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Skill Development Course-IV – Soft Skills (Verbal Aptitude)

(Common to all branches)

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 40

Note: Answer all questions from Part-A and any THREE from Part-B

Part-A (5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

Q. No.	Stem of the question	M	L	CO	PO
1.	<p>Read the sentence below and write the meaning of the idiom in bold. Also use it appropriately in another sentence.</p> <p>Tom wanted to get down to the brass tracks, but the lawyer kept chatting about the weather.</p>	2	4	1	10
2.	<p>The _____ for farm loan waivers has been growing, but this measure alone cannot be a _____ solution to mounting agrarian distress.</p> <p>a. slogans, fixed b. demand, efficient c. clamour, permanent d. areas, onetime e. request, sure</p>	2	2	2	10
3.	<p>Directions: Given below are some statements which have been broken down into four fragments labeled (A), (B), (C) and (D) and arranged, not necessarily in the correct order. You are required to find the correct order.</p> <p>what cannot be ignored is an onslaught of (A)/ while most of the world acts as (B)/ more-frequent extreme weather events. (C) though it denies climate change, (D)</p>	2	4	3	10
4.	<p>Read the following paragraph to answer the questions-</p> <p>Tailgating another vehicle is unsafe and illegal. Many rear-end collisions are caused by drivers following too close to the vehicle in front of them. The rules state that a driver must keep sufficient distance from the vehicle in front in order to stop safely and avoid a collision. Drivers should allow a minimum two seconds' gap between their vehicle and the one ahead. At sixty kilometres an hour, this equates to thirty-three metres; at a hundred it equates to fifty-five metres. More distance is needed to safely stop in rain or poor visibility.</p> <p>Tailgating another vehicle is unsafe because:</p> <p>a. all rear end collisions are caused by drivers following too close to the vehicle in front. b. it may not allow sufficient time and space to stop and avoid a collision. c. it is against the road rules d. it is a reckless practice e. None of these.</p>	2	1	4	10

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5.	<p>Read the sentence below to find out whether there is any error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If no error, answer is (e). Rewrite the answer correcting the error, if any.</p> <p>Hardly had we settled down (a) / for the rest (b) / when we were startled at the (c) / strange sound of trumpets (d) /. No error (e).</p>	2	2	5	10
Part-B (3 × 10 = 30 Marks)					
6. a)	<p>Write the antonym for each underlined word in the sentence.</p> <p>1. Eric wrote <u>false</u> for every question on the test. _____</p> <p>2. Laura always <u>disobeyed</u> her mother. _____</p> <p>3. Kevin was very <u>careless</u> with his toys. _____</p> <p>4. Kelly was acting <u>childish</u> in school. _____</p> <p>5. Joseph's room was <u>filthy</u>. _____</p> <p>Directions For Question 1 to 5 – Below given are sentences with highlighted phrases. You are required to choose the best substitute for the given options.</p> <p>1. I don't mind talking to him about the project but he is a person who thinks only of <u>himself</u>. Eccentric Boaster Egoist Proud</p> <p>2. She makes it certain that she will never fight with her best friend over a pitty thing like this. Assures Insures Ensures Seizures</p> <p>3. We visited the ancient palace yesterday, there we saw old manuscripts written by saints, we tried but it was not clear enough to be read. Corrigible Legible Negligible Illegible</p> <p>4. This is his first press conference with the media, he is anxious because he speaks less. Sullen Terse Garrulous Reticent</p>	5	1	1	10

	<p>5. My brother is a theatre artist who performs and expresses stories or thoughts through gestures. Pantomime Mimic Depictions Ham</p>				
<p>b)</p>	<p>Choose the correct phrasal verb: go on / pick up / come back / come up with / go back / find out / come out / go out / point out / grow up / set up / turn out / get out / come in(to) / take on.</p> <p>1. Can you _____ (think of an idea) a better idea? 2. She _____ (showed / mentioned) that the shops would already be closed. 3. I wish I hadn't _____ (become responsible for) so much work! 4. I _____ (went to an event) for dinner with my husband last night. 5. He _____ (entered a place where the speaker is) the kitchen and made some tea.</p> <p>Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the words given in the brackets.</p> <p>1. When you start speaking ---- you can never find anyone around you. (DULL) 2. Some TV shows are totally ---- for children. They mustn't watch them. (SUITABLE) 3. Everybody enjoys the companionship of ---- people. (HUMOUR) 4. ---- of speech and belief is extremely important for the health of an individual. (FREE) 5. ---- is an adventurous person who likes long walk. (HIKE)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>7. a)</p>	<p>1. Tristin couldn't see the school building; it was shrouded by smoke and dust." What does the word SHROUDED mean? A. Covered B. ruined C. bounced D. invisible</p> <p>2. We thought that Mrs. Kerner would be very distraught when told that Antonio broke Ms.Pate's pointer; however, she took the news very calmly. What does the word DISTRAUGHT mean? A. anxious B. upset C. happy D. fearful</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>10</p>

