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B.E. VI-Semester Main & Backlog Examinations, May/June-2023

Skill Development Course-VII (Verbal Aptitude)

(Common to all branches)

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 40

Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B

Part-A (5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

Q.No.	Stem of the question	M	L	CO	PO
1.	To answer the question given below, choose the antonym of the word from the options given below: IMMUTABLE a. Constant b. hollow c. unending d. variable	1	1	1	10,12
2.	To answer the question given below, choose the antonym of the word from the options given below: EXCULPATE a. Acquit b. skulk c. upbraid d. indict	1	1	1	10,12
3.	Complete the following sentence by choosing the appropriate phrasal verb from the options given below: The thief _____ with the ornaments. a. Made away b. Made out c. Made off d. Made up	1	3	2	10,12
4.	Complete the following sentence by choosing the appropriate phrasal verb from the options given below: _____ while I grab my bag and lunchbox. a. Hang out b. Hang on c. Hang low d. Hang up	1	3	2	10,12
5.	"You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. (P) is one of the most widely used indicators (Q) of ecosystems and their biodiversity (R) for assessing the condition (S) The conservation status of plants and animals a. SPRQ b. SRQP c. QRPS d. PQRS	1	2	3	10,12

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<i>Part-B (5 × 7 = 35 Marks)</i>						
6.	a)	Isolate and write down the base word in the following words: 1. Disarm 2. Overlay 3. Insubordination	3	2	1	10,12
	b)	Choose the correct answers: 1. What affix can attach itself to "body"? a. Em- b. -ed c. Both a and b d. None 2. Complete the following: I've had a long day. I just want to go home and _____. a. Hit the sack b. Hit the lights c. Kick the curb d. Pass the buck 3. To "air your dirty laundry" means to: a. Do damage control b. Make your private problems known to public c. Be unhygienic d. Dry clean your clothes 4. The robber took to his heels when the police arrived. Here "took to his heels" means: a. opened fire b. hid himself c. ran off d. surrendered	4	2	1	10,12
7.	a)	Fill in the blanks by choosing the most suitable option: 1. I wanted to meet the movie star but she _____ before I got the chance. (Choose the correct phrasal verb) a. Took away b. Took off c. Took back d. Will take 2. Be careful not to get distracted and _____ tangent. (Choose the correct phrasal verb) a. Go away b. Go off c. Go back d. Go on 3. Being the rightful ruler, he plans to _____ the throne from his tyrannical uncle. (Choose the correct phrasal verb) a. Take away b. Take off c. Take back d. Take on	2	2	2	10,12

b) Fill in the cloze passage by choosing the most suitable option from those given below:

The postal service is the government agency (1) ----- handles the mail. Its job is (2) ----- letters and packages to people and businesses all over the world. Its goal is to see that your mail gets to its destination (3) ----- possible. People (4) ----- the postal service to deliver important letters and even valuables, (5) ----- time and to the right person.

1.

- a. the fact that b. whether c. of which d. that e. in that

2.

- a. being delivered b. to be delivered c. to have delivered
d. having delivered e. to deliver

3.

- a. less quickly b. too quickly c. so quickly that
d. as quickly as e. the most quickly

4.

- a. back out b. check out c. come in d. figure out e. rely on

5.

- a. to b. for c. at d. on e. over

8. a) Un-jumble the following words to form coherent sentences:

1. (A) jobless / (B) she / (C) blamed / (D) the local / (E) teenagers

- a. BDECA b. BCDAE c. CBDAE d. CBDEA

2. (A) plays an / (B) upbringing / (C) important / (D) development / (E) role in

- a. DACEB b. EBACD c. BACED d. BDACE

3. (A) road is / (B) the / (C) closed / (D) traffic / (E) due to

- a. BACED b. EDBAC c. BDEAC d. ACDBE

5 3 2 10,12

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<p>b)</p> <p>The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, 4) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1. While you might think that you see or are aware of all the changes that happen in your immediate environment, there is simply too much information for your brain to fully process everything.</p> <p>2. Psychologists use the term 'change blindness' to describe this tendency of people to be blind to changes though they are in the immediate environment.</p> <p>3. It cannot be aware of every single thing that happens in the world around you.</p> <p>4. Sometimes big shifts happen in front of your eyes and you are not at all aware of these changes.</p> <p>1. Which sentence goes first? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>2. Which sentence goes second? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>3. Which sentence goes third? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>4. Which sentence goes last? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p>	4	3	3	10,12
<p>9. a)</p> <p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>The Scotsman's accent was so thick that it was completely unintelligible to us. We were not able to understand a single word he said. We asked him to write down what he was saying using a pen and paper, but his handwriting was illegible - we couldn't read it! Finally, we asked him to transcribe his words by typing them out on his phone.</p> <p>1. What is the synonym of "unintelligible"? a. intelligible b. intelligent c. understandable d. not understandable</p> <p>2. what is the antonym of "illegible" a. neat b. curvy c. bold d. readable</p>	2	1	4	10,12

b) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

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Genetic variation is the cornerstone of evolution, without which there can be no natural selection, and so a low genetic diversity decreases the ability of a species to survive and reproduce, explains lead author Yoshan Moodley, Professor at the Department of Zoology, University of Venda in South Africa.

Two centuries ago, the black rhinoceros – which roamed much of sub Saharan Africa – had 64 different genetic lineages; but today only 20 of these lineages remain, says the paper. The species is now restricted to five countries, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Genetically unique populations that once existed in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, Malawi and Angola have disappeared. The origins of the 'genetic erosion' coincided with colonial rule in Africa and the popularity of big game hunting. From the second half of the 20th century, however, poaching for horns has dramatically depleted their population and genetic diversity, especially in Kenya and Tanzania.

