

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W./B.Com./B.C.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019  
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE  
PAPER : ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I  
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A - READING

I. A. Read the following news report and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

**Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis**

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Fires are burning in the Amazon rainforest at an alarming rate. French President Emmanuel Macron has said the record number of fires is now an "international crisis". There has been an 85 per cent increase in fires in the Amazon this year. Mr Macron said urgent action needed to be taken. He said the fires needed to be on top of the agenda at the G7 summit of world leaders in Biarritz. Macron tweeted about how serious he thought the fires were. He wrote: "Our house is burning. Literally. The Amazon rain forest - the lungs which produce 20% of our planet's oxygen - is on fire. It is an international crisis. Members of the G7 Summit, let's discuss this emergency in two days."

Other leaders agreed that they should discuss the fires. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called the fires an "acute emergency". She said they were "shocking". She added that the fires didn't only threaten Brazil and its neighboring countries, but also affected the whole world. The UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the fires "not only heartbreaking," but "an international crisis". He added: "We stand ready to provide whatever help we can to bring them under control and help protect one of Earth's greatest wonders." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said: "In the midst of the global climate crisis, we cannot afford more damage to a major source of oxygen and biodiversity. The Amazon must be protected."

a) Fill in the blanks with suitable answers. (3 marks)

- The news article is about the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Sahara desert    b. Amazon river    c. Amazon products    d. Amazon rainforest
- The G7 summit of world leaders will be held in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Brazil    b. Germany    c. Biarritz    d. France
- According to the article, the world leaders are advocating the need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Amazon rain forest.  
a. ignore    b. destroy    c. conserve    d. visit

b) Answer the following questions.

1. State whether the following statements are true or false. (5 marks)

- a. The President of France wants to discuss the issue within three days.  
b. Fires in the Amazon have increased by 85% this year.  
c. The UK Prime Minister said the fires were "shocking".

- d. The Amazon provides 30% of the world's oxygen.
- e. The Amazon fires threaten only Brazil and the neighbouring countries.

**2. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two. (5 marks)**

- a. How much of the world's oxygen does the Amazon produce?
- b. According to the French President, what should the main agenda be at the G7 summit of world leaders?
- c. According to the UN Secretary-General why should the Amazon be protected?
- d. What does the word 'house' refer to in the French President's statement, "Our house is burning"?
- e. How do the Amazon fires affect the whole world?

**c) Read the passage again and find a word/phrase that means: (4 marks)**

- a. a post made on the social media application Twitter.
- b. frighten
- c. a meeting of heads of government
- d. the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat

**d) Use any three of the following words in sentences of your own bringing out their meaning as used in the passage. (3 marks)**

record    urgent    control    produce    discuss    major

**I B. Read the following extract from a travel brochure and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)**



  
**Andaman**  
 4Nights / 5days  
 02 Port Blair & 02 Havelock

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Number of Pax Traveling Together	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax	Ex. Bed
Standard	12,400	10,900	10,400	7,400
Deluxe	14,999	13,500	12,999	8,899

**HOTEL USED**

DESTINATION	STANDARD	DELUXE
Port Blair	SL International (Deluxe)	Hotel Airport (Premium)
Havelock	Radhakrishna Resort (Standard Cottage)	Blue Bird Resort (Luxury)

**PACKAGE COST INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation in well-appointed room mentioned in the above hotel or similar category on Double/Triple sharing basis.
- Buffet/fixed menu meals as mentioned.
- All Transportation for airport/ hotel/ Jetty & 1 Ac Vehicle at Port Blair & Havelock & Neil Island strictly as per itinerary. It will be strictly as per itinerary & will change every day and sector wise. (Xylo/Scorpio/Ertiga)
- Private Cruise tickets (Base Category/Subject to availability) between Port Blair, Havelock Island & Neil Island.
- All entry permits, entry tickets to all sight-seeing points, ferry tickets and forest area permits wherever applicable.
- Elephanta beach with complimentary session of Snorkling.
- For all surface transfers & sightseeing Mentioned Vehicle will be provided for the above-mentioned places.
- Cars are rented for local city use unless otherwise agreed and the Service is limited till 7 PM.
- Hotel Check Out time: 08:00 AM
- If the car is used between 7.00 pm to 6.00 am additional (As applicable) would be charged directly from the client (Except in case of Hartal/Medical Emergency). Additional Chauffeur charges applicable.
- All applicable Hotel taxes (GST Extra on total billing).