	<p>3. David knew that the advanced studies program was rigorous. It would require a great deal of reading and homework. Still, he felt he was up for the challenge. What does the word RIGOROUS mean?</p> <p>A. boring B. difficult C. surprising D. shocking</p> <p>4. Hunter's plan for his group project looks good. It's time to implement it and see if works. Based on the sentence above, what does IMPLEMENT mean?</p> <p>A. carry out B. change C. ignore D. illustrate</p>				
<p>b)</p>	<p>1. Most people are too _____ in their own lives to _____ much about the agonies of others.</p> <p>A. absorbed, care B. concerned, think C. indulged, eradicate D. involved, console E. entangling, worry</p> <p>2. Lawyers and doctors _____ that advertising will certainly _____ their profession adversely.</p> <p>A. trust, damage B. believe, affect C. plead, escalate D. argue, effect E. contemplate, boost</p> <p>3. State governments have simply not given rules the necessary momentum, and the producers of plastic articles that are _____ used just for a few minutes have shown little _____ about their negative environmental impact.</p> <p>A. regularly, assistance B. invariably, concern C. hardly, hope D. habitually, support E. rarely, makeover</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>10</p>

	<p>4. The urge with which manager _____ towards any given task is mind blowing.</p> <p>A. progresses B. accumulation C. proceeds D. gains E. begins</p> <p>5. If taken seriously and without _____, it appeared to show that the shock and awe of demonetization had no negative impact on the growth trajectory of the Indian economy.</p> <p>A. humour B. skepticism C. disparaging D. only A and B E. only A and C</p> <p>6. RBI lacks supervisory capacity to conduct forensic audits and this must be strengthened with _____ as well as technological resources.</p> <p>A. male B. discreet C. human D. cash E. private</p>				
<p>8. a)</p>	<p>Directions: In questions given below, a sentence is given which is divided into parts such that the parts are jumbled and do not make a meaningful sentence. Rearrange the following parts to form a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence and choose the correct rearrangement from the options given below each question.</p> <p>1. Scientists have discovered (A)/ that may pave way for sustainable ways to clean up oil spills (B)/a unique oil-eating bacteria in the Mariana Trench, the (C)/deepest part of the earth's oceans, a finding (D)</p> <p>2. Andhra Pradesh on Monday morning (A)/ EMISAT, from Sriharikota in coastal (B)/ the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched (C)/the country's first electronic surveillance satellite</p> <p>3. concept used when (A)/ philosophy of technology (B)/ technological somnambulism is a (C)/ talking about the (D)</p> <p>4. when your life is (A)/ true principles and values, (B)/ and in (C)/ peace of mind comes (D)/ in harmony to/no other way (E)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>10</p>

	5. the idea (A)/ to me/watching (B)/ I was/with (C)/ came/when (D)/ its wings(E)/ the bird (F)/ taking off (G)				
b)	<p>Rearrange the given six sentences/ group of sentences A, B, C, D, E and F (for the 1-3) & A, B, C, D & E (for 3-4), in a proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph.</p> <p>I</p> <p>A. Global investors are quaking over the prospect of a devastating slump in the world's second-biggest economy.</p> <p>B. A possible answer could be that the country's troubles raise doubts about whether its policy makers have the tools to keep their economy growing at a healthy pace something that has been a constant reassurance for more than two decades.</p> <p>C. And they're fast losing confidence that China's policymakers, seemingly so sure-footed in the past, know how to solve the problem.</p> <p>D. However, such a domino effect is significant but hardly catastrophic so why the hysteria?</p> <p>E. China is exporting something new to the world economy: Fear.</p> <p>F. Apart from the shrinking confidence, the biggest fear is that a collapsing Chinese economy would derail others around the world - from emerging markets in Chile and Indonesia to industrial powers such as the United States.</p> <p>II</p> <p>A. To address these issues Indian corporate are increasingly turning eco-friendly</p> <p>B. At present however there are only a dozen green buildings in the private sector.</p> <p>C. However though an eco-friendly building may cost more upfront however it is cost effective because of lower operating costs in long.</p> <p>D. Today there is growing concern about global warming, energy and water crises.</p> <p>E. The reason is the construction cost of an eco-friendly building is 15% to 20% more than putting up a conventional building.</p> <p>F. Planting trees, using energy saving lighting systems and constructing eco-friendly green building are some of the measure they are taking.</p> <p>III</p> <p>The World Health Organization has declared India as polio-free since no new polio case has been reported in the country in the last couple of years.</p> <p>A. It also gives an idea regarding the effective implementation of the government schemes in the country so that they give the desired result</p> <p>B. Without participation from the general public, it would not have been possible to achieve this tremendous feat with the government schemes only.</p> <p>C. India can take heart from this success and can replicate the same model for eradication of other diseases also from the country.</p>	5	4	3	10

