

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

**02411 Term-End Examination**

**December, 2017**

**BEG-006 : JOINING THE WORKFORCE**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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*Note : There are seven questions. All questions are compulsory.*

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

On the morning of August 6, 1945, Hiroshima was just settling to another day. The summer sun gave promise of fair weather and the air raid warning did not alarm the people unduly. It probably meant no more, just another inconvenient routine interruption of the day's work as raiding aircraft, whatever their target, flew over the sky.

The bomb was set to explode after dropping to the height of 20,000 ft. For just about forty-two seconds after the bomb-doors of the aircraft were opened, nothing happened. The instrument fell 32 feet per second, gathering speed. In the final second of its descent it travelled something like a quarter of a mile. In Hiroshima, men, women and children went about their daily tasks as the 'all clear' had been sounded.

Suddenly the Sun was blotted out. It was eclipsed not by shadow but by light, a light so blinding that the Sun appeared pale before it. When the survivors regained consciousness, it was dark and murky, as a thick mist of brick and stone, earth and vegetation and human tissue enveloped the town.

What was the extent of damage ? One single bomb had killed and wounded as many as the mass raid of two-hundred and seventy-nine huge aircraft striking at a city ten times as populous. The destruction was so vast and the suffering that the bomb caused was so shocking that the very thought of the tragedy stuns the senses.

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) Why did the air raid not unduly alarm the people in Hiroshima ? 2
- (ii) Describe the dropping of the bomb in your own words. 3
- (iii) How did the bomb explode ? What was the scene in the initial moments ? 3
- (iv) Why does this tragedy stun the senses even now ? 3
- (v) Give an appropriate title to the passage. 1

(b) Make sentences with the following words from the text. You may change the form of the words. Choose any *four* words. 8

- (i) Routine
- (ii) Explode
- (iii) Blotted out
- (iv) Blinding
- (v) Destruction
- (vi) Tragedy

**2. Answer the following questions :** **3×5=15**

- (a) Write your own profile in about 100 words.
- (b) What is the difference between a C.V. and a portfolio ?
- (c) What are the skills needed to be successful in a group discussion ?

**3. What would you say in the following situations ?**  
Use appropriate polite forms and other expressions. **3×5=15**

- (a) Write an e-mail to National Publishers, Lucknow to dispatch two copies of "Insight into English" by Speed-post.
- (b) You want an appointment with Dr. Neeraj Jain for a routine check-up. Ask for a convenient date and time telephonically.
- (c) You visited the Lodhi Gardens. You had a brief conversation with the caretaker of the gardens regarding cleanliness. Write the conversation.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

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I. My sister is ill (i) last seven days. She has applied (ii) leave. She is absent (iii) her classes and she is worried (iv) practical classes. The teacher is dealing (v) some very important units. Good notes are not available (vi) these areas. Her class-teacher is equally concerned (vii) her missing school.

II. Rohan aims (viii) becoming a political leader. He called (ix) me (x) my support.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct options.

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(i) \_\_\_\_\_ his busy schedule Gopal's father attended the PTM.

(1) Due to

(2) Because of

(3) In spite of

(4) On account of

- (ii) Jaya parked her car \_\_\_\_\_ the city temple.
- (1) at
  - (2) near
  - (3) within
  - (4) at the back
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ my motorbike, my brother's bike starts at half kick.
- (1) Comparing
  - (2) Compared to
  - (3) In comparison
  - (4) Compare to
- (iv) Arun was advised not to \_\_\_\_\_ idly during the morning prayer.
- (1) hang around
  - (2) hang by
  - (3) hang in
  - (4) hang from
- (v) The discussion was very pleasant until our talkative neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ with useless gossip.
- (1) came
  - (2) broke into
  - (3) chipped in
  - (4) chipped away

5. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate words. Choose from the ones given in the box. There is one extra word.

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signed, fitness, offered, should,  
applied, join

Gaurang has been (i) the job he had (ii) for. He has been directed to (iii) duty along with a (iv) certificate duly (v) by the District Health Officer.

- (b) Complete the sentences by adding a suitable present/past participle or a gerund.

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- (i) We saw the thief \_\_\_\_\_ the jewels. (steal)
- (ii) She dislikes \_\_\_\_\_. (dance)
- (iii) The \_\_\_\_\_ breeze scattered leaves over the fields. (whisper)
- (iv) The magazine's cover \_\_\_\_\_ to the younger readers. (appeal)
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ a good novel gives me great pleasure. (read)

- (vi) A \_\_\_\_\_ heart takes time to heal.  
(break)
- (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ is a very good form of  
exercise. (swim)
- (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ his throat, the politician  
began his speech. (clear)
- (ix) \_\_\_\_\_ by lightning, she didn't  
know where to go. (blind)
- (x) Shall we eat the cake \_\_\_\_\_ in  
your oven? (bake)

6. Write a speech to be delivered on the occasion of Tree Plantation Day in your residential colony focussing on why such a day needs to be celebrated. 10

7. What are the Dos and Don'ts for an effective presentation before prospective buyers? Refer to an impressive way to catch the attention of the listeners. 10

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