

APPENDIX - ECOMPREHENSIVE TEST (Pre and post)Marks 50

- I. Oral testing (listen and speak) in the form of a casual interview carries 6 marks. Grammatical speech (2 marks) answer to the point (2 marks) fluency (2 marks) answer to

Items for oral testing

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1. Where do you stay?
2. How far is it from (any known landmark) here?
3. Where are you employed?/ Why did you choose Commerce? (If the candidate is a student)
4. Why do you consider English important?
5. This being a short course, what language area would you like to improve in one month's time? (speech? writing? reading? etc.)

Any other relevant question may be asked with a view to testing the respondent's oral skills.

- II. Read this passage aloud (an extract from the Magic Ointment from D.H. Howe's collections). The oral reading test carries 10 marks. Pronunciation (2 marks) intonation (2 marks) punctuation (2 marks) comprehension (2 marks) speed (2 marks)

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There once lived a very foolish king and queen. One day the queen had a baby daughter. When they saw the baby, the king and queen both cried out, "My goodness. How very small it is." "And it hasn't any hair." said the king. "It's hairless. It's bald." "And it hasn't any teeth." said queen "It's toothless." "It is a monster." they both cried together. They sent for all the doctors in the country. "We have a baby daughter," the king

said, 'but unfortunately she is a monster. You doctors must prepare some medicine for her. When she drinks your medicine she must grow to the right size and have hair and teeth and everything else. If you do not do this you will have a beating.'

III. Summarise what you have just read in your own words (in four or five sentences) (Oral instruction to be given immediately after reading. Answer to this question is required to be in the written form.)

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IV. Give short answers to the following questions
(Answers to be written)

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1. What will you say to a person when you are introduced to him for the first time?
2. Someone says 'How do you do' to you. What will be your response?
3. How will you greet a friend when you meet him at 10 P.M.?
4. What will you say when you would like someone to repeat something he has once said?
5. What would you say to someone who offers you something which you would rather refuse?
6. How would you attract the attention of a stranger on the road?
7. If your friend were to say 'pardon' during a conversation with you, what would you do?
8. Introduce your friends Mohan and Meena to each other. They have never met before. You may construct a short dialogue.
9. In using a telephone, if you happen to be the one who called, would you wind up the call or would you wait for the receiver of the call to wind up?

- V. Add a conversation question to each of the following statements: 5
1. Sheetal is clever.
 2. Grandmother wasn't keeping well.
 3. We waited for them.
 4. She should be punished.
 5. Uncle hadn't forgotten
- VI. Fill up the blanks in the following sentences with any one of the prepositions given in the brackets. (between, among, besides, beside, from, till, before) 5
1. The thieves divided the booty _____ themselves.
 2. A river flows _____ my house.
 3. _____ the two of them, there has never been an unhappy moment.
 4. _____ roses, there were lilies too in the bouquet.
 5. I was _____ the crowd, yesterday.
- VII. Apply for a job that was advertised in a local daily recently. See that your qualification suits the job-description in the advertisement. 5
- VIII. A passage for dictation carrying 5 marks. Use capitals, and punctuation marks appropriately. 5
- VIII. Jane was a rather greedy girl. One day some jam tarts were missing. "Have you eaten those jam tarts that I left on the table?" asked her mother.
- "I haven't eaten one of them, Mum," said Jane.
- "That's very odd", said her mother. "I am sure I left six on the table, and now there is only one there."
- "Yes," said Jane, "That's the one I haven't eaten".

CRITERION TESTUnit 1Marks 20

- I.
- 1) When you meet some one at 10 PM, you will greet him saying _____ (choose from (a) good night (b) good evening)
 - 2) You will say _____ when someone thanks you for a favour you have done to him (Write down the answer in the blank space)
 - 3) When someone says "how do you do" to you, you will respond saying _____
 - 4) When you would like someone to repeat what he has once spoken, you will say _____ instead of "please repeat".
 - 5) If you wish to know what time it is, you will question your neighbour in the following manner. _____.
 - 6) Imagine yourself to be a shop-assistant. How would you ask a customer what his requirements are? (select from the following questions. (a) What do you want? (b) Can I be of help to you? (c) Is there something I can do for you?)
 - 7) While introducing Mohan and Meena to each other, whose name will you mention first?
 - 8) While introducing Mrs. Shah (26 years) and Mrs. Desai (48 yrs) whom will you introduce first? Why?
 - 9) While introducing two people to each other, you have to remember to mention their names. What else should you remember to add?

