

**BACHELOR IN COMPUTER  
APPLICATIONS**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2011**

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

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

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*Note : Attempt all questions.*

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

Panic broke out among the fish. They knew only too well what fishermen were and why they caught fish.

They gathered together in the middle of the pond. All fish came, big ones, little ones, middle - sized ones, the fearless as well as the timid. There were so many of them crowded together that it almost seemed as if there was not enough water for them all. Countless numbers of fins could be seen on the surface of the water, darting about hither and thither as more and more of them continued to arrive. The waters whirled about and the surface became as rough as it does during a hurricane.

The assembly conferred, one motion was ruled out by another, but not one was seconded and they could think of nothing fruitful. Finally one of them came up with an idea, but it was not a very good one : to ask the heron for his advice. It was a desperate thing to turn to their sure enemy at a time like this, but the heron was their only acquaintance. Moreover, it seemed that he must be interested in the welfare of their being for, after all, he depended on them for a living.

They sent messengers to the heron to tell him their sad tidings and ask him for his help. The fish had by then forgotten that the information about the fisherman had actually come from the heron, for, as the news in the pond spread from mouth to mouth and panic spread with it, no one stopped to think who had been the first to tell the news.

- (a) What according to you was the cause of panic among the fish ? **1**
- (b) Pick the phrase/ sentence that indicates that a huge number of fish gathered in the middle of the pond. **1**
- (c) Why did the water appear to be hit by a hurricane ? **1**
- (d) What were the fish trying to decide upon ? **1**
- (e) Why was it not a good idea to ask the heron ? **1**
- (f) Would the heron be inclined to help them ? **1**  
State the reason.

- (g) Pick words/Phrases from the text which are close in meaning to the following. **2**
- (i) a feeling of great fear
  - (ii) here and there
- (h) Explain the phrases. **2**
- (i) mouth to mouth
  - (ii) ruled out

2. Do as directed.

- (a) Correct the following sentences. **2**
- (i) The new policy who the government has made is quite good.
  - (ii) I don't like parties. I'd much rather reading a good book.
- (b) Combine the following sentences into one sentence using 'so..... that'.
- (i) The company lost a lot of money. **1**
  - (ii) It was forced to shut down.
- (c) Use the phrasal verbs in sentences of your own. **2**
- (d) Complete the following sentences using an appropriate modal. **1**

You must make a provision for conveyance allowance. A person \_\_\_\_\_ not wish to use the official transport.

Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb.

(e) The world of gadgets \_\_\_\_\_ (move) at a tremendous pace over the last decade. 1

(f) Combine the following sentences into one sentence by using a Participle.

(i) The bus was carrying foreign tourists. 1

(ii) The bus was stopped by some armed men.

(g) Change the voice of the following sentences. 2

(i) Someone picked my pocket last evening.

(ii) They are building a bridge across the river.

3. Do as directed.

(a) use the given words in sentences of your own to illustrate the difference in their meanings. 2

exhaustive, exhausted.

(b) Provide synonyms to the following 1

employ, specific

(c) Provide antonyms to the following. 1

Primary, hide

(d) Rewrite the sentences using the antonym of the underlined word without changing the meaning of the sentence. 1

I like simple machines which are easy to handle.

4. Write a paragraph of about **150** words on **5**  
*any one* of the following.

- (a) Using the Internet responsibly
- (b) Efficient management of Data
- (c) Gadgets of tomorrow

5. Write an essay of about **300** words on *any one* of **10**  
the following.

- (a) My whole world is in my Laptop
- (b) Are we forgetting standard English ?
- (c) Preserving our environment.

6. Read the following passage and summarize it to  
one third of its length. Provide it with a suitable  
title as well. **9+1=10**

Akbar was a man far in advance of his time. So potent was his persona that only those most gifted and possessed of a strong sense of self - worth could stand up to him. It was a trait that was to have fateful consequences for his heirs.

Akbar had three sons: Salim, Murad and Daniyal, born to him in 1569, 1570 and 1572 respectively. Yet, by 1608 only Salim still lived: the other two had self destructed through adiction to opium and alcohol. At the time of his father's death, Salim too had become fond of stimulants and subject to the most capricious mood swings. When in the grip of arrack and opium. Between 1600 and 1605 he also led a series of revolts against Akbar, and

war between father and son was averted only through the intervention of Akbar's senior begins and by Salim's own realisation that he was militarily no match for his father. Despairing over the successor Akbar's mind turned to one who, by widespread comment had all the required qualities to succeed him, Salim's eldest son Khusram. Khusram was born in October 1587 to Salim and Man Bai. He soon grew up to be a court favourite. He had a pleasing presence and excellent personality, and was exceedingly beloved of the common people. At 18 Khusram was personable, brave and a talented battlefield commander.

(Adapted from Khusram: The shadow of power from The Hindu Magazine, February 28, 2010).

