

2025

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH/MIL

Paper Code : AEC0400104

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Write the answers to the two Groups in separate books.

GROUP—A

(Compulsory for all)

[English Communication]

(Marks : 30)

GROUP—B

(Marks : 30)

Answer the questions from *any one* Option.

OPTION—A : Alternative English—II

OPTION—B : Assamese (MIL)

OPTION—C : Bengali (MIL)

OPTION—D : Bodo (MIL)

OPTION—E : Hindi (MIL)

OPTION—F : Manipuri (MIL)

OPTION—G : Nepali (MIL)

OPTION—H : Sanskrit (MIL)

GROUP—A

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

(Compulsory for all)

(Marks : 30)

1. Attempt the following as directed :

1×5=5

- (a) The modern science fiction short story, *Pete Can Fix It* was written by
- (i) Reynolds P. Jones
 - (ii) Raymond F. Jones
 - (iii) Reginald P. Jones
 - (iv) Richmond F. Jones
- (Choose the correct answer)
- (b) "In some towns there were so many people that the lottery took two days and had to be started on ____." (Fill in the blank)
- (c) "When Sir Anthony ____ bullied Captain ____, the latter went out and bullied his man, Fag" (Fill in the blanks with the same word)
- (d) As mentioned by Sagan, what is the name of Saturn's largest moon?
- (e) Give the meaning of any *one* of the following :
- (i) Benediction
 - (ii) Panegyric
 - (iii) Decalogue

2. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) What did Bobby, Harry Jones and Delacroix do with the stones at the start of *The Lottery*?
- (b) Who was Mr. Graves, and what was his role in *The Lottery*?
- (c) Why was the lift-man fined and not the passenger? Explain.
- (d) What was the use of the black box in *The Lottery*? Why was not it replaced with a newer box?

- (e) What was the story of Chesterfield that Gardiner commends to the lift-man?
- (f) What is the 'terrestrial chimaera' that Sagan talks about? Why does he have a problem with films about 30 feet tall spiders?
- (g) Who wrote the Mars novels that Sagan was introduced to? Write briefly about some features of these novels.
- (h) What do you understand by scientific and technical writing? Give examples of both.
- (i) You are the Supervisor of the computer facility room. Prepare a memo to the Head, Prof. Roy complaining about the ways computers are being misused.
- (j) How is a memo different from a circular?

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

5×3=15

- (a) Broadly discuss how Gardiner advocates the values of courtesies like saying 'Please' and 'Thank you'.
- (b) Examine how science fiction influenced Carl Sagan's interest in planetary science and astronomy.
- (c) Elaborate with instances how Jackson employs situational irony in the story, *The Lottery*.
- (d) You are Shaye Das. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern about the onset of monsoon and the problems of floods all over your State, and suggesting possible ways to alleviate the situation.
- (e) Write the minutes of a meeting held at the office of the Vice Chancellor about launching a rainwater harvesting project at the Gauhati University. Include all necessary details, including the agenda of the meeting.
- (f) Prepare a detailed step-by-step guide for creating a PowerPoint presentation on any project of your choice.