	<p>D. The thrust should be on educating the mass regarding the harmful effects of insects and the reasons for the growth of such insects.</p> <p>E. This underlines the efforts by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with the staff members at the ground level.</p> <p>IV</p> <p>A. In simpler terms, it is the Indian version of the Razzies.</p> <p>B. The 3rd Golden Kela Awards will be hosted by Cyrus Broacha this year.</p> <p>C. It was created in order to ridicule the bad performances and as a revenge for wasting our precious time and money on such idiotic films.</p> <p>D. The Golden Kela is held each year where awards are given for the year's worst in Bollywood.</p> <p>E. It was created by Random magazine, India's longest running humor magazine in the year 2009.</p> <p>V</p> <p>A. Despite the strong performance of the economy in 2010-11, the outlook for 2011-12 is clouded by stubborn and persistently high inflation, and rising external risks.</p> <p>B. The three key macroeconomic concerns before the Union Budget 2011-12 were high inflation, high current account deficit (CAD), and fiscal consolidation.</p> <p>C. Additionally, there was an expectation that the government would restart the reform process.</p> <p>D. While the Budget sets a lower nominal gross domestic product (GDP) growth target of 14%, we believe that the real GDP growth target of 9% factored in the Budget is on the optimistic side.</p> <p>E. The Budget has made an attempt to address all these issues, albeit through small steps.</p>				
<p>9. a)</p>	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases have been given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions:</p> <p>Management is a set of processes that can keep a complicated system of people and technology to run smoothly. The most important aspects of management include planning, budgeting, organizing, staffing, controlling and problem-solving.</p> <p>Leadership is a set of processes that creates organizations in the first place or adapts them to significantly changing circumstances. Leadership defines what the future should look like, aligns people with that vision and inspires them to make it happen despite the obstacles. This distinction is absolutely crucial for our purposes here: Successful transformation is 70 to 90 per cent leadership and only 10 to 30 percent management. Yet for historical reasons, many organizations today don't have much leadership. And almost everyone thinks about the problem here as one of managing change.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>10</p>

For most of this country, as we created thousands and thousands of large organizations for the first time in human history, we didn't have enough good managers to keep all those bureaucracies functioning. Many companies and universities developed management programs and hundreds and thousands of people were encouraged to learn management on the job. And they did. But, people were taught little about leadership.

To some degree, management was emphasized because it's easier to preach than leadership. But even more so, management was the main item on the twentieth century agenda because that's what was needed. For every entrepreneur or business builder who was a leader, we needed hundreds of managers to run their ever-growing enterprises. Unfortunately for us today, this emphasis on management has often been institutionalized in corporate cultures that discourage employees from learning how to lead. Ironically, past success is usually the key ingredient in producing this outcome.

The syndrome, as I have observed it on many occasions, goes like this: Success creates some degree of marked dominance which in turn produces much growth. After a while keeping the ever-larger organization under control becomes the primary challenge. So, attention turns inward and managerial competencies are nurtured. With a strong emphasis on management but not leadership, bureaucracy and an inward focus takeover. But with continued success, the result mostly of market dominance, the problem often goes unaddressed and an unhealthy arrogance begins to evolve. All of these characteristics then make any transformation effort much more difficult. Arrogant managers can over-evaluate their current performance and competitive position, listen poorly and learn slowly.

Inwardly focused employees can have difficulty seeing the very forces that present threats and opportunities. Bureaucratic cultures can smother those who want to respond to shifting conditions. And the lack of leadership leaves no force inside these organizations to break out of the morass.