1. What is important for evolution?

- a. Large population b. Survival of the fittest
- c. Genetic variation d. Mixing of species

2. Sub Sharan Africa has lost how many black rhino genetic lineages in 200 years?

- a. 20 b. 30 c. 64 d. 44

3. Genetically unique black rhinoceros have been lost in all of the following countries, except?

- a. Nigeria b. Malawi c. Tanzania d. Chad

4. From the second half of the 20th century, what has caused a dramatic fall in the black rhinoceros population?

- a. colonial rule b. fall in genetic diversity
- c. poaching d. big game hunting

	<p>5. Genetic diversity is proportional to _____.</p> <p>a. the ability of a species to survive and reproduce b. extinction c. species population d. inbreeding</p>				
<p>10. a)</p>	<p>Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. If there is no error choose option (5) as your answer.</p> <p>1. Investors (1) / are averse to (2) / putting down the money without (3) / legal formalities. (4) / No error (5)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5</p> <p>2. Almost all (1) / children (2) / like to indulge (3) / into ice creams and chocolates. (4) / No error (5)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5</p> <p>3. In view of the current market situations (1) / and economic conditions (2) / RBI has proposed to withdraw a few (3) / product it launched for the customers from middle income group. (4) / No error (5)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>10,12</p>
<p>b)</p>	<p>In each of the following questions, find out which of the sentence has no error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.</p> <p>1. The blind old man was (1) / knocked down by car (2) / upon crossing the road. (3) / No error (4)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>2. The angry man walked hurriedly (1) / into the crowded room (2) / and shouted loud at the guest. (3) / No error (4)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>3. I go to the bed (1) / at eight (2) / every night. (3) / No error (4)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p> <p>4. I shall write (1) / to you (2) / when I shall reach Bangalore (3) / No error (4)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>10,12</p>

11. a)	<p>Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>Now, the point not to be overlooked is this: to Darwin and Huxley, as to their remote and uncultured ancestors, the World—the Earth, the Sea, the Sky—is full of wonders and of mysteries, but the wonders are of a higher order. The problems of the thunder and of the rainbow as they presented themselves to the men of a thousand generations ago, have been fully solved: but the questions; what is the veritable nature of electricity, exactly how does it differ from light, are still unanswered. And what are simple problems like these to the questions: what is love; why do we feel sympathy with this person, an antipathy for that; and others of the sort? Science has made almost infinite advances since pre-historic man first felt the feeble current of intellectual curiosity amid his awe of the storm; it has still to grow almost infinitely before anything like a complete explanation even of external Nature is achieved.</p> <p>From Wonders of Earth, Sea and Sky, edited by Edward Singleton Holden</p> <p>1. Choose the synonym of the word 'veritable'</p> <p>a. truthful b. really c. genuine d. false</p> <p>2. The antonym of advance is to move:</p> <p>a. backwards b. forwards c. laterally d. upwards</p> <p>3. Another word for feeble is:</p> <p>a. weak b. damaged c. unconvincing d. Strong</p>	3	2	4	10,12
b)	<p>Each question below has three blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.</p> <p>1. This might have been because, again _____, no Indian captain has been a hero to his vice-captain, and _____ two power centres in the team have _____ problems.</p> <p>a. occasionally, abstain, created b. traditionally, sometimes, caused c. genuinely, many times, made d. previously, any times, scored e. commonly, rared, get by</p> <p>2. After the _____ of the Jallikattu protest, which I sometimes think might well just have been years of pent-up _____ getting an airing, they are now _____ for a Chief Minister.</p> <p>a. excitement, dissent, battling b. destitute, devoid, hack c. godforsaken, ratification, tussle d. unfurnished, endorsement, authorization e. uninhabited, concurrence, sanction</p>	4	3	2	10,12

	<p>3. Released from the criminal _____ sword that used to hang _____ over their heads, everyone here suddenly has an opinion on politics and is not _____ to voice it.</p> <p>a. defamation, menacingly, afraid b. abandoned, bare, feeble c. evacuated, exhausted, struggle d. vacuous, void, coward e. barren, deflated, confront</p> <p>4. During a decade of (i) _____, social scientists sought to (ii) _____ the idea of the family as a healthy and stabilizing force, and replace it with the view that the family was (iii) _____.</p> <p>a. moderation, promote, moribund b. conservatism, debunk, progressive c. iconoclasm, iconize, paramount d. moderation, promote, progressive e. iconoclasm, debunk, moribund</p>				
<p>12. a)</p>	<p>Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. If there is no error choose option (5) as your answer.</p> <p>1. I could not (1) / put up at my friend (2) / because his house is (3) / far away from my office. (4) / No error (5)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5</p> <p>2. The brethrens (1) / of this town are always (2) / supportive of the measures (3) / taken for development of society. (4) / No error (5)</p> <p>a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>10,12</p>
<p>b)</p>	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:</p> <p>A few weeks ago I ran into an old friend who is currently one of the mandarins deciding India's economic and financial policies. He asked, "And so, how is IIT doing?" As one can only indulge in friendly banter at such gatherings, I responded with, "Not so well actually. Your market-friendly policies have forced us to raise the fee, so we have 50% fewer PhD applicants this year. Not batting an eyelid, he shot back: "Obviously. Your PhD students don't have any market value." Taken aback, I shifted to a more serious tone and tried to start a discussion on the need for research in these globalised times. But he had already walked away. The last word on the imperatives of the 'market' had been spoken. Actually, this view of higher education should not have surprised me. Worthies who look at everything as consumer products classify higher education as a 'non-merit' good. Non-merit goods are those where only the individual benefits from acquiring them and not the society as a whole. Multilateral agencies like The World Bank have too been pushing countries like India to stop subsidies to higher education.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>10,12</p>