

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

Term-End Examination

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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 :

THE FIFA WORLD CUP

The FIFA World Cup (Football) is the world's greatest sporting event. Thirty two teams that have reached the finals will play for the greatest prize in sport. There is a 33rd team taking part in that tournament, however, which is not a national team but an international team of referees and assistants - the team that cannot win.

Selection for this team is difficult - 36 referees and the same number of assistants are selected from six confederations. They have gained their places by performing to a consistently high level in major matches, both nationally and internationally. They have been tested in hostile environments during the qualifying matches and they have proved their ability to handle the pressure during matches.

- (a) Answer the following questions by choosing the correct answer A, B or C. 5
- (i) According to the passage, how many playing teams participate in the FIFA World Cup ?
(A) 33 (B) 32 (C) 36
- (ii) As per the passage, which is the additional team to participate in the tournament ?
(A) France
(B) India
(C) Team of referees
- (iii) In the second paragraph, the phrase "hostile environment" is used. It means :
(A) unfriendly atmosphere
(B) hostel accommodation
(C) hotel interiors
- (iv) The referees team cannot win because :
(A) they are a weak team
(B) they do not play in the tournament.
(C) they only watch the matches on TV.
- (v) Komleeswaran Sankar's distinction in the FIFA World Cup is that he is the :
(A) youngest referee
(B) first Indian to officially be a referee
(C) referee in the first FIFA World Cup

- (c) Use the words/phrases taken from the passage, given below and fill in the blanks in the sentences : 5

hostile - environments ; referee ;
tournaments ; devoid ; attitude

- (i) The wedding was celebrated in a simple manner, _____ of any grandeur, pomp and show.
- (ii) A _____ is a person who acts as a judge in a sporting event.
- (iii) While taking part in interviews and group discussions a positive _____ will help in being successful.
- (iv) Many athletes take part in sporting _____ throughout the year.
- (v) People serving in the armed forces have to often serve in _____.

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the choices given below. 5

(a) After a two-day journey, the Rajdhani express arrived in Delhi _____ .

- (i) in time (ii) on time
(iii) before (iv) early

(b) _____ being a great scholar, she is also a good painter.

- (i) Beside (ii) Over
(iii) Besides (iv) At

4. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. 10

Any festival is a time for _____ (enjoy) and Diwali in India is no exception. During this festival of lights many traditional lamps are _____ (light) and the people of all age groups are seen, _____ (sing) and _____ (dance). During Diwali, Goddess Lakshmi is _____ (worship) and various types of cultural programmes are _____ (conduct). Different types of sweet dishes are _____ (cook) and many women - folk can be seen, _____ (distribute) sweets in the neighbourhood. The elders are busy _____ (greet) each other with warmth and happiness, the children have a wonderful time, _____ (burst) crackers.

5. The following questions have error(s). Rewrite them correctly. 5

For example : Why you came here ?

Answer : Why did you come here ?

- (a) Where you are going ?
- (b) When did you gave me the book ?
- (c) Which book you are looking for ?
- (d) What the children are doing here ?
- (e) Whom you saw in the market ?

- (g) As we focussed the binoculars, the people below _____ visible.
- (i) became (ii) got
(iii) become
- (h) We had to _____ dressed before the guests came.
- (i) become (ii) have
(iii) get
- (i) The people _____ by the cyclone most, wrote a letter to the minister.
- (i) who were affected
(ii) who are affected
(iii) who affected
- (j) Everything _____ on his receiving the reply in time.
- (i) depends (ii) depend
(iii) depending

7. Choose the correct conditional and complete the sentences. 5

- (a) The doctor will come only (if/unless) there is an emergency.
- (b) (Unless/If) it rains soon, all the crops will dry up.
- (c) (If only/I wish) Karan had been a bit more careful he could have avoided the accident.
- (d) (If only / I wish) I were taller, I would have been a basket ball player.
- (e) (if only / I wish) you wouldn't blow cigarette smoke in my face. Its irritating.

10. Letter writing (About 100 words) 10

You have your lunch at the college canteen, (where you are studying) ; You are not entirely satisfied with the condition of the canteen. Write a letter to your Principal explaining

- (a) What you like about the canteen ;
- (b) What you do not like about it ;
- (c) Suggestions to improve the canteen

Use the correct letter format ; the letter should be around **100** words.

11. Essay writing : (200 words) 15

Nowadays, many people all over the world are suffering from stress. Write an essay of around 200 words on the causes of stress and what we should do to reduce our stress levels.

Give examples and relevant information from your own life and experience.
