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**2016 NOV.**  
**ENGLISH (Communication Skills)**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Max. Marks : 35**

**Note :** All the questions are to be attempted.

1. (a) Summarise the story of 'The Conjuror's Revenge'.

*Or*

Describe Netaji's escape from his Calcutta residence until he boarded the train at Gomoh.

(b) Give short answers of about 30 words each to any four of the following questions :

- (i) What according to Hardy, was the one romantic incident of his life ?
- (ii) What do the machines devised by Bose make visible?
- (iii) What was Edison's financial state when he arrived in New York ?

(iv) How did the Professor rouse the anger of Corporal Turnbull ?

(v) How did the Talkative man come into the possession of the road-engine ?

(vi) What did the Giant do to the little child ?

(c) Read the following passage and answer the questions below :

A diving-bell is a strong, heavy vessel of wood on metal, made perfectly air-and water-tight at the top and sides, but open at the bottom. When it is lowered carefully into the water the air in it cannot escape, and therefore the bell will not fill with water. Thus a man may descend in this bell, breathing the air in it, and work for several hours. When the air becomes bad, fresh air is pumped into it through a tube. When the bell is at the depth of thirty feet, the pressure of the air compresses the air into one half of its former volume, and so the bell becomes half full of water. Thus the bell cannot be used in very deep water. Diving suits are now made in which divers have gone down nearly three hundred feet and recovered the cargoes of ship-wrecked vessels. Submarines today noon about in the depths of the ocean. It is well-known that the sea is the cheapest of all highways, for there is no cost for upkeep as there is for railways, and no upstream pull as in rivers.

(i) What is a diving-bell ?

(ii) Can the bell be used in deep water ?

(iii) How is the sea the cheapest of all highways ?

(iv) Give the meaning of the words underlined in the passage and use them in sentences. 4,4,2

2. Write a letter to a publisher enquiring about a book that is not available at the bookstores.

**Or**

Write a letter to the Director of a Paper Manufacturing Company and request him for the dealership of some special Computer Stationery. 5

3. Prepare an advertisement for the Sale of some property in a Prime location.

**Or**

Prepare an advertisement regarding the Exhibition and Sale of some special antique items. 4

4. Prepare a resume which you wish to send to the Owner of a Company who has advertised the post of manager in one of his factories. 4

5. (a) Give the meanings of and use any **four** of the following in sentences :

- (i) to turn a deaf ear to
- (ii) back up
- (iii) in the good books of
- (iv) foot the bill
- (v) an axe to grind
- (vi) the gift of the gab.

(b) Attempt any **eight** of the following :

Give the synonyms for :

- (i) beg
- (ii) dull
- (iii) bright
- (iv) enemy
- (v) kind.

Give the antonyms of :

- (vi) entrance
- (vii) praise
- (viii) straight
- (ix) reward
- (x) initial.

(c) Expand any **eight** of the following to their full forms :

- (i) Pvt. Ltd.
- (ii) B.Sc. (Econ.)
- (iii) C.A.
- (iv) C.O.D.
- (v) Corp.
- (vi) Cr.
- (vii) EFTA
- (viii) GATT
- (ix) UNCTAD
- (x) SBI.