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ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE – SET B (101)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing & Grammar	30 marks
Section C	:	Literature & Long Reading Text	30 marks

SECTION- A (READING: 20 marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow:

CHARGING, THE WIRELESS WAY (8)

- 1) Cell phones have changed the way we communicate in the last decade, and despite standards being developed to make chargers universal, there is always the same old issue: where to plug it in, and with what charger. The situation has gotten worse with the use of smart phones that drain their charge within a day.
- 2) The Israeli company Powermat has developed a brilliant solution that allows you to charge your smart phone, iPod or handheld service simply by setting it down on a small high tech charge pad.
- 3) You need no cord, no plug just a small case or receiver that is permanently affixed to your device.
- 4) You come home or enter the office, set up to three devices on the mat and voila- after the required charge is achieved, Powermat shuts down and you're good to go.
- 5) "It is an increasingly wireless world and we are more tied down with wired devices and finding the right charger," says Beth Meyer, Vice President of global marketing. "Powermat gets rid of the tangle."
- 6) Meyer points out that Powermat can actually extend the battery of handheld devices and phones, which are more often than not overcharged. Powermat determines what charge to deliver and for how long. That will help prolong the battery's lifespan, consume less energy and cut down on environmental greenhouse gases.
- 7) The mat, which can be bought on the internet for around Rs. 2700, is plugged into a power source, and using a digital 'handshake', charges the smart device or phone via a receiver or case attached to it.
- 8) After launching Powermat to retail success in 2009, "we are going to build a truly wireless world." Meyer says, noting that travellers should soon expect to see Powermat stations at airports.
- 9) According to Meyer, the Powermat can theoretically be developed to charge anything from a cell phone to an electric car- the latter on a bigger mat, obviously. Maybe even one you can park on.

- The Tribune

On the basis of your reading, answer the questions that follow:

Q1. What old issue is the author talking about here?

Q2. How has the situation become worse?



- Q3. In what way is the Powermat solution to the problem 'brilliant'?
- Q4. How does the 'smart solution' developed by Powermat work?
- Q5. How does the Powermat solution save energy and make digital devices last long?
- Q6. What is the vision of the Powermat Company?
- Q7. What can air-travellers expect soon?
- Q8. How are car owners going to benefit from the Powermat technology in future?

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(12)

FOOD WASTAGE IN INDIA

- 1) As the Indian middle class is getting more affluent, the number of celebration parties is growing and so is the guest list. We have functions for birth celebrations, first birthday celebration, engagements, marriages, promotions, sixtieth birthdays, marriage jubilees and even retirement policy. Lot of people get invited to each of these.
- 2) Just inviting people to such celebrations is not a problem. Because if a person eats at one place, he/she would save food he/she would have eaten somewhere else. The problem is, there is no RSVP (which is a French abbreviation that stands for 'Reply, if you please') culture in India. We send invites, but we don't ask people whether they are planning to attend or not. The host does not get any feedback and has a vague idea of how many people will show up. Certainly if more people showed up unexpectedly and had no food to eat, it would be embarrassing. So they just end up making enough for a large number of people. This results in wastage of food. Cooking gas and manpower. And because electricity is costly and food storage equipment is not so easily available. Huge amount of food goes waste.
- 3) Then we have people offering food and oil to Gods. While so many people are going hungry, we are bathing idols of our Gods in milk, honey or oil. We throw rice on the couple at marriages.
- 4) There is a lot of wastage in how we get our food. The last end of our food and vegetable supply chains are street vendors, who lack adequate infrastructure to store food to reduce waste.
- 5) Our best of the best software engineers are writing software to run banks in US and Europe. Can't we launch a website that makes it possible for people to reply to invites using an easy, online or mobile based application? Yes, we need this one change in our culture- replying to invites and confirming whether we can make it to the celebration or not. Best of the best MBAs are launching marketing campaigns worldwide to increase market share of consumer products worldwide. Can't we launch a cultural change campaign?
- 6) We make choices and every choice has consequences. Sadly when faced with consequences of our choices, we externalise the blame. We find someone else to fault. We imagine only of that evil outside somewhere is fixed, we, the pious, people would continue living our pristine and perfect lives.
- 7) If we saved all this food, it would suddenly make extra food available, thereby reducing food demand and eventually reducing good prices.

1.1 On the basis of your reading, answer the following in 30-40 words:

(2x4=8)

- (a) What do you understand by the RSVP culture? What does its absence result in?
- (b) What are the different ways in which food is being wasted in India?
- (c) What kind of website, according to the poet, do we require to facilitate cultural change?
- (d) What will happen if we stop wasting food?



