

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

Term-End Examination

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BEG-005 : ENGLISH IN EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

So great is our passion for doing things for ourselves that we are becoming increasingly less dependent on Specialised Labour. No one can plead ignorance of a subject any longer for there are countless do-it-yourself publications. Armed with the right tools and materials, newly weds gaily embark on the task of decorating their own homes. Men of all ages spend hours of their leisure time installing their own fire places, laying out their own gardens, building garages and making furniture. Some really keen enthusiasts go as far as to make their own record players and radio transmitters. Shops cater for the do-it-yourself craze not only by running special advisory services for novices, but by offering consumers bits

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and pieces which they can assemble at home. Such things provide an excellent outlet for pent-up creative energy, but unfortunately not all of us are born handymen.

Wives tend to believe that their husbands are infinitely resourceful and versatile. Even husbands who can hardly drive a nail in straight are supposed to be born electricians, carpenters, plumbers and mechanics. When lights fuse, furniture gets rickety, pipes get clogged, or vacuum cleaners fail to operate, wives automatically assume that their husbands will somehow put things right. The worst thing about the do-it-yourself game is that sometimes husbands live under the delusion that they can do anything even when they have been repeatedly proved wrong. It is a question of pride as much as anything else.

Last spring my wife suggested that I call a man to look at our lawn mower. It had broken down the previous summer and though I had promised to repair it, I never got round to it. I would hear of the suggestion and say that I would fix it myself. One Saturday afternoon I hauled the machine into the garden and had a close look at it. As far as I could see, it only needed a minor adjustment : a turn of a screw here, a little tightening up there, a drop of oil and it would be as good as new. Inevitably, the repair job was not

quite so simple. The mower firmly refused to mow, so I decided to dismantle it. The garden was soon littered with chunks of metal which had once made up a lawn mower. But I was extremely pleased with myself. I had traced the cause of the trouble. One of the links in the chain that drives the wheels had snapped.

After buying a new chain I was faced with the unsurmountable task of putting the confusing jigsaw puzzle together again. I was not surprised to find that the machine still refused to work after I had reassembled it, for the simple reason that I was left with several curiously shaped bits of metal which did not seem to fit anywhere. I gave up in despair. Needless to say that our house is now surrounded by a jungle. Buried somewhere in deep grass there is a rusting lawn-mower which I had promised to repair one day.

(a) **Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option A, B or C.** 5

- (i) Now-a-days people don't rely much on specialised labour because :
- (A) specialised labour is not easily available
 - (B) they wish to rely on their own abilities.
 - (C) such labour cannot be relied upon.

- (ii) Men of all ages spend their leisure time on _____.
- (A) repairing their radio transmitters and record players.
 - (B) mowing the grass of their garden
 - (C) decorating their own homes, installing their own fire places or laying out their own gardens and various other titbits.
- (iii) 'Do-it-yourself' publications have made people less dependent on specialised labour because _____.
- (A) they are easily available
 - (B) they offer consumers bits and pieces to assemble at home.
 - (C) they are excellent outlet for pent-up creative energy.
- (iv) Why do husbands think that they can do anything even when proved otherwise ?

The main reason is _____.

- (A) it is a matter of pride for them and also the do-it-yourself publications grant them confidence to undertake the task to do so.

- (B) they are sharp at getting things done and feel confident to take up the assignment.
- (C) that they are born with the skills of a handyman.
- (v) Result of the author's attempt to make the lawn mower functional was _____.
- (A) it didn't work inspite of his best efforts.
- (B) that the author had found out the reason for the lawn mowers becoming non-functional.
- (C) that the author had successfully replaced its parts.
- (b) **State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE, according to the passage :** 10
- (i) People are less dependent on their own resources.
- (ii) People seek advice from do-it-yourself publications rather than specialised labour
- (iii) People have great passion for doing things themselves.
- (iv) All human beings are born handymen.
- (v) Wives think that their husbands are incapable of doing anything and everything.

- (vi) Husbands take up the assignments given by their wives because it is a matter of pride for them to show their capability.
- (vii) The author was asked to repair his broken wall.
- (viii) The author dismantled the machine given for repair instead of making it functional.
- (ix) The author had found out the reason why the machine was not working.
- (x) The machine did not work even after its parts were reassembled.

(c) **Use the words/phrases given in the box, which have been taken from the passage and fill in the blanks in the sentences given below :**

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- (i) Raghu faced many _____ difficulties while doing his Ph.D.
- (ii) Shalu has started painting to express her _____ feelings.
- (iii) Her _____ for good food made her put on a lot of weight.
- (iv) Anu waved _____ towards the cheering crowd after her victory in the assembly elections.

- (v) After performing badly for five match, the young cricketer _____ had to be dropped from the team.

