

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

Term-End Examination

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BEG-006 : JOINING THE WORK FORCE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

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

THE WAYS OF MEETING OPPRESSION

Martin Luther King Jr.

1. Oppressed people deal with their oppression in three characteristic ways. One way is acquiescence: the oppressed resign themselves to their doom. They tacitly adjust themselves to oppression, and thereby become conditioned to it. In every movement toward freedom some of the oppressed prefer to remain oppressed. Almost 2800 years ago Moses set out to lead the children of Israel from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the promised land. He soon discovered that slaves do not always welcome their deliverers. They become accustomed to being slaves. They would rather bear those ills they have, as shakespeare pointed out, than flee to others that they know not of. They prefer the "fleshpots of Egypt" to the ordeals of emancipation.

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2. There is such a thing as the freedom of exhaustion. Some people are so worn down by the yoke of oppression that they give up. A few years ago in the slum areas of Atlanta, a Negro guitarist used to sing almost daily: "Been down so long that down don't bother me." This is the type of negative freedom and resignation that often engulfs the life of the oppressed.
3. But this is not the way out. To accept passively an unjust system is to cooperate with that system; thereby the oppressed become as evil as the oppressor. Noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good. The oppressed must never allow the conscience of the oppressor to slumber. Religion reminds every man that he is his brother's keeper. To accept injustice or segregation passively is to say to the oppressor that his actions are morally right. It is a way of allowing his conscience to fall asleep. At this moment the oppressed fails to be his brother's keeper. So acquiescence-while often the easier way-is not the moral way. It is the way of the coward. The Negro cannot win the respect of his oppressor by acquiescing; he merely increases the oppressor's arrogance and contempt.

Acquiescence is interpreted as proof of the Negro's inferiority. The Negro cannot win the respect of the white people of the South or the peoples of the world if he is willing to sell the future of his children for his personal and immediate comfort and safety.

4. A second way that oppressed people sometimes deal with oppression is to resort to physical violence and corroding hatred. Violence often brings about momentary results. Nations have frequently won their independence in battle. But in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace. It solves no social problem; it merely creates new and more complicated ones.

(a) State whether the following statements are True or False : 8

(i) Some oppressed people become so accustomed to their condition that they are ready to bear sufferings than struggle for freedom.

(ii) The Negro guitarist, who used to sing daily, did not accept his oppression.

(iii) If you accept injustice, it means you are allowing your oppressor to believe his actions are right.

- (iv) The Negro, who is willing to Sell the future of his children for comfort and safety **now** must be respected.
- (v) Violence adds to problems.
- (vi) You can get justice only if you pay people back in the same coin.
- (vii) By showing non - cooperation with injustice you can wake up the oppressors, conscience.
- (viii) People take on violence, not because they want to change things, but because they want to destroy them.

- (b) Re-read the passage to complete the summary below. Fill in each blank space with one word from the passage Make changes in the word forms wherever necessary.

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When oppressed people resign to their fate they indirectly show they are _____ (i) _____ to oppression. The _____ (ii) _____ made by Moses that slaves are not very pleased when people come to _____ (iii) _____ them from _____ (iv) _____ was indeed very painful. This should not be allowed to happen. Yet it happens at times because the

____ (v) ____ of oppression causes
 ____ (vi) ____ and weakens the
 ____ (vii) ____ to fight for rights. When
 people ____ (viii) ____ themselves to so
 called fate they ____ (ix) ____ with
 ____ (x) ____ which is really not desirable.
 The oppressed must not allow their
 oppressors to think that they are
 ____ (xi) ____ right in their actions. It is
 only ____ (xii) ____ people who take this
 path.

- (c) Match part A with B to make meaningful sentences. 5

	Part A		Part B
(i)	When people accept oppression without putting up a fight	(A)	do not welcome those who want to help them.
(ii)	Slaves, who are ready to bear their ills,	(B)	when the oppressed accept wrong meekly.
(iii)	The oppressors stop listening to their inner voice	(C)	When nations war with each other.
(iv)	Immediate comforts should not be more important than	(D)	they cooperate with injustice.
(v)	Problems of society get solved only for a short period	(E)	a sound, stable future .

2. Answer the following questions based on your reading of your course material. 5x3=15
- (a) While appearing for a job interview what are the categories of questions one should be prepared for ?
 - (b) What are the different ways in which people communicate with others ? How is non-verbal Communication an effective means of Communication ?
 - (c) What are the essential work ethics to be kept in mind at the work place ?
 - (d) How are formal letters different from informal letters ?
 - (e) What is the difference between a CV and an application for a job ? Why is it important to attach a CV with a job application ?

3. What would you say in the following situations ? Use appropriate modals and/or any other expressions. (Attempt *any 3*) 3x5=15

- (a) You've just noticed that a friend who came to study at your place, has left her purse in your house. Ask her to arrange to get it picked up in the evening.
- (b) You have to attend a conference on environment awareness at Mumbai. Due to an urgent meeting with a client you will not be able to attend the conference. Inform the organiser.

- (c) Your friends are planning to go for a movie. You are interested in watching another movie. Persuade your friends to change their plan.
- (d) You have fixed up an appointment for a job interview. You find you can't attend it due to the sudden illness of your mother. Request the manager to change the date of the interview.
4. ABC International is a large store in a mall. It has advertised for sales staff with at least 1 years' experience and willingness to work long hours.
- (a) Write an application for the job giving your experience and capabilities. State why do you think you are suitable for job. 10
- (b) Prepare a CV and send it with the application. 10
5. Write an informal letter on *any one*. 10
- Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on a new job. Advise them to work hard and meet targets set by the company with dedication and sincerity.

OR

Write a letter to your father telling him about the new course you have taken up at college. Give your views on differences between school and college life. Also mention that you will now be on your own to take decisions for your future.

6. (a) Here is a part of a conversation that you have heard— 10

Sonam : Will you sign the petition ?

Isha : What is it about ?

Sonam : We are writing to the commissioner of Police requesting for women's safety in the city.

Isha : That's good. But who is supporting the cause ?

Soman : The Indian Council for Women's welfare and the National Commission for women and children have pledged to support us.

Isha : That's great.
Report the conversation to your friend Nisha

(b) Rewrite the following sentences by putting the parts in the right order. 5

(i) of the city/company/proposes/on commercial/the power distribution a new change/users.

(ii) that use/600 units/more than/consumers/will have to/in a month/pay higher/charges/electricity.

(iii) in return/promises/better/services/augmented/supply/the company/and

(iv) will ensure/that/will not/this/high end/consumers/ have to /expensive/alternative/diesel gensets/depend upon

(v) consumers/the discourse/growing demand/ feel that/ high end/pay more/should/for their.