

**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 culture into which a child is born functions as an environment which provides opportunity and support for learning various things associated with being a person and member of society. At the same time it restricts what is learnt by the child. The language the child is exposed to in the home and neighbourhood becomes the first language and the culture of the particular community is what the child learns and accepts as his own. The language and culture of the community, in which socialisation takes place, influence the social nature and identity of the individual in important ways. A child has very little choice in these matters. It is only after we have become socialised and learnt how to live in society that we can begin to rebel or become reformers.

A remarkable feature of the process of learning the first language is that it occurs naturally and is managed with effectiveness. This strikes us as amazing when we note that this learning of language takes place without any conscious planning and effort. Various persons around the child help and support the first language acquisition process, but there is no systematic teaching. We can state another principle. Every child learns to speak his/her first language effectively, without planned teaching. Of course after the child goes to school, a great deal more learning takes place under instruction, specially reading and writing. But this curriculum based teaching is based on what was learnt earlier through the natural process of socialisation.

(a) Answer the following questions by choosing the correct answer A, B, or C.

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(i) In the process of acquiring first language the culture in which a child is born acts as :

(A) an environment

(B) opportunity and support

(C) a restriction

(ii) The first language of a child is the one :

(A) he is born with

(B) his mother teaches

(C) he is exposed to at home and in the neighbourhood.

- (iii) After effective socialisation the child grows into :
- (A) adulthood
 - (B) a rebel or reformer
 - (C) a leader
- (iv) The word **acquisition** as used in the passage means :
- (A) learning something
 - (B) making something
 - (C) owning something
- (v) Curriculum based teaching is :
- (A) what the child learns incidently
 - (B) a planned activity to learn
 - (C) what the child learns through the natural process.
- (b) State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. 10
- (i) Environment provides opportunity and support for learning.
 - (ii) The child learns the first language from his mother only.
 - (iii) The language spoken in the school becomes the child's first language.
 - (iv) A child is born as a rebel or a reformer.
 - (v) Social nature of an individual is influenced by the language and culture of the community.
 - (vi) Special efforts are required to acquire the first language.

- (vii) The child learns to speak the first language without any proper planning.
 - (viii) Learning to read and write has roots in what we learnt earlier.
 - (ix) There is no need to do conscious planning for first language learning.
 - (x) The culture of the society in which the child is born restricts what is learnt by the child.
- (c) Use the words/phrases taken from the passage, given below and fill in the blanks in the sentences. There are additional words.

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associated,	socialisation,
restrict,	rebel, conscious,
remarkable	

- (i) Rahul Dravid's performance has been _____ in the matches played in England.
- (ii) Youngsters turn to be _____ if their views are not honoured.
- (iii) Indian bowlers failed to _____ the British batsman in the recent series in England.
- (iv) My father is _____ with many causes for children.
- (v) Learning a foreign language needs _____ efforts.

2. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions choosing from options given below each. 5

(a) Rosy was sitting _____ one of her class fellows in the front row.

- (i) at (ii) beside
(iii) besides (iv) opposite to

(b) The oranges were distributed _____ all the players of Kho-Kho team.

- (i) in (ii) between
(iii) among (iv) at

(c) I had kept the keys of my mother's safe _____ top of the almirah.

- (i) above (ii) on
(iii) over (iv) at

(d) All the students have easy access _____ our principal.

- (i) to (ii) for
(iii) along (iv) from

(e) My brother had hidden his sports shoes _____ the computer table.

