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Attempt all questions.

1. Write short notes on any five of the following in not more than 30-40 words :

(a) Silence and Pauses

(b) Grapevine Chain

(c) Haptics

(d) Listening

(e) Disadvantages of oral communication

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(f) Interpersonal communication

(g) Personal zone.

5×2=10

2. Answer any *two* of the following :

(a) Explain with suitable examples how Semantic Noise acts as a barrier to communication.

(b) Kinesics.

(c) What is Sign Language ? Give examples explaining how sign language also helps in communication.

(d) What is Feedback ? State its relevance in the cycle of communication.

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3. Read the questions very carefully before answering. Attempt *all* parts :

(a) (i) Write a dialogue between a husband and a wife about sending their son to a boarding school.

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Or

(ii) Write a dialogue between a teacher and a student who has not submitted his/her assignment to the teacher on the scheduled day.

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- (b) (i) Write an interview of a famous sportsperson who is all set to leave to participate in the Commonwealth Games for the first time.

Or

- (ii) A very well known entrepreneur is going to launch his/her chain of restaurants in the Write an interview of such a person which will be published in a magazine. 10

- (c) Prepare a public speech (in about 100-150 words) on any one of the following :

- (i) Dowry as a social evil.

Or

- (ii) Lack of infrastructure for the differently-abled people in the city. 5

4. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

A common social problem in India is the prevalence of superstitious beliefs and practices. Superstition

referred to any belief or practice which does not have a scientific explanation to it. It can be explained as the lack of any scientific association and reasoning, while following any general belief and practices. Even though superstitious beliefs are mostly in the rural areas, urban localities are no less behind. However, these beliefs and practices vary from person to person based on their personal ideas, religion, region, and many other factors. Hence, what is superstition to one person may not be the case with another individual.

Some of the common superstitious practices which lack a scientific reasoning are avoiding such roads in which a black cat has just walked across; faith in Godmen, and hanging chillies and lemons to ward off the evil eye. The list is endless. The most common cause which has been attributed as the basis of superstition is the lack of education among the common public which results in placing their devotion and trust in unscientific

methodology. Thus, if one has to put an end to such false practices, one has to take the initiative of convincing people about the lack of any truth in such superstitious beliefs.

- (i) What is the relation between superstition and science ? 3
- (ii) Why does superstition vary from person to person ? 2
- (iii) What is the role of education in reducing the prevalence of superstition ? 3
- (iv) Make sentences with the following words so as to make their meaning clear :
 - (a) Urban
 - (b) Perception
 - (c) Initiative
 - (d) Devotion.

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

(i) Write a summary in about **50** words of the following passage :

People travelling long distances frequently have to decide whether they would prefer to go by land, sea, or air. Hardly anyone can positively enjoy sitting in a train for more than a few hours. Train compartments soon get cramped and stuffy. It is almost impossible to take your mind off the journey. Reading is only a temporary solution, for the boring rhythm of the wheels clicking on the rails soon lulls you to sleep. During the day, sleep comes in snatches. At night when you really wish to go to sleep, you rarely manage to do so. If you are lucky enough to get a couchette, you spend half the night staring at the small blue light on the ceiling. Without a doubt you arrive at your destination almost exhausted.

Long car journeys are even less pleasant for it is quite impossible even to read. On highways you can at least travel fairly safely at high speeds, but more often than not, the greater part of the journey is spent on narrow, bumpy roads which are crowded with traffic. By comparison, trips by sea offer a great variety of civilised comforts. You can stretch your legs on the spacious decks, play games, swim, meet interesting people and enjoy good food—always assuming, of course, that the sea is calm. If it is not, and you are likely to get sea-sick, no form of transport could be worse. Even if you travel in ideal weather, sea journeys take a long time. Relatively few people are prepared to sacrifice upto a third of their holidays for the pleasure of travelling on a ship.

Or

- (ii) Define Translation. State *two* advantages and disadvantages of translation.

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5. (a) (i) Write a letter to your younger sister informing her about the details of a blood donation camp recently organized by the NSS unit of your college.

Or

- (ii) Write a letter of complaint to the manager of an electronic equipment company about the products which your company had ordered, of which some products turned out to be damaged at the time of delivery.

- (b) (i) You are the head of the sales team in an auto company and the sales of the company is decreasing gradually. Write a report to the Managing Director stating the reasons for the constant decrease and suggest special schemes which can boost up the company's sales.

Or

- (ii) As the Convener of the NCC unit in your school, write a report to the Principal mentioning the achievements of the troop in the Republic Day celebrations.