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a) **Look at the brochure quickly and choose the correct answer for the questions given below.** (3 marks)

1. The brochure advertises travel packages to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Nicobar
  - b. Maldives
  - c. Andaman
  - d. Srilanka
2. It also gives detailed information about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. accommodation, food and sight-seeing
  - b. transportation only
  - c. travel package without food
  - d. flight ticket only
3. The trip is organised by \_\_\_\_\_ travel agency.
  - a. Holiday Inn
  - b. Red Bus
  - c. Rover Holidays
  - d. Holiday Excel

b) **Now read the brochure more carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

1. **State whether the following statements are true or false** (5 marks)

- a. The standard package for 4 persons is Rs. 13,500.
- b. The deluxe category hotel for Havelock is Blue Bird Resort (Luxury).
- c. GST is included in the total billing.
- d. The snorkelling session at Elephanta Beach is chargeable.
- e. The hotel check-out time is 08:00 A.M.

2. **Answer the following questions in a sentence or two.** (5 marks)

- a. What is the duration of the travel advertised?
- b. What are the destinations mentioned for the private cruise in the package?
- c. What are the additional charges mentioned in the package?
- d. Where is the booking office located?
- e. What is the difference in rate between 04 persons in the Standard category and 06 persons in the deluxe category?

c) **Read the brochure again and find a word/phrase that means:** (4 marks)

- a. a meal consisting of several dishes which guests serve themselves.
- b. given or supplied free of charge.
- c. a person employed to drive a private or hired car.
- d. visiting places of interest in a particular location.

d) **Use any three of the following words in sentences of your own bringing out their meaning as used in the brochure.** (3 marks)

menu   permit   local   similar   client   transfer

**SECTION B - WRITING**

**II.A. Describe your favourite place in a paragraph of about 75 words. (10 marks)**

**B. Look at the collage and describe it in a paragraph of about 75 words. (15 marks)**



**II. C. Choose any one of the following pictures and describe the object/person in a paragraph of about 75 words. (15 marks)**



## SECTION C - GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

**III. Fill in the blanks following the instruction given. (20 marks)****a. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate article. If an article is not required, mark X.****(5 marks)**

We have \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful lake behind our house. Every winter, \_\_\_\_\_ lake freezes over and we go ice-skating. When I was \_\_\_\_\_ kid, I used to spend \_\_\_\_\_ hours skating back and forth across \_\_\_\_\_ ice.

**b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.****(5 marks)**

Some people think you need a kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ cook dinner. But you can make easy, delicious meals outside \_\_\_\_\_ a campfire.

A baked potato is an easy campfire meal. You wrap the potato \_\_\_\_\_ tin foil and put it \_\_\_\_\_ the hot coals. Wait for an hour while the potato gets cooked \_\_\_\_\_ the heat. Unwrap the foil and you have a baked potato!

**c. Fill in the blanks using the verb in brackets in the simple present or the present continuous tense.****(10 x ½ = 5 marks)**

I rarely do housework on Sundays. But I \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy up) my room, because my friend Sharon \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home today. We \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) every Sunday and I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward to meeting her. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at 10 a.m. I think Sharon will be here on time, because she \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to be punctual.

Tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a special day. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) her parents' wedding anniversary. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to surprise her parents with a party. We \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) to have fun!

**d. Choose the appropriate word from the box given below to fill in the blanks. (10 x ½ = 5 marks)**

August is an \_\_\_\_\_ month for Madras, now Chennai. It was 380 years ago that the British East India Company \_\_\_\_\_ Madrasapattinam from an Indian. A sleepy \_\_\_\_\_ that the British set their sights upon is now a \_\_\_\_\_ metropolis, always in a state of flux, and yet, by all accounts retaining its original character, even as the old gives way to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Did you know that Chennai houses Asia's \_\_\_\_\_ library? Or that it has the world's second longest \_\_\_\_\_?

Madras, now Chennai, is always full of \_\_\_\_\_. From its cinema history to \_\_\_\_\_ that one cannot help but binge-eat, Chennai is well known for its history and \_\_\_\_\_.

surprises	culture	largest	busy	new	funny
food	purchased	beach	village	exciting	post