1. Why did companies and universities develop programs to prepare managers in such large numbers?

- a. Companies and universities wanted to generate funds through these programs.
- b. The large number of organizations were created as they needed managers in good number.
- c. Organizations did not want to spend their scarce resources in training managers.
- d. Organizations wanted to create communication network through trained managers.

2. Which of the following characteristics helps an organization in its efforts to transform?

- a. Emphasis on leadership and not management
- b. Strong and dogmatic culture
- c. Bureaucratic and inward-looking approach
- d. Failing to acknowledge the value of customers and shareholders

	<p>II</p> <p>Among predatory dinosaurs, few flesh-eaters were bigger, faster and nastier than the "tyrant lizard" of popular imagination, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. At least, that is what we have been led to believe. Now research suggests that, far from being the Ferrari of dinosaurs, Tyrannosaurus Rex, whose ferocious reputation has fascinated generations of schoolchildren, was in fact a cumbersome creature with a usual running speed of twenty-five kilometers an hour. This is a mere snail's pace compared with modern animals such as the cheetah. Unlike some of the predators of today's African savannah, which can change direction almost immediately, the dinosaur would have had to turn slowly or risk tumbling over. And while a human can spin forty-five degrees in a twentieth of a second, a Tyrannosaurus would have taken as much as two seconds, as it would have been hampered by its long tail. Thankfully, however, all its prey, such as triceratops, would have been afflicted with the same lack of speed and agility. The findings were reached after researchers used computer modelling and biomechanical calculations to work out the dinosaur's speed, agility and weight. They based their calculations on measurements taken from a fossil dinosaur representative of an average Tyrannosaurus and concluded the creatures probably weighed between six and eight tons. Calculations of the leg muscles suggest that the animal would have had a top speed of forty kilometers an hour, which is nothing compared to a cheetah's one hundred kilometers an hour. It is sobering to reflect, though, that an Olympic sprinter runs at about thirty-five kilometers an hour, not sufficient to outrun a Tyrannosaurus, should Man have been around at that time!</p> <p>The overall theme of the passage is:</p> <p>A. Because it was cumbersome, Tyrannosaurus Rex was lucky to survive.</p> <p>B. Tyrannosaurus Rex's speed and agility were still superior to those of other dinosaurs.</p> <p>C. Tyrannosaurus Rex's fierce reputation is now laid to rest.</p> <p>D. Compared to modern predatory animals, Tyrannosaurus Rex was slow and cumbersome.</p> <p>E. None of these</p> <p>III</p> <p>A hare was very popular with the other beasts who all claimed to be her friend. But one day she heard the hounds approaching and hoped to escape them with the help of her many friends. "What are friends for," she asked herself, "if not to help out in time of need?" Furthermore, most of her friends were big and brave, so at least one should be able to help. First she went to the horse, and asked him to carry her away from the hounds on his back. But he declined, stating that he had important work to do for his master. "I feel sure," he said, "that all your other friends will come to your assistance." She then applied to the bull, and hoped that he would repel the hounds with his horns. The bull replied: "I am very sorry, but I have an appointment with a lady. However, I feel sure that our friend the goat will do what you want." The goat, however, feared that his back might be harmed if he took her upon it. The ram, he felt sure, was the proper friend to apply to. So she went to the ram and told him the case. The ram replied: "Another time, my dear friend. I do not like to interfere on the present occasion, as hounds have been known to eat sheep as well as hares." The hare then applied, as a last hope, to the calf, who regretted that he was unable to help her. He did not like to take the responsibility upon himself, as so many older persons had</p>				
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	<p>3. What is meant by the word "Bureaucratic" highlighted in the last paragraph?</p> <p>a. flexible b. non-conforming c. administrative d. relaxed</p> <p>4. Which of the following is not true with respect to leadership?</p> <p>a. It is a set of processes that help create organizations b. It aligns the future of the company with its vision c. It is well taught across universities d. It plays a major role in successful transformation</p> <p>5. In the passage, management is equated with</p> <p>a. Organization b. Leadership c. Organizational vision d. Bureaucracy</p> <p>6. Which of the following statement is/are definitely true in the context of the passage?</p> <p>(A) Bureaucracy fosters strong and arrogant culture. (B) Leadership competencies are nurtured in large-size organizations. (C) Successful transformation in organizations is 70 to 90 per cent leadership.</p> <p>a. Only A and B b. Only A and C c. Only B and C d. Only B</p>				
<p>b) 1</p>	<p>Space probes costs enormously as the launching rockets cannot be recovered and used again. In India, the space program was formerly launched in 1972, with the setting up of the Space Commission and the Department of Space. Advancement in areas of communication, meteorology, resources survey & management, develop satellites, launch vehicles & associated ground systems were the initial objectives. Since then, India has made impressive progress in this field.</p> <p>The passage best supports the statement that:</p> <p>a. Satellite technology has strengthened all Communication Media as well as gives trigger to various fields. b. Satellite technology has wasted most spoiled generation. c. India plans to a have a new launch pad to undertake its proposed human space flight manned mission. d. India is not a novice to the field of communications satellites</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>10</p>

