

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN  
FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH(CFE)**

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*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note : All questions are compulsory.**

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

Not unlike drugs or alcohol, the television experience allows the participant to blot out the real world and enter into a pleasurable and passive mental state. The worries and anxieties of reality are as effectively deferred by becoming absorbed in a television program as by going on a "trip" induced by drugs or alcohol. And just as alcoholics are only inchoately aware of their addiction, feeling that they control their drinking more than they really do ("I can cut it out any time I want — I just like to have three or four drinks before dinner"), people similarly overestimate their control over television watching. Even as they put off other activities to spend hour after hour watching television, they

feel they could easily resume living in a different, less passive style. But somehow or the other while the television set is present in their homes, the click doesn't sound. With television pleasures available, those other experiences seem less attractive, more difficult somehow.

A heavy viewer (a college English instructor) observes : "I find television almost irresistible. When the set is on, I cannot ignore it. I can't turn it off. I feel sapped, will-less, enervated. As I reach out to turn off the set, the strength goes out of my arms. So I sit there for hours and hours."

The self-confessed television addict often feels he "ought" to do other things — but the fact that he doesn't read and doesn't plant his garden or sew or crochet or play games or have conversations means that those activities are no longer as desirable as television viewing. In a way a heavy viewer's life is as imbalanced by his television "habit" as a drug addict's or an alcoholic's. He is living in a holding pattern, as it were, passing up the activities that lead to growth or development or a sense of accomplishment. This is one reason people talk about their television viewing so ruefully, so apologetically. They are aware that it is an unproductive experience, that almost any other endeavour is more worthwhile by any human measure.

Finally it is the adverse effect of television viewing on the lives of so many people that defines it as a serious addiction. The television habit distorts the sense of time. It renders other experiences vague and curiously unreal while taking on a greater reality for itself. It weakens relationships by reducing and sometimes eliminating normal opportunities for talking, for communicating.

And yet television does not satisfy, else why would the viewer continue to watch hour after hour, day after day ? "The measure of health," writes Lawrence Kubie, "is flexibility ... and especially the freedom to cease when sated." But the television viewer can never be sated with his television experiences — they do not provide the true nourishment that satiation requires — and thus he finds that he cannot stop watching.

(a) Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option — (1), (2) or (3) :

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(i) The experience of watching TV is similar to that of consuming drugs as both \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) give pleasure
- (2) create anxieties
- (3) create nearness to reality

- (ii) TV addicts wrongly think that \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) they can control their habit
  - (2) they have no control on their addiction
  - (3) their normal life is over
- (iii) TV addicts find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) sit and watch TV for hours
  - (2) be engrossed in a show on TV
  - (3) switch off the TV
- (iv) TV viewing is more attractive to the addict than \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) drugs
  - (2) reading
  - (3) alcohol
- (v) Because of one's addiction to TV one can become quite \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) unproductive
  - (2) active
  - (3) worthwhile

(b) State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* :

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- (i) The experience of watching TV makes a person become passive.
- (ii) A TV addict lives in the real world.
- (iii) Watching TV for long hours makes people conscious of real life problems.

- (iv) People who get addicted to watching TV for long hours think they'll be able to switch it off whenever they want to.
  - (v) A compulsive viewer thinks he can resume a more active life whenever he wishes to and he is able to do so.
  - (vi) Alcoholics and TV viewers lead similar lives.
  - (vii) To a TV addict playing games, reading or planting his garden is equally desirable.
  - (viii) A habit turns into a serious addiction when it starts having a negative impact on a person's life.
  - (ix) An addict enjoys the unreal world more than the real world.
  - (x) In spite of being aware of the hold of their addiction on their lives, addicts are not able to give it up.
- (c) Match the words in Column A (taken from the passage) with their meanings in Column B.

