

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2022

BEG-004 : ENGLISH IN DAILY LIFE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

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

Conversation is easily the most teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listener. There are, for

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example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about the other fellows' hobby rather than your own.

Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them and you will get a reputation for a good fellowship, charming wit and brilliant mind. There is nothing that people please so much as your interest in their interests. A good conversationalist can be effective only if he/she is able to blend humour, wit, topics of good interest, presence of mind, knowledge of various things, logical thinking etc. in fine proportion. Praise and appreciate people, for nothing pleases a man more than talking about yourself unless you are asked to do so. Use simple words and let the conversation be interesting. Avoid flowery use of language. Do not repeat the things or talk boastfully about your own self. Let the talk be lively and interesting. People are interested in their own

problems, not yours, sickness or death bores everybody. Similarly, age-old tales, happenings of the past even though they may be real, will never interest the listeners. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, because he/she gets paid for it.

Questions :

- (a) What are the basic needs of good conversation ? 2
- (b) What should be avoided in a good conversation ? 2
- (c) How can conversations be made more effective ? 2
- (d) What topics do not interest people ? 2
- (e) Find words from the passage that are antonyms of : uninterested, illogical. 2
2. Fill in the blanks using appropriate prepositions in the box : 10

with, on, in, over, to, from, between, at, from

- (a) Put the books _____ the table.

- (b) Compare your answers _____ your partner.
- (c) Apples and pears are _____ the same box.
- (d) He stayed with his friends _____ the weekend.
- (e) She is going _____ the library regularly.
- (f) Radha is senior _____ Mohan in office.
- (g) He comes _____ a very big family.
- (h) Everyone was amazed _____ her brilliant performance.
- (i) We should not deviate _____ our objectives.
- (j) The cricketing relations _____ two countries have become better in last two years.
3. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 5
- (i) We congratulated him _____ his birthday.
- (ii) He has lived here _____ 1980.

- (iii) You will have to wait _____ my return.
- (iv) They went _____ the Airport.
- (v) The water flows _____ the bridge.
- (b) Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of verb : 5
- (i) It was Mohan who _____ the police.
- (I) alert
- (II) alerts
- (III) alerted
- (ii) Age and experience _____ wisdom to man.
- (I) bring
- (II) brings
- (III) brought
- (iii) I will call you when the guests _____.
- (I) arrive
- (II) would arrive
- (III) will arrive
- (iv) One of my friends _____ USA recently.
- (I) has gone
- (II) went
- (III) goes

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verb given in the bracket : 5

(i) It has just _____ (rain).

(ii) Raj _____ (meet) his family last year.

(iii) She _____ (fall) asleep while she was watching TV.

(iv) Sita was cooking when I _____ (go) to the office.

(v) I have _____ (complete) my work just now.

(b) Write whether polite or impolite against each statement : 5

(i) Send me the report.

(ii) Go away. Leave me alone.

(iii) I am afraid I disagree.

(iv) Let me know when you are available.

(v) I don't like the colours in your design at all.

5. Fill in the appropriate phrasal verbs given in the box. There is one extra option : 5

set aside, get on, broke in, pick up, make up for, let down
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- (i) She _____ well with her neighbours.
- (ii) The thieves _____ through the backdoor.
- (iii) You must _____ some money for emergencies.
- (iv) Rani _____ some French during her tour to Paris.
- (v) Her experience and confidence _____ her lack of degrees.
6. Corona Pandemic disrupted the academic activities in a big way. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience and successful ways you adopted to overcome the challenge. 15
7. Write a dialogue between two youngsters on the issue of climate change. How can governments

and individuals play a role in checking the menace ? 20

8. Write an essay in about **200** words on increasing cases of domestic violence particularly during the lockdown. Give reasons, why this is happening. 20