

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

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Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Do you remember Einstein's grandmom's name ? No ? It was Mrs. Einstein. Remember Newton's fourth law of motion ? No ? Good for you. There wasn't one. Healthy living means a healthy disdain for trivia. Too much information is as devastating as half-baked knowledge. An overdose of facts takes away from learning the joys that come from a natural discovery of things. The wonderment of a child discovering a rainbow is greater than understanding the electromagnetic dynamics of VIBGYOR.

In this age of specialisation, the specialist knows more and more about less and less until he knows practically everything about nothing. This does not mean specialisation is undesirable, it isn't. For apart from being a specialist one must also be a jack of all trades and one is also expected to know something about everything. However, in our race to acquire knowledge we may set ourselves unrealistic goals like knowing everything about everything. The result ? Information overload, fatigue and breakdown. For, the brain, like a sponge can absorb only a definite amount of information and you just can't go beyond the saturation limit. The ideal therefore is to keep well below the saturation limit so that you are always ready to tackle any eventuality.

So how does one deal with the deluge of information that is constantly being directed at us ? From telephones, e-mails, faxes, websites, internet, teleprinters, mobile phones, magazines, newspapers, television, radio, to what have you, we are truly witnessing the information revolution and if we are not careful, we might be snowed under mountains of mind-boggling trivia.

Every person needs to evolve a system to be able to manage the chaos of too much information. To handle it and handle it well. And rather than overloading your mind, it would be better to store information that you do not require at your fingertips on floppies, computer notepads, diaries, files and other forms of multimedia. There are, of course, certain things that you cannot trust to anything but your own memory. Like which face corresponds to which name, because people

expect it of you, even if you don't. They also expect you to remember intimate details of their long and chequered careers, But then, such is life. It is highly improper to back-slap Lovely and call him Bobby all the time. It is just not done.

Too much information can actually damage your health and well-being, cause stress, breakdowns and lead to what is known as the 'information fatigue syndrome', which is characterised by forgetfulness, indecisions, lack of concentration, irritability, sleeplessness and a lack of appetite. Internet has brought with it the phenomenon of information anxiety where the very existence of the info-super-highway causes a desire to know more and more about its routes and channels often leading one on a wild goose chase.

The fear of obsolescence keeps people on their toes, especially in these technical times, so that your colleagues or competitors don't overtake or supercede you. Then there is the problem of keeping up with the latest news update, reading the latest book, seeing the latest movies, listening to the latest music, catching up on who is the latest Miss Universe, who's the Prime Minister of Italy or the number of centuries scored by Sachin Tendulkar. It boggles the mind somewhat.

Life is far too precious to get immersed in mindless trivia. To become Mr. Know-all is very fine, but when will you stop running and start living, really

living, like enjoying a walk or listening to music ? Seek philosophy which is complete, unified knowledge, unlike science. And above knowledge, seek wisdom. For wisdom, unlike knowledge, cannot be communicated. And what cannot be communicated cannot disturb you.

-Ashima Gill

After reading the passage, answer the questions :

- (a) (i) What happens when one has too much information ? Discuss in some detail. 3
- (ii) We are truly witnessing the information revolution. Discuss this in the light of the passage . 3
- (iii) How can you manage the overload of information that is thrown at you on on a daily basis ? 2
- (iv) What do you understand by “information fatigue syndrome” ? 2

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

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- (i) Faxes and teleprinters are sources of entertainment.
- (ii) Too much information helps people to maintain good health.
- (iii) It is important and useful to evolve a system to manage the chaos of too much of information.
- (iv) People expect others to remember intimate details.
- (v) Wisdom, unlike knowledge, cannot be communicated and would not disturb you.

(c) Make sentences of the following words :

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- (i) devastating
- (ii) undesirable
- (iii) revolution.
- (iv) intimate
- (v) supercede

2. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words from those given below. There are more words than you can use. You may change the form of the words if needed.

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gently, never, enable carefully, greatly, skilfully

A committed teacher unlocks the door of learning for her children very (i) and (ii) . She will (iii) them to learn (iv) . The teacher must (v) forget that it is her primary duty to shape her students' destiny.

3. Use the correct degree of the adjectives given below in brackets :

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- (a) J.C. Bose proved that the _____ (important) thing about the plants is that they too have feelings.
- (b) My bag was _____ (heavy) than my brother's briefcase.
- (c) It is _____ (good) to keep quiet when we are not sure about the facts.
- (d) Most of the books issued from the library were _____ (light) in weight.
- (e) The issue being discussed in the meeting was _____ (serious) than the issues dropped.

- (f) The paintings displayed in the art gallery were _____ (attractive) than the photographs displayed there.
- (g) The inaugural speech was _____ (short) than the vote of thanks.
- (h) Ravi's love for his school garden was _____ (emotional) than rational.
- (i) Gopu's C.V. submitted along with his application was _____ (short) than his opening paragraph.
- (j) Our neighbours were _____ (helpful) than the members of our family when we shifted to our new house.

4. Identify the main clause in the sentences given below :

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- (a) Your brother who is the elected member of the MCD is travelling to Varanasi.
- (b) The answer script which had all items filled in by the candidate, did not have the invigilator's signature.
- (c) How do you know that Hari had submitted his nomination papers from the Allahabad constituency ?
- (d) Tell me how you could complete the paper before the invigilator announced 'Time up' ?
- (e) Where did you park your scooter when you visited the Book Fair ?

5. Use appropriate linkers to form the phrases or sentences given below :

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- (a) Roma is on long leave. She is suffering from Dengue fever.
- (b) The train arrived about an hour late. Ahmad did not miss the train.
- (c) Various Indian States have announced a huge sum. The sum of money will be distributed amongst farmers.
- (d) Yog has got a respectable rank. He has been offered a good job.
- (e) Gopal has been promoted to the position of a coach. He had worked hard for three years.

6. Read the following dialogues and insert the verbs appropriately :

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- (a) A : _____ (you/ever/be) abroad ?
B : Yes, I _____ (go) to Canada last year.
A : What _____ (you/see) ?
B : I _____ (see) the Niagara Falls.
They _____ (be) awesome.

(b) A : _____ (you/see) the Headmistress
this morning ?

B : I _____ (see) her an hour ago.

(c) Teacher : Who _____ (write) *Oliver Twist* ?

Student : Charles Dickens _____ (write) it.

(d) A : Have you heard ? Nandini _____
(come) first in class.

B : I had heard Atul did.

7. You recently moved to a new city on a job transfer. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her of this move. 20

In your letter :

- describe the new city
- describe how life in this city is different from the previous city you were in.

8. You want to join an NGO which helps in rural education. You have to stay in the village for long periods of time. Your father would like you to take up a more traditional occupation. Convince your father in a dialogue of 200 – 250 words. 25
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