- (i) in (ii) under
(iii) around (iv) over

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the ones given below : 5

heap, trod on haunts, indignantly hamper, dynamic
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- (a) A _____ of garbage has been removed from the school compound.
- (b) The winner of the competition was awarded a _____ of cookies.
- (c) Kolkata is a _____ city compared to any other city in the eastern sector.
- (d) He threw away his book _____ after reaching home.
- (e) The memory of the visit to the old castle still _____ us.
4. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. 10
- The city police have (a) (arrest) the protesters. They (b) (demonstrate) against price hike of petrol. I (c) (not know) about the demonstration. Normally, protestors (d) (assemble) at Jantar Mantar and (e) (raise) slogans against the authorities. This time they (f) (march) through the main roads. I was (g) (hold) up near Regal cinema. Suddenly, the crowd (h) (become) unruly and (i) (start) throwing stones at the police. The police had to (j) (use) water canons to disperse the crowd.

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

For example : Where Renu gone ?

Answer : Where has Renu gone ?

- (a) Why you are plucking flowers ?
- (b) Where did you kept my books ?
- (c) What is the children doing near the well ?
- (d) Whom she gave the keys ?
- (e) Which magazine she looking for ?

6. Complete the sentences given below by choosing the correct form of the verb. 10

(a) Gauri informed that she _____ her English dictionary last Saturday.

- (i) will lose
- (ii) has lost
- (iii) had lost

(b) The prayer bell _____ rung before I reached the school.

- (i) will be
- (ii) had
- (iii) may be

(c) If Gomti had been during the car, she _____ met with a serious accident.

- (i) may be
- (ii) would have
- (iii) would have been

(d) Hari realised that he _____ a wrong choice of the course he had selected.

- (i) has made
- (ii) had made
- (iii) would have made

- (e) Everything _____ made clear to the cadets before the launch.
- (i) is being
 - (ii) will be
 - (iii) was
- (f) The students _____ the 8 o'clock Metro could not reach the examination centre in time.
- (i) who had missed
 - (ii) who will miss
 - (iii) could have missed
- (g) The Scouts and Guides _____ lined up to welcome the Distt. Scouts Commissioner arrived.
- (i) had
 - (ii) would have
 - (iii) might have
- (h) The revised date sheet _____ released before 10th December.
- (i) is being
 - (ii) was being
 - (iii) was
- (i) Very few people know that Mr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam _____ not opted for second term as the President of India.
- (i) did
 - (ii) has
 - (iii) had
- (j) The ice cream _____ melt before I reach there.
- (i) will
 - (ii) should
 - (iii) must

7. Choose the correct conditional and complete the sentences. 5
- (a) I can complete the paper (if/unless) I get sufficient time.
 - (b) He will not be allowed to borrow two books at a time (if/unless) he obtains permission from the principal.
 - (c) (Had/unless) he paid the fees, he would have been allowed to use the school bus.
 - (d) Unless/if he apologises, he will not be allowed to participate in the dance competition.
 - (e) (If/unless) he returns the NCC kit, he will not be allowed to take exam.

8. Transform the given sentences into passive or active voice as the case may be : 5

Begin your answer as given :

- (a) The Registrar IGNOU will release the date sheet in the first week of this month.

Ans. The date sheet _____

- (b) The invitation cards have been posted by Raju.

Ans. Raju _____

- (c) People have asked for re-evaluation of answer scripts.

Ans. Re-evaluation of _____

(d) Many new universities have been established by UGC.

Ans. UGC _____

(e) A few new courses for English teachers are being designed by the new curriculum committee.

Ans. The new curriculum committee

9. You have shifted to a new colony in a new city. **10**
Write its factual description. Give necessary details of the new house i.e., name of the locality, location, attractions, etc.

OR

You have met one of your old friends after a long time. Describe the person - his/her looks, behaviour and also your feelings on meeting him/her.

Your description shouldn't exceed 150 words.

10. Write a letter to the city Suptt. Police telling him **10**
how people in the recently developed colony suffer due to the law and order problem and also suggest how people could feel secured.

You are one of the residents of the new colony named after Swami Dayanand Saraswati (100 words)

11. Now a days people have no regards for values and specially senior citizens in their family and in the colony. 15

Write your views in the form of an essay about the status of elders and how their condition could be improved.
