But this partial autobiography, which ends in the nineteen-twenties, is strong evidence in his favour, all the more because it covers what he would have called the unregenerate part of his life and reminds one that inside the saint, or near-saint, there was a

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very shrewd, able person who could, if he had chosen, have been a brilliant success as a lawyer, an administrator or perhaps even a businessman. At about the time when the autobiography first appeared, I remember reading its opening chapters in the ill-printed pages of some Indian newspaper. They made a good impression on me, which Gandhi himself at that time did not. The things that one associated with him – home-spun cloth, “soul forces” and vegetarianism – were unappealing, and his medievalist programme was obviously not viable in a backward, starving, over-populated country. It was also apparent that the British were making use of him, or thought they were making use of him. Strictly speaking, as a Nationalist, he was an enemy, but since in every crisis he would exert himself to prevent violence – which, from the British point of view, meant preventing any effective action whatever – he could be regarded as “our man”.

III. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **80** words :

(4×4=16)

- 5) What do you mean by Received Pronunciation ?
- 6) Explain vowel and consonant sounds.
- 7) What is a syllable ? Explain with examples.
- 8) Illustrate weak forms in phonetics.
- 9) Transcribe the following words:
  - a) Traditional
  - b) Million
  - c) Psychology
  - d) Plumber
- 10) Mark the primary stress in the words given below. Need not transcribe.
  - a) Satisfaction
  - b) Creative
  - c) Logic
  - d) Biology
  - e) Capacity
  - f) Democratic
  - g) Convert (noun)
  - h) Economy



IV. Answer the following questions according to the direction provided : (12×1=12)

11) Identify the nouns in the given sentence :

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

12) Fill in the blank with the plural form of the word given in bracket.

The farmer owns four \_\_\_\_\_ .(ox)

13) Fill in the blank with appropriate pronoun.

The key \_\_\_\_\_ opens this lock is missing.

14) Rewrite the following sentence by adding the adverb given in bracket.

The train will be two hours late. (at least)

15) Fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions.

Which room did you leave your suitcase \_\_\_\_\_ ?

16) Fill in the blank with appropriate modal auxiliary.

You \_\_\_\_\_ report on time.

17) Identify the subject and the predicate in the following sentence.

Susie can go back to her drawing.

18) Transform the following declarative sentence into interrogative sentence following instruction in bracket.

Nishad visited Rome several times. (Yes/no question)

19) Add an appropriate question tag.

They dreamt of a free and united India, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

20) Use the correct form of verb given in bracket to fill in the gap.

It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) since Monday.

21) Use the correct form of 'be' in the given sentence.

One of my students \_\_\_\_\_ absent today.

22) Insert proper articles in the blanks.

Nidhi got \_\_\_\_\_ pair of shoes from her brother as \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

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