1.2 Choose the most appropriate option in each of the following:

(1x4=4)

a) Which of the following words means the same as 'affluent' (para 1)?

- i. successful
- ii. cunning
- iii. cheerful
- iv. wealthy

b) Which of the following words mean the opposite of the word 'vague' (para 2)?

- i. unimportant
- ii. uncertain
- iii. rough
- iv. clear

c) Which of the following words means the same as 'adequate' (para 4)?

- i. excessive
- ii. sufficient
- iii. poor
- iv. abundant

d) People who are 'pious' (para 6) are:

- i. united
- ii. wicked
- iii. religious
- iv. brave

**SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 30 Marks)**

Q3. You are Kumud of 148, Raja Garden, Delhi. You are awaiting your class 10<sup>th</sup> results. Meanwhile, you would like to do a short term course on etiquette development. Write a letter to The Director, Personal Care, Delhi, enquiring about the course details. (8)

Q4. Read the following prompt and write an interesting story in continuation to it in about 150 words. Give it a suitable title. (10)

During our trip to China, we saw two red pandas imprisoned by the locals and decided to set them free. My friends and I.....

Q5. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options. (1x4=4)

Governments are starting programmes (a) ..... adults how to read and write, how to do (b) ..... better, how to farm, and how to (c) ..... and take (d) ..... the health of their families.

1. (i) that teaching (ii) to teach (iii) which taught (iv) were teaching
2. (i) there jobs (ii) their jobs (iii) its jobs (iv) it's jobs
3. (i) became healthy (ii) becoming healthy (iii) becomes healthier (iv) become healthier
4. (i) better care of (ii) more care of (iii) good care of (iv) equal care of
- 5.

Q6. In the passage given below, there is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in your answer sheet. (1X4=4)



		Incorrect	Correct
Babies which put on weight very fast in	(a)	-----	-----
the first months of its lives are more	(b)	-----	-----
likely to grow in overweight adults, a	(c)	-----	-----
new study have revealed.	(d)	-----	-----

- Q7. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. (1X4=4)
- of the world/ India is/ most corrupt countries/ one of the/ alarmingly
  - to get their/have to/corrupt officials/pay bribes to/common citizens/work done
  - we expect change/themselves/how can/at the bottom/when top officials/are/corrupt
  - cannot think/are honest/the lower grade officials/if top officials/of demanding bribe

**SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 30 Marks)**

- Q8. Read the extract (any 1) given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

*And I had done a hellish thing,  
And it would work 'em woe:  
For all averred, I had killed the bird  
That made the breeze to blow.*

- Identify the speaker of the given lines.
- What 'hellish thing' had the speaker done?
- Explain- 'And it would work 'em woe'.
- Identify and quote the figure of speech used in the given lines.

OR

*The compelling motive for her sudden deviation towards the footsteps of Nimrod was the fact that Loona Bimberton had recently been carried eleven miles in an aeroplane.*

- Whose compelling motive is being talked about? What is the motive?
- What kind of relationship does Loona have with the person whose compelling motive is being discussed about?
- Explain: 'sudden deviation towards the footsteps of Nimrod'.
- Give a synonym for the word 'sudden'.

- Q9. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words: (2x4=8)

- How does Mr. Abel leave his daughters and their husbands 'shocked and bewildered'?
- What painful experience do the mariners undergo in the 'silent sea'?
- What kind of mixed feelings did the poet have on finding the snake at his trough?
- Why did the narrator not accept the nurse's suggestion of meeting Lucia?

- Q10. Answer any one of the following in not more than 100-120 words: (8)

*Behind the shabbiness of the two orphaned boys hid innumerable sterling qualities. Comment with reference to the two boys from 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. Also discuss how a life inspired by moral and human values can make this place a better place to live in.*

OR

*In spite of having a melodious voice and being a crowd puller, the Nightingale turns out to be a loser and dies. Is she responsible for her own downfall? Do you think she was truly 'brainless'? What lessons do you learn from her life and experience?*

- Q11. Answer any one of the following in not more than 200-250 words:

*'Any teacher can take a child to the classroom, but not every teacher can make him learn.'*  
Elucidate with reference to Anne Sullivan's character.

OR

Describe Helen's experience with the ocean when she and Miss Sullivan spent their summer vacation at Brewster, on Cape Cod. (10)