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<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>
(a) defer	(i) caused
(b) induced	(ii) incompletely
(c) inchoately	(iii) with regret
(d) ruefully	(iv) postpone
(e) distorts	(v) misrepresents

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the choices given below :

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- (a) The two brothers have been studying in this school \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
- (i) for
  - (ii) since
  - (iii) in
  - (iv) with
- (b) When I was \_\_\_\_\_ school I was a member of the Debating Society.
- (i) in
  - (ii) inside
  - (iii) by
  - (iv) from
- (c) The effective teacher tries \_\_\_\_\_ develop the mind as well as the skills of her students.
- (i) for
  - (ii) to
  - (iii) with
  - (iv) up to

- (d) Still not happy \_\_\_\_\_ her performance, Anushka practised harder.
- (i) to
  - (ii) at
  - (iii) by
  - (iv) with
- (e) It is extremely important for you to do your job well and to be aware \_\_\_\_\_ its complexity.
- (i) before
  - (ii) of
  - (iii) with
  - (iv) in

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words chosen from the box below :

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performance, possessions, accomplish, appliances, handsome
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- (a) The artist gave up all his worldly \_\_\_\_\_ to live the life of a saint.
- (b) Business leaders cannot \_\_\_\_\_ anything if their employees are not motivated.
- (c) The fantastic \_\_\_\_\_ of the players brought the team great honour.

- (d) A \_\_\_\_\_ prize was awarded to the person who achieved the feat.
- (e) If you maintain your home \_\_\_\_\_ well, they will last long.
4. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with the correct form of the words given in brackets : 10

I began my life among books when I was very young. In my grandfather's study they were everywhere and we were i (forbid) to dust them except once a year. Even before I could read, I already ii (respect) them. I felt that our family's iii (prosper) depended on them. I used to touch them in secret to honour my hands with their dust. Hundreds of times I saw my grandfather iv (absent mind) walk round the table, cross the room and v (hesitate) pick out a volume without vi (allow) himself time for choice, vii (look) through it as he went back to his armchair. With a combined viii (move) of his thumb and forefinger he would open a book, ix (make) it creak like a shoe. I sometimes got close enough to observe them and felt their pale, dank and x (slight) blistered pages.



5. Look at the following statements. Frame questions beginning with the words given : 5

- (a) Ritu is going to see a movie today.  
What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (b) You have to go to a forest to see animals in their natural habitat.  
How \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (c) The students are attending a lecture in the auditorium.  
Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (d) I will return your book in two days.  
When \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (e) Sunil has kept the keys in the locker.  
Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

6. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of the verb : 5

- (a) Due to the change in train timings our holiday plans \_\_\_\_\_ disturbed.
- (i) was  
(ii) were  
(iii) is
- (b) The science department of our college is \_\_\_\_\_ us on a trip to the hills.
- (i) took  
(ii) taken  
(iii) taking

- (c) Opening of a new supermarket in the area \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed by the villagers.
- (i) was
  - (ii) were
  - (iii) has
- (d) Once you reach Mumbai you \_\_\_\_\_ taken to a guest house by our staff.
- (i) are being
  - (ii) will be
  - (iii) will have
- (e) We \_\_\_\_\_ all our stocks to our new shop.
- (i) are moving
  - (ii) are moved
  - (iii) is moved

7. Write Polite or Impolite against each statement. 5

- (a) Could you please help me with this assignment ?
- (b) Listen ! You cannot enter the room without my permission.
- (c) Would you mind giving me a seat ?
- (d) May I request all of you to remain quiet ?
- (e) Don't you know how to behave properly ?

8. Transform these sentences into passive or active voice as shown. Begin your answer with the words given.

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(a) The tourists were stranded due to heavy snowfall.

Heavy snowfall \_\_\_\_\_ .

(b) We will hold the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.

The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ .

(c) The farm is being sold.

They are \_\_\_\_\_ .

(d) You are requested to maintain silence.

Please \_\_\_\_\_ .

(e) The college has organised an inter-school debate.

An inter-school \_\_\_\_\_ .

9. Description (about 150 words) :

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The way people shop has changed a lot since malls have started coming up. Most big cities and towns have big malls which provide a great shopping experience.

Describe a mall you have been to. Write about the kinds of shops, restaurants, cinema halls, etc. that are a part of the mall complex.

**10. Letter Writing (about 100 words) :**

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You live in a historical town of India where the old customs and traditions blend with modernisation. There are historical buildings, temples and traditional food to enjoy. At the same time there are wide roads, modern amenities and heavy traffic.

Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the blend of old and new, traditional and modern, that you see in the town.

- 11. Youth of today are very conscious of their looks. They watch advertisements on TV, read about the lifestyle of rich people and like to copy them. Write an essay describing how youth and teenagers have changed today. The essay entitled "Youth and Changing Lifestyles" must be written in about 200 words.**

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