

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH BASIC  
READING AND WRITING

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

1. Give phonetic transcription for the following words :  
(20 × 1/2 = 10)

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| (a) Above | (b) Ten    |
| (c) Cat   | (d) Shin   |
| (e) Peal  | (f) Dish   |
| (g) Boat  | (h) Four   |
| (i) Zero  | (j) Book   |
| (k) Pan   | (l) Clear  |
| (m) Tight | (n) Foe    |
| (o) Pot   | (p) Juice  |
| (q) Pair  | (r) Taught |
| (s) That  | (t) Fiscal |

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :  
(10 × 2 = 20)

Many years ago there lived a Bishop who, besides being a great religious leader, was also a very kind man. Once a convict escaped from prison and came to the Bishop's house asking for shelter. The Bishop not only gave him shelter, but also fed him and put him at night. But the convict was accustomed to steal. So he got up when all were fast asleep.

"Let me take some expensive articles from this house and run away from the place at once", the convict said to himself. He looked around and found two silver candlesticks on the altar. In no time he hid them under his coat and vanished into the darkness of the night.

"The night was dark and cold but luck ran against him. The police who were looking for the convict were only too glad to arrest him. They tied his hands and brought him back to the Bishop. If the Bishop were to say that the man had stolen the articles, the convict would have to be punished. The Bishop Felt pity for the man and decided to forgive him. So he told the police that he had given him the candlesticks and saved him from severe punishment. He Fell at the Bishop's feet and asked his pardon. From that day, he decided to lead a good life. By forgiving, the Bishop brought back a man to the path from which he had strayed. It is better to forgive than to punish.

- (a) How did the Bishop look after the convict?
- (b) What did the convict do at night?
- (c) What did the police do to the convict?
- (d) How did the Bishop help the convict?
- (e) What would have happened if the Bishop were to hand the convict over to the police?
- (f) Do you appreciate the Bishop's action? Why?
- (g) Where did the convict hide the candlesticks?
- (h) What was the atmosphere when the convict ran out of the Bishop's house?
- (i) How did the convict react to the Bishop's gesture?
- (j) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.

3. (a) Write a letter to your friend seeking his advice on the purchase of a new mobile phone.

Or

- (b) Draft a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success at receiving first prize for his academic excellence. (10)

4. (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting him to grant permission to attend an orientation programme for NSS.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the Corporation authorities requesting them to construct a parking lot near the railway station. (10)

5. Expand ONE of the following in about 200 words : (10)

(a) Beauty and honesty seldom agree.

(b) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.

(c) Make hay while the sun shines.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable silent letters, which are not pronounced in these words: (5)

(a) shou\_d.

(b) \_new

(c) \_psychology

(d) cu\_d

(e) g\_ild.

