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Civil Engineering

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(Common to ALL branches)

(Regulation 2015)

Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

Part-A (10 x 1=10 Marks)

I. Answer the following

1. Pleasantly

(a) extremely (b) delightfully (c) charming (d) friendly (e) coolly

2. Identify the correct meaning of the word : **Superficial**

(a) shallow (b) deep (c) profound (d) complex

3. To Make something appropriately

(a) Suitable (b) Legally (c) Accurately (d) Straight (e) Immediately

4. Wailing

(a) Crying (b) complaining (c) shouting (d) Tears (e) Grumbling

5. *Everyone of the barrels are full.*

(a) is (b) the (c) a (d) no error

6. One who possesses many talents

(a) versatile (b) nubile (c) exceptional (d) gifted

7. To keep one's temper

- (a) To become hungry (b) To be in good mood
(c) To preserve one's energy (d) None of these

8. One word substitutions:

List of the business or subjects to be considered at a meeting

- (a) schedule (b) timetable (c) agenda (d) plan

Rewrite the following into meaningful sentences

9. 'sunny and warm'/for/the forecast/tomorrow/is

10. bring/to/will/the birthday cake/I/the party

PART – B (7 x 10 = 70 Marks)

II. Answer either of the following questions.

11.(a) Supply suitable conclusions for the given syllogisms (5X2=10)

1) All cars have wheels. I drive a car. Therefore, _____

- (a) I am a car (b) I am a car driver (c) my car has wheels

2) All insects frighten me. That is an insect. Therefore, _____

- (a) I am an insect (b) insects are frightened (c) I am frightened

3) All crows are black. The bird in my cage is black. Therefore, _____

- (a) the cage is black (b) this is a crow (c) the cage is a crow

4) The scenery in Ireland is beautiful. I'm in Ireland. Therefore _____

- (a) Ireland is scenic (b) I am an Irish man (c) the scenery is beautiful

5) All dogs have four legs. Rover is a dog. Therefore, _____.

- (a) dogs must be legs (b) Rover is a dog (c) Rover has four legs

Or

(b) Write a report on the Internship that you attended recently.

12. Develop the following hints into a readable passage for about one page and give a suitable title. (10)

(a) Tenali Raman – offends King – King gets angry sentences Raman to death – but allows Raman to choose type of death – wise Raman – promptly says – want natural death – of old age – King amazed – pardons Raman.

Or

(b) A rich farmer - lot of land - cattle and servants - two sons - happy life - After some years younger son unhappy - asked for his share of the property - wouldn't listen to father's advice - got his share - sold them all - went away to another country - fell into bad ways - soon all money gone - poor - no one to help him - understood his mistake. (10)

13. Write a report on the following. (10)

(a) A fire accident in the chemistry lab of your college.

(or)

(b) A local Kabadi tournament organized in your locality. (10)

14. Write a Precision the following passage without deviating the vital points. (10)

(a) Teaching is the noblest of professions. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed. Only he who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his pupils. Besides a teacher always remain young. He may grow old in age, but not in spite. Perpetual contact with budding youths keeps him happy and cheerful. There are moments when domestic worries weigh heavily on his mind, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his transient moods of despair.

Or

(b) English education and English language have done immense goods to India, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future.

English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English-is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw. (10)

15. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words are suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

(5x2=10)

(a) With Rahane batting (1) at the other end, Kohli gradually regained his (2). By the time Johnson returned for his next spell, the India vice-captain had scored his third century of the tour. He and Rahane were well on their way to post the first-ever fourth-wicket double-hundred stand at the historic MCG. Johnson was welcomed to the crease with three (3) pull shots, each more (4) than the next. It was Johnson who was (5) now. Two balls later, Kohli did what he had been doing for the rest of the day. He covered the line of a full delivery and punched the ball down the ground. Kohli and Rahane ran three.

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| 1) a) immodestly | b) imperiously | c) arrogantly | d) snobbishly | e) quietly |
| 2) a) mien | b) arousal | c) excitement | d) composure | e) agitation |
| 3) a) spanking | b) clobbering | c) chastising | d) thumping | e) lashing |
| 4) a) irritating | b) vexing | c) scraping | d) grinding | e) rasping |
| 5) a) shattered | b) rattled | c) clattered | d) vibrated | e) gabbled |

Or

(b) The Ordinance to raise the foreign capital cap in insurance from 26% to 49% is not the best way to do it, as it (1) the parliament (2). Presumably, however, US President Barack Obama's visit explains the government's tearing hurry. New Delhi wants to show that it is resolute in (3) reform. However, it would be naive to expect that foreign investors will rush to raise their (4) in India joint ventures and infuse more funds in the sector that needs lots of capital go grow. Investors want certainty in law. Foreign partners will (5) and watch to see how things pan out as an Ordinance is a stopgap arrangement. Eventually, Parliament must approve the law. (5x2=10)

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| 1) a) encourages | b) circumvents | c) hoodwinks | d) evades | e) helps |
| 2) a) method | b) procedure | c) inaction | d) process | e) growth |
| 3) a) presuming | b) aggressive | c) pushing | d) hasty | e) effective |
| 4) a) stakes | b) goals | c) roles | d) risks | e) profits |
| 5) a) halt | b) stay | c) stop | d) think | e) wait |

16. Arrange the following jumbled sentences in a way so as to make a meaningful paragraph. Mention the alphabets marked against each sentence in order as answer. (5x2=10)

- (a) But sometimes, the persons of opposite nature also come closer fall in each other's company by accident, chance or out of ignorance vitiating the above statement to some extent.
- (b) If a man moves in the company of good, gentle and noble people, he is usually adjudged to be a gentleman.
- (c) It is usual for a man to see company of those who possess tastes, tendencies and temperaments like his own.
- (d) On the other side, if he keeps company with evil persons and bad characters, he is considered to be a man of bad character.
- (e) Generally, the character and conduct of a person is gauged by the kinds of people he mixes and moves with.

Or

- (a) He cannot achieve wealth and fortune unless he works hard and unless he has a powerful will.
- (b) It follows from it that he is the builder of his own fortune.
- (c) A person must be persevering and must exert himself if he wants to shape out his destiny.
- (d) He can also bring misery and sufferings upon himself if he has not the wish to labour.
- (e) He can make his fortune if he wishes to do so by being industrious and persevering.

17. (a) Use the following idioms in sentences of your own. (10)

1. a chip in the shoulder
2. a dime a dozen
3. against the grain
4. barking up the wrong tree
5. a piece of cake

Or

- (b)
1. add insult to injury
 2. add fuel to fire
 3. against the clock
 4. come hell or high water
 5. every cloud has A silver lining

Part-C (1x 20= 20 Marks)

III. Attempt an essay on any one of the given topics below.

1. Discuss the positive and negative impacts that smart phones make in a person's life.
 2. Express what it takes to be successful in the current employment scenario.
 3. Current political scenario in Tamil Nadu.
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