

ENGLISH-I

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

I. Correct the following sentences.

[5x 1/2=2 1/2]

- a] He is working in this office for three years.
- b] My friend as well as his three sisters are now in London.
- c] Would you mind to tell me your name?
- d] The advances of science have bought many benefits.
- e]Office equipments are sold here..

II. Change the following sentences into the passive.

[5x 1/2=2 1/2]

- a] People speak English all over the world.
- b] He made us work hard.
- c]Why do people laugh at him?
- d] When will they finish the work ?
- e] State the facts clearly in your answer.

III. Add a suitable main clause to the following conditional clauses.

[5x1=5]

- a] Had he reached the station five minutes earlier -----
- b] If he had learned his lesson properly-----
- c] If the doctor had arrived in time-----
- d] If every one were to do what he liked-----
- e] Unless he works hard -----

IV . Rewrite in indirect speech.

[5x1=5]

- a] “ Could you show me your passport, please,” he said.
- b] He said, “ Let us go for a walk. ”
- c] “ The announcement about bonus will be made tomorrow, ” the manager said.
- d] “Is the flight delayed ?” the lady asked the superintendent.
- e] He said, “ Have you analyzed all aspects of it? But I exhort you to be cautious.”

(Turn Over)

V . Write a précis of the following passage.

[5 marks]

There are in the world some 3000 languages and dialects. This did not matter in the Middle Ages, when communication between different parts of the globe was slow and difficult and when in Europe at least, all the educated men spoke Latin. Things have changed completely in our times. While few men can now speak Latin, the telegraph and radio have made it possible to talk directly between continents, and a journey which might have then taken several weary months can now be achieved in a few hours by air. It is not surprising, then, that men have increasingly felt the need for a common language, and during the last century various solutions of the problem have been put forward . The first of these was the creation of a completely artificial tongue, quite unconnected with any existing language. Although such a tongue must be difficult for people to learn, it at least had the advantage that everybody started on a new footing. The second solution was the invention of a synthetic language based on natural languages, but without their numerous irregularities. Such languages as Esperanto, Volapuk and Interlingua belong to this category, and since they are related to existing languages, are easier to learn for the European speakers. The two remaining solutions to the problem of international language are either to adopt as a world auxiliary some existing language already spoken by a large number of people or peoples, or to create a simplified version of one of these languages, in which the vocabulary and grammatical forms would be reduced to a minimum. An example for this is ' Basic English'.

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in SIXTY words.

[5x2=10]

- a] Why does Russell argue that the whole conception of Sin is puzzling ?
- b] Why does Russell think that a belief based on reason is always better than that based on faith?
- c] How does Russell demonstrate that most moralists and ascetics are addicted to the pleasures of power ?
- d] Why does Russell consider Aristotle imperfect in his philosophic thinking ?

VII. Write an essay in about 300 words on ANY ONE of the following .

[10x1=10]

- a] Russell's rational and scientific evaluation of mythical concepts like Sin, Soul, Virtue, Heaven and Hell in the essay ' Ethics.'
- b] The ethical dimensions and differences that Russell finds in the imaginary interactions between Buddha and Nietzsche in the presence of the Almighty.

VII. Write an essay in about 300 words on ANY ONE of the following.

[10x1=10]

- a] Gender Equality
- b] Protection of Environment in the Global Context
- c] Religions in a Secular Democracy
