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Finishing School - I

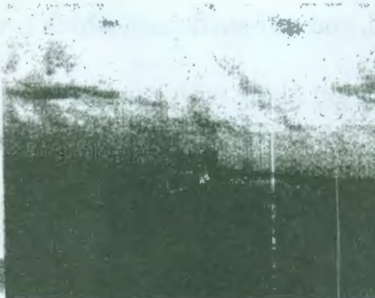
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Max. Marks: 70

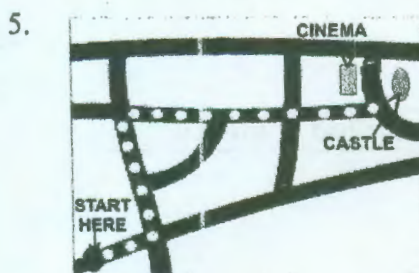
Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B

Part-A (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

- Write down two things that you will ask your friend to do if he/she wants to improve his/her communication skills in English.
- Write two to three sentences on the following small talk topics.
a) Movies b) Sports
- Contextual Vocabulary. Identify the meanings of the bolded words.
a) **Resentment**, a feeling of bitterness and anger, is often felt by people who are passed over for promotions.
What does the word **resentment** mean in this sentence?
b) The Cruise family moved from their **dilapidated** house that was old and run-down, into a brand new home.
What does the word **dilapidated** mean here?
- Fill in the blanks with the right idiom. Take clues from the pictures given below.
Learning idioms is not _____ but once you know them they can be a lot of fun, and anyway, because English people use idioms non-stop you will be _____ in most conversations until you _____.



a) Learn the ropes b) Lost at sea c) A piece of cake



Fill in the words below correctly. (Use the map for orientation.)
continue, end, excuse, get, left (2x), next, opposite, right, second, straight on, thank, turn, welcome
_____ me, how do I _____ to the cinema?
Go _____. Turn _____ at the corner. Then take the _____ road on your _____
to the _____ of the road. _____ left there. The cinema is on your _____ the castle.
_____ you very much.
You're _____.

- List Four adjectives that best describe you and frame sentence using them
Example: Ambitious - "I am someone who is ambitious. I endeavor to deliver high-quality work on time, every time."
- What are the six colors of Edward De'Bono's hats?

8. **Matching:** match the definition to the term and shade in the appropriate bubble.

i) An action and its results are discussed	a. chronological
ii) Information is organized in order of time	b. problem and solution
iii) A difficulty is described and an answer is offered	c. sequence / process
	d. cause and effect

i) Differences and similarities of two or more things are discussed	a. cause and effect
ii) Explains how something happens or is done, step-by-step	b. spatial / descriptive
iii) Describes how something looks or the arrangement of a space	c. compare and contrast
	d. sequence / process

9. Fill in the blanks using the words given.

Letter to a friend

Bye along easily efficient favour nice sooner turn

Hi! It was _____ to hear from you again. It has certainly been a long time! I'm glad to hear that you're getting _____ so well with the work you are doing.

Sorry for not writing _____ but, as you know, things never seem to slow down. Would you believe I intended to write to you three weeks ago, but you know how _____ I am!

By the way, would you mind doing me a _____? I would like to have a copy of that book you told me about. I think that you will be able to find it more _____ than I could manage to.

Thank you for inviting us to your party next month, I will do my very best to _____ up. I look forward to seeing you then! _____ for now.

10. Choose the most appropriate option.

a) How would you describe yourself?

- i) I am detail-oriented, organized, and self-sufficient, which is why I would be perfect for this position.
- ii) I am smart and work hard and I get along with people.
- iii) I am really fun and sweet and I have a ton of friends.

b) What do you consider your greatest weakness?

- I take too much on myself; I've been actively working on using my time more efficiently through delegation.
- I can be forgetful sometimes, but I've developed a reliable system for keeping on top of things.
- I work too hard.

Part-B (5 × 10 = 50 Marks)

11. a) Write your opinion about "Swach Bharath a dream or reality"

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b) Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box.

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sounds good	was brilliant	Was it good	can't stand her	not that bad	loved it
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Jack: Oh! Hi Gemma. How's it going?

Gemma: Oh. Hi Jack. Have you just seen Tornado Express too?

Jack: Mm ... no. I saw Friends Forever with my sister.

Gemma: Oh!

1. _____?

Jack: Pff ... no, not really. It was boring. But Molly liked it. She loves that kind of thing. What about Tornado Express? Was that good?

Gemma: Yeah, it

2. _____! Really exciting and the special effects were so good!

Jack: Sounds cool.

Gemma: Yeah, I 3 _____!

Jack: I really want to see that film, Double Revenge. Have you heard of it?

Gemma: Oh, yeah ... with Jessica Foster? Ah, I 4 _____! She's so annoying!

Jack: Really? Do you think so? She was good in that film Maximum Risk.

