

**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 following passage and answer the questions given below it :

The silence of the Reference Library was broken only by an occasional cough and now and then by the scarcely audible sound of pages being turned over. There were about twenty people in the room, most of them with their heads bent over their books. The assistant librarian who was in charge of the room sat at a desk in one corner. She glanced at Phillip as he came in, then went on with her work.

Phillip had not been to this part of the library before. He walked around the room almost on tiptoe, afraid of disturbing the industrious readers with his heavy shoes. The shelves were filled with thick volumes : dictionaries in many languages, encyclopaedias,

atlases, biographies and other works of reference. He found nothing that was likely to interest him, until he came to a small section on photography, which was one of his hobbies. The books in this section were on a high shelf out of his reach, so he had to fetch a small ladder in order to get one down. Unfortunately, as he was climbing down the ladder, the book he had chosen slipped from his grasp and fell to the floor with a loud crash. Twenty pairs of eyes looked up at him simultaneously annoyed by this unaccustomed disturbance. Phillip felt himself go red as he picked up his book, which did not seem to have been damaged by its fall.

He had just sat down when he found the young lady assistant standing alongside him. "You must be more careful when you are handling these books," she said severely. Satisfied that she had done her duty, she turned to go back to her desk. Then a sudden thought struck her. "By the way, how old are you ?", she asked Phillip. "Thirteen," he told her. "You're not allowed in here under the age of fourteen, you know," the assistant said. "Didn't you see the notice on the door ?" Phillip shook his head. He expected the assistant to ask him to leave. Instead, in a more kindly tone, she said : "Well, never mind. But make sure that you don't disturb the other readers again, otherwise I shall have to ask you to leave."

(a) State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* ;

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- (i) There was a lot of noise in the Reference Library.
- (ii) The assistant did not take much notice of Phillip when he came in.
- (iii) Phillip knew the Reference Library well.
- (iv) Phillip was not interested in photography.
- (v) The assistant nearly forgot to ask Phillip how old he was.
- (vi) The assistant asked Phillip to leave the library.

(b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words. Use one sentence for each answer.

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- (i) How did Phillip try to avoid disturbing the readers in the Reference Library ?
- (ii) Where were the books on photography kept ?
- (iii) What made Phillip go red ?
- (iv) Why did Phillip expect the assistant librarian to ask him to leave ?

(c) Complete the following sentences on the basis of the passage :

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- (i) Most of the books on the shelves such as _____, did not interest Phillip.
- (ii) Phillip would not have disturbed the readers if _____ .
- (iii) The book _____ was not damaged.
- (iv) The assistant librarian told Phillip severely to _____ .
- (v) Phillip did not know that he was too young to use the Reference Library because _____ .

(d) Use the following words in your own sentences so as to bring out their meaning :

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- (i) Industrious
- (ii) Atlas
- (iii) Grasp
- (iv) Fetch
- (v) Annoyed

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

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- (a) My sister distributed fruits _____ all of us.
- (i) with
 - (ii) among
 - (iii) between
 - (iv) in
- (b) All of us gathered _____ the meeting of the residents of the RWC.
- (i) for
 - (ii) in
 - (iii) about
 - (iv) inside
- (c) I often park my motorbike _____ the school gate.
- (i) in front of
 - (ii) around
 - (iii) across
 - (iv) beneath
- (d) We travel _____ the city bus service.
- (i) with
 - (ii) on
 - (iii) by
 - (iv) from
- (e) Our last period ends _____ 2:45 pm.
- (i) on
 - (ii) at
 - (iii) above
 - (iv) during

3. Look at the following statements. Frame questions beginning with the words given :

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(a) We are going to celebrate our grandmother's 94th birthday next week.

When _____ ?

(b) Yoga classes are held in my practical room.

Where _____ ?

(c) He has been denied his right to get his grandparents' property as he could not produce his birth certificate.

Why _____ ?

(d) Hemant writes with his left hand after his serious accident.

Why _____ ?

(e) Our morning prayer begins at 8:15 am.

When _____ ?

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.

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(a) I _____ (learn) how to cook rice before I joined my college hostel.

(b) A book on Personality Development _____ (be) on the stands of A.H. Wheeler for display during the last book fair.

(c) My father loves walking in the morning but my mother _____ (not like) it.

(d) No one _____ (know) the secret of a happy married life.

(e) Govind _____ (keep) his Oxford Dictionary in his book-shelf.

5. Write whether *Polite* or *Impolite* against each sentence.

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- (a) May I use your cellphone to make a call ?
- (b) Why should you be here at this time ?
- (c) How can you argue like that ?
- (d) I sincerely apologise for being late.
- (e) Excuse me, could I sit here ?

6. Transform these sentences into *passive* or *active* voice. Begin your answers with the words given.

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- (a) The City Magistrate announced 14 years life imprisonment to Gaya Prasad.
14 years life imprisonment _____
- (b) Ragini has bought the revised edition of Longman's Dictionary of Contemporary English.
The revised edition of _____
- (c) The Compulsory Education Bill was placed on the table of the House by the HRD minister.
The HRD minister _____
- (d) We should obey the rules.
The rules _____
- (e) No one can hunt in the national parks.
Hunting _____

7. Facebook, Whatsapp and Twitter take the maximum time of the youngsters. This is resulting into loss of time and indifference towards studies or many other essential activities. This is causing many social problems as well. Write your experiences and views on this situation. (200 words) 20
8. The number of senior citizens is increasing and so are the cases of their neglect and emotional suffering.
Write a letter to the Chief Minister of your State to do the needful to improve their living conditions. 15
9. Crimes in general and especially against women are on the increase. Write an essay on this issue suggesting how it could be checked. 20
(200 words)
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