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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-16)

MARCH/APRIL-2017

DCE—FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH—I

Time : 3 hours]

[Total Marks : 80

3×10=30

PART-A

Instructions : (1) Answer all questions.

- (2) Each question carries three marks.
- (3) Answers should be brief and straight to the point and shall not exceed *five* simple sentences.
- **1.** Give any three suggestions to improve your English communication skills.
- 2. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

Tell me the time.

(Request)

(b) Make the city clean.

(Obligation)

(c) You win a game.

(What is your feeling?)

3. You are new to a town. Ask a local person the directions for public library in that area.

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4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

Rohit wakes up early _____ the morning everyday. He prefers doing exercise in gym _____ long walk. He makes himself ready _____ 9'O clock and goes to college.

- 5. Write the correct form of verbs in the blanks :
 - (a) He rarely _____ (watch) Television.
 - (b) He _____ (draw) this picture for three days.
 - (c) Janaki _____ (send) her gift tomorrow.
- 6. Change the voice of the following statements
 - (a) He gave a good lecture.
 - (b) The minister was welcomed by the people.
 - (c) I have taken this decision.
- 7. Write sentences (one each) in the given pattern :
 - (a) S + V + O
 - (b) S + V + IO + DO
 - (c) S + V
- **8.** You went to buy a mobile phone. Frame any three questions that you would like to ask the shopkeeper.
- 9. Change the speech of the following :
 - (a) Kesav said, "I did a mistake."
 - (b) Jyothi said to me, "I will come in the next week."
 - (c) He told me that I was an intelligent girl.
- **10.** Correct the following sentences :
 - (a) Kamal like to play cricket.
 - (b) The Nile is longest river in the world.
 - (c) I have a cousin brother.

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Instructions : (1) Answer any **five** questions.

- (2) Question No. 18 is compulsory.
- (3) Each question carries **ten** marks.
- (4) Answers should be comprehensive and the criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.
- **11.** Fill in the blanks with suitable words given from the list in the bracket :

(some stories, stands, fell, outstanding, reign, ruled, blessed, court, survived, covered, worshipped, life, intellect)

Kalidasa is one of the greatest Sanskrit poets that India has ever had. Though the exact time of his _____ is not known, it is estimated that he _____ around the middle of the 4th or 5th century AD. This is roughly the period of the _____ of the famous Chandragupta. Regarded as an _____ writer, Kalidasa resided at the palace of Chandragupta in Pataliputra (modern-day Patna). He was one of the gems of the _____ of Chadragupta. According to _____, Kalidasa was blessed with good looks. This attracted a princes with whom he _____ in love. Since Kalidasa was not too good in _____, the princess rejected him. He then _____ Goddess Kali and she _____ him with intellect and wit, thus making him one of the 'nine gems' in the court of Chandragupta.

12. Give instructions on how to draw money from an ATM.

(a) Frame Yes/No or Wh-questions to the following sentences using the directions in the brackets :

- (i) Jnanvi was born in 2015. (Use 'When')
- (ii) They will make a fine cake. (Yes/No)
- (iii) Swathi did not attend the party as she was ill.

(Use 'Why')

- (iv) Ramesh completed his tasks. (Yes/No)
- (v) Sindhu was a badminton player. (Use 'What')

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- (b) Correct the following sentences :
 - (i) I have received my certificate two days ago.
 - (ii) Does your father likes coffee?
 - (iii) He write neatly.
 - (iv) The sports meet will begin on summer.
 - (v) Neeraja stands besides Nalini.
- **14.** Write a report on the festival you celebrated recently in your locality.
- **15.** Prepare a Resume for Prasad, who completed diploma in Civil Engineering, to apply for the job of Supervisor in Devi's Construction Company, Nellore.
- **16.** Your younger brother is interested in joining Polytechnic. Write a letter to your brother suggesting him how to prepare well for POLYCET.
- **17.** Write the summery of the following passage :

In a very short period of time the Internet has had a profound impact on the way we live. Since the Internet was made operational in 1983, it has lowered both the costs of communication and the barriers to creative expression. It has challenged old business models and enabled new ones. It has provided access to information on a scale never before achievable. It succeeded because we designed it to be flexible and open. These two features have allowed it to accommodate innovation without massive changes to its infrastructure. An open, borderless and standardized platform assured its rapid success. The beauty of an open platform is that there are no gatekeepers. For centuries, access to and creation of information was controlled by the few. The Internet has changed that—and is rapidly becoming the platform for everyone, by everyone. Today there are only about 2.3 billion Internet users, representing roughly 30% of the world's population. Much of the information that they can access online is in English, but this is changing rapidly. The technological progress of the Internet has also set social change in motion.

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Security is an increasingly important issue and cannot be ignored. If there is an area of vital research and development for the Internet, this is one of them. The Internet is a tool of the people, built by the people for the people and it must stay that way.

18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Excessive use of plastic bags and their unregulated disposal has been chocking lakes, ponds and urban sewage systems, the Supreme Court said while warning that it posed a threat more serious than the atom bomb for the next generation. This observation from a bench of Justices came on a PIL filed by two Andhra Pradesh-based NGOs drawing the court's attention to 30–60 kg of plastic bags recovered from the stomachs of cows because of irresponsible disposal of plastic bags and defunct municipal waste collection system. The court issued notice to the Centre and State Governments on the PIL seeking ban on use of plastic bags in municipal areas which did not have a prompt garbage collection, segregation and disposal system. "Apart from the plastic choking the digestive system of the plastic residues enter the human food chain through dairy and animal products," he added.

Questions :

- (a) According to the Supreme Court, what is more frightening than the atom bomb?
- (b) What is the major failure for the alarming problem?
- (c) What action the court has taken regarding the plastic bags?
- (d) How do the plastic residues enter the human food chain?

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(e) What is the word from the above passage that suggests the meaning 'Separate'?

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