	<p>declined the task. By this time the hounds were quite near, so the hare had to take to her heels. Luckily, she escaped.</p> <p>A suitable moral for this story would be:</p> <p>A. a friend in need is a friend indeed. B. never rely on your friends in a time of crisis. C. popularity does not mean friendship. D. friendship does not exist among animals. E. in a time of crisis you discover who your true friends are.</p> <p>IV</p> <p>Larry and Phillip went to collect some items in the woods for their science project. Their plan was to go for one hour and get as much as they could. As they began, their scheme was working because they were gathering many items including moss, wild flowers, tree bark, ferns, and grass. They had an enormous pile of stuff, and it was beginning to be too much to carry. Because they had such a collection, they had to slow their pace of collecting items. Their pile was getting huge so they had a fight over what items to keep. In their dispute, Larry thought they should keep the wild flowers but Phillip did not. They finally agreed about what to keep and finished their searching. As they went to go home, they noticed the rocks that they used to guide them into the forest were gone. They had nothing to lead them back; they were lost. Larry was very afraid, but Phillip was determined and discovered their way back home. In the end, Larry and Phillip got an A+ on their science project, which was well worth their adventure.</p> <p>Read the passage above and suggest a suitable title for it.</p>				
<p>10. a)</p>	<p>Directions: The given sentence has been broken up into four different parts. The error, if any, will be in any one part of the sentence. Select the option which contains the part of the sentence which has an error (spelling, grammatical or contextual). If there is no error, choose option E. Also Rewrite the sentence correcting the error, if any.</p> <p>1. Parts of northern France were also (A) / put in drought alert, with (B) / water supplies to businesses, (C) / farmers and ordinary residents restricted. (D) / No error (E)</p> <p>2. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) points out, (A) / drawing over large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (B) / is essential if we are to stand any chance of preventing (C) / more than 1.5C or even 2C of global heating. (D) / No Error(E)</p> <p>3. We hypothesized that the (A) / trustworthiness of the original source (B) / might be an element that contributed to the (C) / accuracy of people's judgment about online images. (D) / No error (E)</p> <p>4. Local gold prices hit a record 35,960 rupees per 10 grams (A) / on Tuesday, having jumped more than (B) / 10 percent over the past month, rising in lines with (C) / international prices on tensions in the Middle East. (D) / No error (E)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>10</p>

	5. Farmers like Baburao Tadas from Wardha district in Maharashtra (A) / is praying for normal monsoon rains after (B) / their incomes were hit by erratic weather and (C) / lower crop prices over the past few years. (D) / No error (E)				
b)	<p>Every day for a whole year, all kind of holy men, hermits, scholars and nobles came, and related to the priests their deeds of ___(1)___, and the priests in solemn council heard their calms. At last, they decided that the one who seemed to be the greatest lover of ___(2)___ was a rich man who had that very year given all his ___(3)___ to the poor. So they gave him the plate of gold, but when he took it in his hand, it turned into ___(4)___ lead; thought, when he dropped it on the floor, to his ___(5)___, it become gold again.</p> <p>1. Select the most appropriate option that will fill in the blank (1).</p> <p>(A) Charity (B) kindness (C) happiness (D) sympathy</p> <p>2. Select the most appropriate option that will fill in the blank (2).</p> <p>(A) Destitute (B) Moneyless (C) Mankind (D) Women</p> <p>3. Select the most appropriate option that will fill in the blank (3).</p> <p>(A) Wealth (B) Energy (C) time (D) Life</p> <p>4. Select the most appropriate option that will fill in the blank (4).</p> <p>(A) Gold (B) Worthy (C) Worthless (D) Valuable</p> <p>5. Select the most appropriate option that will fill in the blank (5).</p> <p>(A) Confusion (B) Happiness (C) admiration (D) Amazement</p>	5	4	5	10

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