

2015 NOV.

ENGLISH (Communication Skills)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 35

- I. (a) Give a character-sketch of 'Private Quelch' in about 250 words.  
(The Man Who Knew Too Much)

OR

Tell the story of the Shepherd boy who sat on the judgement seat of Vikramaditya and decided cases. (250 words)

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

(i) How did the Talkative Man come into the possession of the road-engine ?

- (ii) What happened to the stone angels and the judgement seat ?
- (iii) Describe the Giant's garden in which the children played.
- (iv) What was the first trick of the conjuror ?
- (v) Describe Edison's workshop.
- (vi) What did Hardy find in the letter he received from India ?

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

One of the odd-looking birds of the ocean is the penguin, which is well fitted for sea life. It is found in the cold regions of the Antarctic Circle. Penguins cannot fly. Their wings have been changed into swimming flippers, which they use like oars. With the aid of the flippers they can dive to a depth of thirty feet. Penguins spend no more time on land than is necessary for sleeping and for rearing their young. Their food consists of the small creatures of the sea, which they catch by diving, often to great depths. They use their feet not as paddles, but as rudders to guide them. Under their skin is a layer of fat which, like blubber, helps them to withstand the icy water in which they live. Some gather stones and sticks for a kind of nest; others make no nest whatever. A single egg is laid, and both father and mother bird take turns in sitting upon it. When hatched, the mother guards the penguin chick with great care, keeping it with her for a year. Though they cannot fly, the penguins make long voyages along the Antarctic shores every year, swimming like the seal.

Questions :

- (i) Where are the penguins found ?
- (ii) Where do they rear their young ?
- (iii) What do they use as rudders ?
- (iv) Give meaning of the underlined words (dive and voyages) and use them in sentences. (2)

- II. Write a letter to a Sports Goods Dealer in Jalandhar cancelling the order you placed with him a few days ago. Give reasons.

OR

Write a letter to the dealer to place an order for two generators for your hotel. (5)

III. Draft an advertisement for the Situation Vacant Column for a receptionist for your hotel.

OR

Prepare a display advertisement for newly launched 'Ciaz car'. (4)

IV. Draft a C.V. for the post of Telemarketing Executive. (4)

V. (a) Give meanings of any *four* of the idioms/phrases given below and use them in sentences of your own :

To beat about the bush, Dead of night, To back up, To foot the bill, Join hands, To come to blows. (4)

(b) (i) Give synonyms of any *four* of the following words :  
Select, Tiny, Vast, Reply, Task.

(ii) Give antonyms of any *four* of the following words :  
Happy, Junior, Kind, Dry, Narrow. (4)

(c) Expand any *four* of the following abbreviations/acronyms:  
A/c, M.O., B.B, B/D, C.B. (4)