2. Complete the following sentences by using the correct form of the verb, given in brackets : 10

- (a) Gaurav _____ (*submit*) his assignments before the tutor sent a reminder.
- (b) No one _____ (*know*) about the residential address of the Yogi.
- (c) Paes and Bhupati _____ (*play*) as a team for more than a decade.
- (d) All the players _____ (*criticise*) for their poor performance.
- (e) I _____ (*book*) a berth for you and for your father's journey to Ahmedabad, tomorrow.
- (f) These days the prices of items of daily needs _____ (*rise*) in an unpredictable manner.
- (g) I _____ (*lose*) my briefcase while travelling to Nagpur.
- (h) The youth club of our city _____ (*celebrate*) anti leprosy day tomorrow.
- (i) The main gate _____ (*lock*) by the securityman on duty.
- (j) Sonal _____ (*win*) the championship by defeating Yogita, the last year's winner.

3. Choose the correct option (i) or (ii) to fill in the blanks : 10

- (a) Saurav scored a double century because _____.
- (i) the pitch favours him.
 - (ii) the pitch favoured him
- (b) Many young boys and girls _____.
- (i) are becoming addicted to drugs
 - (ii) has become addicted to drugs.
- (c) New trousers of Raju _____.
- (i) A pair of scissors was found by Raju.
 - (ii) A pair of scissors were found by Raju.
- (d) The Club Secretary _____ yesterday.
- (i) has resigned
 - (ii) resigned
- (e) The Entire Wooden furniture _____ by steel furniture.
- (i) has been replaced
 - (ii) have been replaced
- (f) All the boys and girls _____ in the hall for special assembly today.
- (i) will assemble
 - (ii) are assembling
- (g) During my childhood I _____.
- (i) used to play Hide and seek.
 - (ii) will play Hide and seek.
- (h) The assembly is over. There isn't _____ student over there.
- (i) any
 - (ii) few

(i) It was observed by my grandmother that _____.

(i) I did not take my breakfast properly.

(ii) I hadn't taken my breakfast properly

(j) One of my parents _____.

(i) has not attended the P.T.M. last month

(ii) did not attend the P.T.M last month.

4. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions :**

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at, among, on, across, in

(a) My friend lives _____ the road.

(b) Fruits were distributed _____ the players of both the teams.

(c) The cat was locked _____ the kitchen.

(d) The first show of the movie would begin _____ 6.30 p.m.

(e) The club members meet _____ every Monday.

5. **Rewrite the following sentences as directed :**

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(a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

(i) Neither Ravi nor his friend _____ (knows/know) why he was dropped from the team at the last minute.

- (ii) The field workers *did* not _____
(clean/cleaned) the field littered by
the players.
- (b) **Rewrite the following sentences using comparative degree of the word given in brackets.**
- (i) Aarush is very tall. Avik is also very tall. Avik is as _____ as Aarush (tall).
- (ii) My handwriting is good. Reinu's handwriting is not that good. (good) Reinu's handwriting _____.
- (iii) Car A isn't as powerful as car B. Car B is _____ (powerful).
- (c) **Rewrite the following long, polite sentences using the imperative form and by shortening the sentences :**
- (i) Please do not smoke if you are sitting in the lounge.
- (ii) Kindly pay in advance for booking the party hall.
- (iii) Please put off the fans and lights when you lock your room.
- (d) **Join the following sentences using *so - that* and rewrite them :**
- (i) Swagata is very tired.
She cannot attend the party this evening.
- (ii) The exam - paper was very long.
I could not attempt all the questions.

6. Transform the following sentences from direct to indirect speech : 5

- (a) The receptionist said to the occupant of Room No. 602 A, "Mr. Bhatnagar called up at 5-30 *pm* when you were busy in the Seminar".
- (b) The team leader said to the members of the team, "All of us can't wait for revised instructions from the head - quarters."
- (c) The host said to the visitors, "Thank you all for gracing the function by your kind presence."
- (d) The man at the Hospital enquiry counter told, "Dr. Arora is busy in an operation and will be attending the OPD patients only tomorrow."
- (e) The members of the club told the secretary, "It is time to packup. It was already quite late."

7. Use the linkers given below to connect the given sentences : 5

consequently, althouh, while, because, unless

- (a) Our school would remain closed _____ the school team had won the final of hockey match.
- (b) Gauri performed the dance _____ she had sprained her right foot.
- (c) Senior cricketers have performed very poorly, _____ there is a demand to retire them.

- (d) Sachin missed his 100th century _____
playing against Australia.
- (e) Tara cannot be included in the English play
_____ she improves her
pronunciations.

8. **Letter writing (150 words)** 10
An English one act play competition was organised by the Youth Club of your Apartments. Write a letter to the convener suggesting how the event could have been still more successful. You are Pratik/Prathima of H-133, Ganesh Apartments, I.P. Extension, Delhi.
9. **Description (100 words)** 10
You had lost your briefcase while travelling by the city bus/local train/metro. Describe the briefcase. (its identity, colour, contents when you lost it etc.)
10. **Essay writing (200 words)** 15
More than a billion people in India whether in cities or villages use cell phones (mobile phones) day and night, at home or on road. Write an essay on the advantages and disadvantages of using cell phones.
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