Gemma: Oh, I haven't seen that one. OK, maybe she's 5 _____!

Jack: Well, maybe we should check out Double Revenge together some time.

Gemma: Yeah, that 6 _____.

Jack: All right, great.

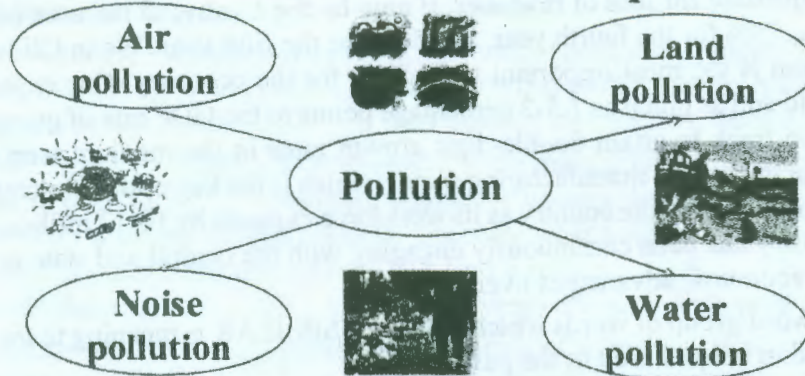
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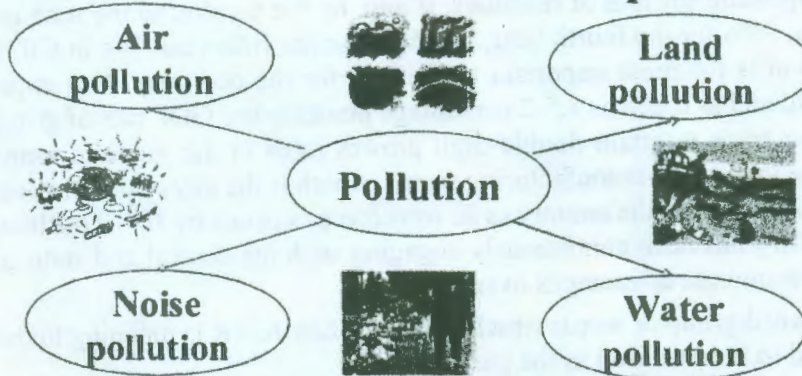
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of taxes on cost of goods and services would **obviated**. In addition, since the GST would be placed on the IT infrastructure termed as the GST Network, tax administration could become more transparent and time-bound.

For state governments, the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) system as proposed means ease in tax collections. The IGST would be levied and collected on supplies in the course of inter-state trade by the Centre, and would then be allocated to the destination states. To protect the interest of the states, provision has been made in the Bill to compensate for loss of revenues, if any, by the Centre, to the tune of 100% for the first three years, 75% for the fourth year, and 50% for the fifth year. We in CII believe that the GST introduction is the most important tax reform for the economy. Our expectation is that GST alone could add as much as 1.5-2 percentage points to the GDP rate of growth due course, placing India on track to attain double-digit growth rates in the medium term. Moreover, it would give huge impetus to manufacturing sector, which is the key option for creating the large number of jobs required by the country as its workforce expands by 10-12 million young people each year. Industry has been continuously engaging with the central and state governments to highlight these economic advantages over the years

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Mooted

- a) proved b) resolved c) debated d) decide e) settled

Cascading

- a) lesson b) surge c) descending d) removal e) declining

Obviated

- a) assisted b) helped c) aided d) averted e) supported

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Dismantled

- a) restored b) scared c) ruined d) decimated e) demolished

Seamless

- a) consistent b) ordered c) smooth d) logical e) irregular

13. a) Narrate what you did last Summer? How did you spend your summer holidays? Word limit 150 -200 words [5]
 b) Write down what you usually do on a daily basis? [5]
14. a) What is the theme of these two passages? What message does the author want to convey? [4]

Passage 1

Carrie loved her phone and her tablet. She was always looking at one or the other. Her parents would try to talk to her about her life, but she would just ignore them or give them monosyllabic answers until they left her alone. When she was at school, she'd sneak peeks at her phone under her desk whenever she could get away with it. When she was at parties, she spent more time interacting with the devices in front of her than with the people around her. Even at concerts and sporting events, Carrie seldom removed her eyes from these tiny screens. One day Carrie was walking home from a friend's house and watching a funny video of people slipping on ice. She began crossing the street just after the light changed. She was so into the video that she did not notice the oncoming traffic. She walked directly into the traffic while laughing at the falling people on her tiny screen and was hit by a bus. Carrie sustained mild injuries, but both of her devices were destroyed. As far as she was concerned, her life was over.

Passage 2

Kelly had a job at the movie theater, but it didn't pay very much and she was sick of working there. Nonetheless, the work was steady and she needed all of the money that she could get. To her delight, Kelly got an interview at a big office downtown for a job that paid much more.

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