

**2014 NOV.**  
**ENGLISH**  
**(Communication Skills)**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours**

**Max. Marks : 35**

**Note:-** Attempt *all* the questions.

1. (a) Write an essay on how the 'Engine Trouble' ended. (250 words)

OR

Tell the story of 'The Selfish Giant' explaining its meaning in about 250 words. 4

- (b) Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 30 words each :

(i) Describe the judgement seat of Vikramaditya.

(ii) What was the first trick of the conjuror ?

(iii) What was the punishment given to the Professor by the Corporal ?

(iv) What was Edison's first breakfast in New York and how did he get it ?

(v) How did J.C. Bose successfully transplant a full-grown tree?

(vi) Describe Hardy's daily routine. 4

- (c) Read the prose passage and answer the questions that follow:

At last the labourers came on something. They uncovered it - a slab of black marble, supported on the hands and out-spread wings of twenty-five stone angels, with their

faces turned outwards as if for flight-surely the judgement-seat of Vikramaditya. With great rejoicing it was brought to the city, and the king himself stood by while it was put in the chief place in the hall of justice. Then the nation was ordered to observe three days of prayer and fasting, for on the fourth day the King would ascend the new throne publicly, and judge justly amongst the people. At last the great morning arrived, and crowds assembled to see the taking of the seat. Pacing through the long hall came the judges and priests of the Kingdom, followed by the sovereign. Then, as they reached the throne of judgement, they parted into two lines, and he walked up the middle, prostrated himself before it, and went up close to the marble slab. When he had done this, however, and was just about to sit down, one of the twenty-five stone angels began to speak. 'Stop!' it said, thinkest thou that thou art worthy to sit on the judgement-seat of Vikramaditya? Hast thou never desired to bear rule over Kingdoms that were not thine own?

Questions :

- (i) What did the labourers uncover ?
- (ii) How many angels were supporting the slab ?
- (iii) What was the first question asked by the angel ?
- (iv) Give meaning of *ascend* and *desired* and use them in illustrative sentences. 2

2. Write a letter on anyone of the following :

Write a letter to the dealer to cancel the order placed for sports goods.

OR

Write a letter to the dealer to place an order for two split ACs. 5

3. Draft a "Property for Sale" advertisement.

OR

Prepare a display advertisement for selling T.V. of your favourite brand. 4

4. Draft a C.V. for the post of a Lecturer in Commerce. 4

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

(i) To back up

- (ii) Bag and baggage
- (iii) To wind up
- (iv) Nine days' wonder
- (v) Lion's share
- (vi) A stitch in time saves nine.

(b) Give synonyms of any *four* of the following :

- (i) Under
- (ii) Famous
- (iii) Cry
- (iv) Big
- (v) Obtain

Give antonyms of any *four* of the following :

- (i) Proud
- (ii) Bright
- (iii) Bless
- (iv) Dry
- (v) Love
- (vi) Buy

(c) Expand any *four* of the following abbreviations and acronyms :

B.B.C., C.O.D., B.B., V.I.P., B/S, C.R.

4+4+4=12