

**BACHELOR IN COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS**

Term-End Examination

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**CS-610 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN
ENGLISH FOR COMPUTING**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

In the relatively static societies before modernism, many workers would often inherit or take up a single lifelong position (a place or role) in the workforce, and the concept of an unfolding career had little or no meaning. With new ideas of progress and of the habits of individualist self-betterment, careers became possible, if not expected.

Once you have decided on your career and completed the course of study, you will need to look for a job. In order to decide the sort of job you would like to undertake it is sometimes

advisable to contact consultants or career counselors who could help you to understand the challenges involved in starting a new job. Consultants/counselors that take up too many diverse areas may lose focus and may not be able to deliver the goods. However, many consultancies have had real success stories and going to one can help you plan your ventures.

It has been estimated that most jobs are not advertised in a competitive job market. Most employers actually expect applicants to take the initiative. It can be cost effective for the employer to draw on a limited but well - qualified and motivated "self - referred" pool of candidates.

If you decide to take this creative approach to job search, remember that thorough research is vital to success. A small number of well - targeted applications is more likely to produce results than wasting paper and postage on mass mailing.

You will need to look beyond the recruitment sections of the local and national press to the general news/business sections. Where have new contracts been awarded, which organizations are expanding, who is reporting record profits and which companies are moving into your area or developing a particular product ?

Research thoroughly. What is the focus of individual companies? What do they look for in graduates?

Build up a network of contacts. Usually people are happy to talk about their areas of work and can provide you with further, perhaps even more relevant contacts. Academic staff may have excellent links with the local industry and commerce, which could help you develop your network.

Telephone before you send a letter, so that your application does not arrive "cold" or on the wrong person's desk. Aim to track down the most relevant person and her/his job title (and make sure you spell the name correctly!). Clearly state what job area you are interested in. Say why you have chosen to apply to that particular organization. Demonstrate that you know something about them, their products and/or services.

You will need to convince the employer that you can do the job for which you are applying. The style and tone of your letter should be persuasive. State when you are available for an interview or discussion. You may want to follow your letter with a telephone call a few days later to demonstrate your commitment and enthusiasm.

- (a) Say whether the following statements are *true (T)* or *false (F)*. 4
- (i) In earlier days there was little scope for self betterment after getting into a job.
 - (ii) It is desirable to make a phone call immediately after sending one's application.
 - (iii) Having a good network of contacts goes a long way in getting a job.
 - (iv) These days most of the jobs are not advertised because there is a lot of competition in the job market.
- (b) Answer the following questions :
- (i) How has modernism affected the job market ? 2
 - (ii) What is the role of a career counselor ? 2
 - (iii) Do the employers always fill the job vacancies by advertising ? If not, why ? 2
2. (a) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice : 2
- (i) Nobody was able to solve the problem.
 - (ii) Excessive rains have damaged the crops.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable options from the ones given in brackets : 3
- (i) Generally my father _____ (reaches, is reaching) home quite late.
- (ii) Neither of them _____ (have, has) cleared the test.
- (iii) It _____ (is, has been) raining for the last ten days.
3. Rewrite the following sentences removing errors, if any : 5
- (a) Now a days women have become very health conscious, isn't it ?
- (b) In olden days people use to do a lot of physical work.
- (c) Metro Rail has a blessing for the people of Delhi.
- (d) Rahul made a hundred runs in the first inning.
- (e) The last bus to Agra leaves at 5 O'clock.
4. Do as directed. 5
- (a) Most of the Chinese are non vegetarians (add a tag question)
- (b) Aman said, "Karan, don't jump to conclusion in such haste, rest you should have to repent'. (write in indirect speech)
- (c) The weather is too bad to go for a picnic. (rewrite removing *too*)
- (d) You can crack the IAS exam. Only if you work very hard. (rewrite using *unless*)

- (e) Reema is very intelligent. She could not score well this time. (combine of two sentences using inspite of)
5. Write a composition in about **300** words, on **15**
any one of the following topics.
- (a) Imagine life without computers
 - (b) We have become slaves of machines.
 - (c) Can sports be treated as a profession ?
6. Summarize the following passage in about **10**
150 words and give it an appropriate title.

William (Bill) H. Gates was the Chairman of Microsoft Corporation, the worldwide leader in software, services and solutions, that helped people and businesses realize their full potential. Microsoft employs more than 61,000 people in 102 countries and regions.

On June 15, 2006, Microsoft announced that effective July 2008 Gates will move out of a day- to -day role in the company and spend more time on his global health and education work at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. After July 2008, Gates will continue to serve as Microsoft 's Chairman and an advisor on key development projects.

Born on Oct. 28, 1955, Gates grew up in Seattle with his two sisters. Their father, William H. Gates II, is a Seattle attorney. Their late mother, Mary Gates, was a school teacher, University of Washington Regent and Chairwoman of United Way International.

Under Gates' leadership, Microsoft's mission has been to continually advance and improve software technology, and to make it easier, more cost-effective and more enjoyable for people to use computers. The company is committed to a long-term view, reflected in its investment of approximately \$ 6.2 billion on research and development in the 2005 fiscal year.

In 1999, Gates wrote *Business @ the Speed of Thought*, a book that shows how computer technology can solve business problems in fundamentally new ways. He has donated the proceeds of the book to non-profit organizations that support the use of technology in education and skills development.

In addition to this love of computers and software, Gates founded Corbis, which is developing one of the world's largest resources of visual information - a comprehensive digital archive of art and photography from public and private collections around the globe.

Philanthropy is also important to Gates. He and his wife, Melinda, have endowed a foundation with more than \$ 28.8 billion (as of January 2005) to support philanthropic initiatives in the areas of global health and learning, with the hope that in the 21st century, advances in these critical areas will be available for all people.

Gates was married on Jan 1, 1994, to Melinda French Gates. They have three children. Gates is an avid reader, and enjoys playing golf and bridge.
