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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)
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B.Voc DEGREE EXAMINATION
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COURSE: FOUNDATION CORE

PAPER: ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 50

SECTION A

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

Soon in Chennai: a new lake with island parks and a mountainous Miyawaki forest

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Several water bodies have come to life following the copious rains in the city's southern suburbs due to Cyclone Nivar.

Pallikaranai Anai Eri is one such lake. It is being developed in an area of about 50 acres, with three island parks inside, at a cost of ₹1,100 lakh. Ahead of the cyclone, about 60% of the work was completed, and it is already serving its purpose as rainwater has filled it.

During a visit last week, Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) Commissioner G. Prakash asked officials to strengthen the embankments of this lake with strong boulders, to lay favor blocks on the roads formed, and to test the water inflow for any micro-organisms and to complete the works before January 2021. He was accompanied by A. Senthil Kumar, Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency, Chengleput District, Thirunavukkarasu and Purusothaman, executive engineers of GCC, and Rajavelu, executive engineer, Water Resources Department, Chengleput district.

Mr. Prakash advised the officials to plant native trees along the periphery of the lake, with beautification of islands inside, by getting technical inputs from S. Raja Mohamed, a retired Joint Director of the Horticulture Department, and a resident of the area.

This project will help recharge ground water for nearby dwelling places, conserve of native tree species of the region, develop unique green cover with aesthetic appeal and therapeutic value, reduce the impact of air, noise pollution and dust and reduce the soil erosion at the embankment slopes, said Mr. Raja Mohamed.

Mountainous Miyawaki

Near the lake, a unique 'Mountainous Miyawaki Forest' is being developed on the OSR land belonging to Medavakkam panchayat. This forest will have plants of native habits, bird-

attracting fruit trees like jamun, cherry, kodukkaipuli and plants with medicinal importance like amla and fig and other avenue forest trees with life fencing, on the periphery.

Work for formation of RWHS (Rain Water Harvesting Structure) channels connecting to the existing drainage channels is being executed. Silt, rich in organic nutrients, excavated from the nearby Anai Eri has been dumped on this site to make the mountainous structures healthy, Mr. Raja Mohamed said.

Mr. Prakash visited this site as well and provided inputs, asking the officials to expedite the work.

A. Choose the correct answer for the following questions. (10x1=10)

1. According to the report, Cyclone Nivar
 - a. has destroyed the city's trees
 - b. has revived the city's important water bodies
 - c. has made people homeless
 - d. has given people jobs

2. The Pallikaranai Lake is situated
 - a. in Central Chennai
 - b. in Southern Chennai
 - c. Outside Chennai
 - d. to the South of Chennai

3. All the work related to the development of the lake is completed.
 - a. true
 - b. may be
 - c. The report does not give us details about this.
 - d. false

4. The Commissioner of Chennai Corporation is
 - a. Mr. G. Prakash
 - b. Mr. A. Rajavelu
 - c. Mr. A. Senthil Kumar
 - d. Mr. Thirunavukkarasu

5. Mr. Raja Mohamed is
 - a. a retired Corporation Commissioner
 - b. a retired professor
 - c. a retired planter
 - d. an expert in plants, retired from Government service

6. Silt brought from Anai Eri is used to
 - a. strengthen the embankments
 - b. recharge the waterbed
 - c. enrich the quality of the mountain-like structures
 - d. develop a Rain Water Harvesting System

7. The Miyawaki Forest is being developed in land that belongs to
 - a. Chengelpet Revenue District
 - b. Chennai Corporation
 - c. Pallikaranai Lake
 - d. Medavakkam Panchayat

8. The phrase "therapeutic value" means it can be used
 - a. for commercial purposes
 - b. as medicine
 - c. as a cosmetic
 - d. to reduce pollution

9. The word that comes closest in meaning to 'outer edge' is

- a. boulders b. suburb c. embankment d. periphery

10. The word that is opposite in meaning to 'copious' is
a. abundant b. plenty c. inadequate d. sufficient

B. Answer the following in a sentence or two in your own words. Do not copy down sentences from the passage. (2x5=10)

1. What is the budget for the Pallikaranai Lake development project and what is the deadline for completion?
2. What are the directions given by the Corporation Commissioner to the officials to develop the Pallikaranai Lake?
3. What are the two ways in which the lake is going to be beautified?
4. Name any four benefits the neighbourhood would enjoy after the work is done on the banks of the lake.
5. In your own words, describe the forest that is going to be developed near the lake.

SECTION B

II. Answer the following in about 75 words each.
(2x10=20)

1. You are introducing the Chief Guest for a light music contest. Write out a formal speech of introduction.
2. You are introducing your mother and your close friend to each other. Write out what you will say about
 - (i) your mother to your friend.
 - (ii) your friend to your mother.

SECTION C

III. Fill in the blanks using an appropriate article (a/an/the).
(5x1=5)

1. _____ cyclone that struck the city at night caused a lot of destruction.
2. She is _____ tallest girl in the school.
3. It's _____ amazing film.
4. My parents gave me _____ basketball for my birthday.
5. There is a concert at _____ Regency Hotel tonight.

IV. Fill in the blanks using the verb given in brackets in simple present or present continuous tense. (5x1=5)

1. Every Monday, Geetha _____ (drive) her daughter to football practice.
2. It _____ (rain).
3. Usually, I _____ (work) as a secretary at an office, but this summer I _____ (study) French at a language school in Chennai.
4. Don't make a noise! The baby _____ (sleep).
