

**BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
(BCA) (Pre-Revised)**

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 passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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Forests are essential for the well-being of mankind. The very existence of mankind would be in danger if the forests are destroyed.

Forests protect the soil from erosion by wind and water and also help to improve the quality of the soil. Trees have been providing wood to mankind ever since man learnt to cook

and to live in huts and houses. They also provide grass for making huts, ropes, nets and baskets. As man became more civilized he started depending more on forests. There is no area of human existence today where something or the other made from forest raw material is not in use. In fact, whichever way you look in your home, school or college or outside, you will see something or the other which has been made from raw materials obtained from forests.

But perhaps the most important service that trees provide to man in these days of fast growth of cities and industries is the role they play in reducing atmospheric pollution. The leaves of trees absorb huge quantities of carbon dioxide – a poisonous gas – from the atmosphere and release large quantities of pure oxygen into it. They also provide useful products such as wood, bark, flowers and fruits.

It is unfortunate that, while the very existence of mankind is dependent on the existence of forests, it is man alone who is the greatest enemy of forests. The forests in our

country have been steadily destroyed during the last 30 years. They are often cleared for the purposes of agriculture, settlement of homeless persons and for providing land to the landless.

Apart from the legal deforestation, there is a lot of illegal deforestation carried out by people. The uncontrolled grazing by sheep, cows and buffaloes, cutting down trees for making charcoal, putting up factories, roads, canals, schools and colleges, etc. are some of the other reasons for deforestation. What is needed today is a massive programme for forest protection.

- (a) Mention two things obtained from forests. 2
- (b) What role do forests play in fighting pollution? 2
- (c) Find words in the passage which are opposites of the words given below : 2
increasing; release.
- (d) Give two examples each of legal and illegal deforestation. 2
- (e) Do you think man can survive on earth if forests are completely destroyed ? Give reasons for your answer. 2

2. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in not more than 250 words : 15

- (a) Is life possible without computers now ?
- (b) Fast food : The greatest health hazard
- (c) No Politics in Universities, please !

3. Rewrite the following sentences removing the error, if any : 5

- (a) Mr. Z is two years senior than Mr. X.
- (b) One can't be successful in life unless one doesn't work hard.
- (c) Vijay made fifty runs in the first inning.
- (d) Great Wall of China is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- (e) What you have been doing all these years ?

4. Do as directed : 10

- (a) He is very weak so he can't run fast.
(Rewrite using 'too')
- (b) They didn't consider his name for the Nobel Prize. (Rewrite in the passive voice)

- (c) I _____ (don't, haven't) seen him for a long time. (Fill in the blank choosing the suitable option from the brackets)
- (d) Alexander Bell _____ (has invented, invented) the telephone. (Fill in the blank with the suitable option from the brackets)
- (e) Many amendments have been made in the Constitution. (Rewrite in the active voice)
- (f) You can crack the entrance test only if you work very hard. (Rewrite by using 'unless')
- (g) Neither of them _____ happy to see the result. (Fill in the blank with an appropriate verb)
- (h) Kumar _____ (finish) cleaning the car before Rita arrived. (Fill in the blank using the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets)
- (i) Are you aware _____ your responsibility towards your family? (Insert an appropriate preposition in the blank)
- (j) The driver of the car was _____ (serious, seriously) injured. (Fill in the blank choosing the right option from the brackets)

5. Summarise the given passage into a paragraph. 10

Among the fundamental qualities a citizen of democracy must have is a deep concern for the good life of his fellows. He must have a sense of social responsibility and the will to sink his own immediate interests and the interests of his class in the common good, to do his full share in working for the community.

But, these qualities alone might lead one to be a well-meaning dictator or the unthinking follower. The citizen of democracy must also be a man of independent judgment, he must respect the individualities of others and therefore be tolerant of opinions in conflict with his own; he must prefer methods of discussion and persuasion to methods of force.

The citizen of democracy also needs certain intellectual qualities. It is not enough to love truth, he must learn how to find it. It is easy to teach students to reason correctly in the physical sciences; it is more difficult to reason correctly in the social sciences where their own prejudices

and passions are involved. They must be taught habits of clear thinking in order that they may acquire the power of recognizing their own prejudices and discussing political and economic questions with the same desire to understand the other person's position, with the same precision and absence of over statement, that they would bring to the discussion of a problem in mathematics.