10. When the telephone rings, you will pick up the receiver and say first
- i) What do you want?
 - ii) Whom do you wish to speak to?
 - iii) Your name or number?
11. If you cannot get the person you wanted on the phone, you will
- i) Keep the receiver down.
 - ii) You will politely thank the person who responded to your call.
 - iii) You will give your phone-number and request the person to ask your friend to call you when he gets back.
12. If you make the call, which of the following things will you do?
- i) You will say good-bye and conclude the call.
 - ii) You will wait for the person who received the call to say good-bye.
13. Imagine you are making a call. The person on the other side responds. Which of the following sentences would you speak?
- i) I want to speak to Meena.
 - ii) May I speak to Meena please?
14. What will you say when you wish to attract the attention of a stranger on the road?
15. If you arrive late for a party, what will you say in apology to the group that has invited you? 15
- II. Add question tags to the following statements. 3
1. Children love to play in the rain.
 2. You can't reach the fan.
 3. You prefer tea.
- III. Against each sentence mention what type each belongs to: 2
1. Tomorrow is a holiday.
 2. Please may I borrow your book.

CRITERION TESTUnit 2Marks 20

I. ORAL READING TEST (Observation during practical work) Pronunciation, intonation, punctuation, comprehension, speed (each carrying 2 marks) 10

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 10

I went to a meeting of our Literary Society last night. We had a most interesting speaker, a man by the name of Weston, who has written several books. He is in fact the person who was invited to address the society on the occasion of our fifth anniversary, but unfortunately he was ill at that time. He had been overworking and as a result his doctor ordered him to take complete rest for at least three months.

However he has recovered from his illness now and last night he told us about his most recent work. It is about the famous traveller, Colonel Manning but, apart from a collection of letters and notes which the family had provided him with, he did not have much material.

Then one day he got a letter from one of Colonel Manning's nephews, saying that his uncle had kept a diary. Weston at once went round to see Manning's daughter to enquire about them. She was not aware that her father had kept a diary but she suggested that he should look in the attic, where some of his boxes were stored. One of these was locked, but Miss Manning managed after searching through a number of drawers, to find the right key. When they opened the box, Weston was delighted to find a bundle of

exercise books inside. They were the diaries he was looking for, and with the help of these he was able to write a very full account of Colonel Manning's life.

Answer the following questions:

- 1) Why wasn't Weston able to address the Literary Society on the occasion of their fifth anniversary?
- 2) Who was Colonel Manning?
- 3) How did Weston come to hear about Colonel Manning's diaries?
- 4) What did they find inside the locked box?
- 5) How did the diaries help Weston?

CRITERION TESTUnit 3Marks 25

- I. Use capitals and appropriate punctuation marks 5

wretch said the king what harm did i do to thee (you) that thou (you) shouldst (should) seek to take my life with your own hand you killed my father and two brothers was the reply

- II. Choose one of the prepositions given in the brackets to fill in the blanks of the following sentences (about, for, from, among, on, into, with) 5

1. He readily complied _____ my request.
2. He is prompt _____ carrying out orders
3. She was born _____ humble parents
4. He is not qualified _____ the post.
5. The good man fell _____ thieves.

- III. Apply for a job that was advertised in a local daily. Imagine that you are a suitable candidate. 5

- IV. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' 5

1. Do you see _____ blue sky?
2. The guide knows _____ way.
3. _____ apple _____ day keeps _____ doctor away.

- V. Write a paragraph on "If a fairy gave me a pair of wings for just an hour" 5