

**14E(A)**

**ENGLISH, Paper - II**

*(Third language)*

**Parts A and B**

**Time : 2½ Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 50**

**Instructions :**

1. Answer the questions under **Part-A** on a separate answer book.
2. Write the answers to the questions under **Part-B** on the question paper itself in the space provided and attach it to the answer book of **Part-A**.
3. Start answering the questions as you read them.

**Part - A**

**Time : 1½ Hours**

**Marks : 30**

**(1-10) Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions.**

**Each answer should be in one or two sentences.**

**5×1=5**

1. Why did the people of Venice love and respect Antonio ?
2. What kind of a bond did Shylock want from Antonio ?
3. What made Nerissa believe that the lottery of the caskets would bring Portia a good husband ?
4. What kind of a girl was Jessica ? Why was she unhappy ?
5. What did the golden casket contain ?
6. "I am dazed", said Bassanio. Why do you think he was dazed ?
7. What appeal did the Duke make to Shylock ?
8. How did the lawyer's clerk get the ring from Gratiano ?
9. What kind of a person was Portia ?
10. What was the good news and gift that Lorenzo and Jessica got from Portia ?

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**11. Read the following passage carefully.****5×1=5**

"I owe money to my friend. This friend in fact, had to borrow the money from his worst enemy. That he did for my sake. This letter is from my friend. But is this true, Salerio?"

*Now answer the following questions :*

1. Who owed money to whom ?
2. Who does 'this friend' refer to ?
3. Who was the worst enemy ?
4. "That he did" ..... What did he do ?
5. Who brought the letter ?

**12. Write a story using the hints given below in about 200 words.****10**

**Divide the story into two or three paragraphs.**

**Hints :** King Solomon - noted for his wisdom - Queen of Sheba - heard of his fame - came to test - two garlands of flowers - one real - other artificial - looked alike - 'find the real one' - Solomon ordered windows to be opened - bees flew in - settled on the real one - declared - Queen impressed.

**OR**

**Hints :** River bank - monkey lived on a tree - A crocodile in the river - makes friends with monkey - everyday comes there - goes home late - his wife angry - plans to kill monkey - asks for monkey's heart - pretending sickness - crocodile takes monkey to home - on the way monkey comes to know - says its heart on the tree - goes back - sends away the monkey.

**13. Write a letter to your cousin, advising him to read English newspapers.****10**

Tell him/her why newspapers are important, how they bring not only news but also improves one's writing skills in English.

**OR**

The NIIT has announced a crash course in Computers for students who have appeared for the SSC Public Examinations in 2012. Write a letter to the Director, NIIT of your town, requesting him to send you an application form, particulars of fees, details of the course and hostel facilities.



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[Maximum Marks : 50

## Part - B

Time : 1 Hour

Marks : 20

**NOTE :** Write the answers to the questions in this part on the question paper itself.

### Instructions :

- (i) Use CAPITAL LETTERS while answering the multiple choice questions.
- (ii) Marks will not be awarded if there is any over-writing or re-writing.

### 14. Read the following passage carefully.

Ruth who lives in Huddersfield, has never been to school. Her father, Harry Lawrence, a Computer consultant, gave up his job when Ruth was five to educate her at home. Her mother, Sylvia, who also works in Computers, is the family bread winner.

Now answer the following questions in a word or a phrase.

5×1=5

(a) Where does Ruth live ?

Ans. ....

(b) Who was Ruth's father ?

Ans. ....

(c) What was Ruth's father ?

Ans. ....

(d) Why did Lawrence give up his job ?

Ans. ....



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(e) Who is Ruth's family bread-winner ?

Ans. ....

**15. Read the following passage carefully.**

The Dinosaurs were cold-blooded creatures. They could not heat their own bodies. They needed the heat from the Sun to stay alive and move about. When the weather got colder, their bodies became slower and slower and they could not even move to collect their food. But crocodiles are also cold-blooded animals! The crocodile is a water animal as well. When the weather was cold, the crocodile slipped deep into the water and kept warm. But most Dinosaurs were land animals. They could not stay under water, and when the land was covered in deep snow, the Dinosaurs were in great trouble. They could not adapt to the changing conditions and could not survive.

Now answer the following questions.

(A) Each of the following questions has three choices:

Put a tick (✓) for the right answer.

4×1=4

1. The greatest problem that the cold blooded animals face is that .....
  - (a) they cannot warm up their body on their own. [.....]
  - (b) they cannot live without the help of Sun or water. [.....]
  - (c) They cannot survive in the snow. [.....]
2. All animals need ..... for survival.
  - (a) sunlight [.....]
  - (b) warm water [.....]
  - (c) food [.....]
3. The Dinosaurs have disappeared whereas the crocodiles have survived because .....
  - (a) they could live on land as well as in water. [.....]
  - (b) they were smaller than Dinosaurs. [.....]
  - (c) they could defeat the Dinosaurs in the battle for survival. [.....]
4. The word "adapt", here means .....
  - (a) adopt [.....]
  - (b) accept [.....]
  - (c) adjust [.....]

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(B) Given below are **SIX** statements. **Three** of them are **TRUE** according to the passage. Find them and write **'T'** against them in brackets. 3×1=3

1. The Sun decreases the body heat of the cold-blooded animals. [.....]
2. Cold weather slows down the animals' ability to move. [.....]
3. Crocodiles are cold-blooded because they are water-animals. [.....]
4. At great depths, water must be warm because the crocodiles survive there. [.....]
5. The Dinosaurs could not stay under water when there was heavy snow over the land. [.....]
6. The Crocodiles and the Dinosaurs live both in water and land. [.....]

16. Read the following passage carefully.

Everyone is afraid of earthquakes. They are quite common in Eastern countries like Japan, China, Indonesia and Malaya. They are the most deadly of all natural calamities. Two of the greatest earthquakes occurred in China and Alaska.

How do earthquakes occur? They are caused by the shifting of rocks along cracks in the earth's crust. The cracks are produced when rocks near each other are pulled in different directions.

Some nations are actively involved in earthquake prediction. They have set up Seismic networks in areas of their countries where earthquakes are known to occur. The networks give advance signals. Seismographs can detect vibrations in layers of the earth. Tiltmeters are used to measure surface tilt along crust line. Whatever technological development there is, it is still in its infancy. Everyone agrees that earthquakes are not predicted with accuracy.

Now answer the following questions.

(a) Name two countries which face earthquakes very often. 2×1=2

Ans. ....  
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(b) There are five words in List-A. The meanings of four of them are given in List-B. Choose the right word from List-A to match the meanings in List-B and write it in the space provided against each meaning. 4x1/2=2

List-A : calamity, deadly, detect, infancy, prediction

List-B : (i) Find out that something is present

(ii) Statement that something will happen

(iii) Early stage of development

(iv) Even that causes great damage

(c) Complete the following sentences using a word or a phrase each. 2x1/2=1

(i) Earthquakes are the most dangerous of all

(ii) Earthquakes are caused by

(d) Mention two instruments used in predicting Earthquakes. 2x1=2

(1)

(2)

(e) Answer in a word or a phrase each. 2x1/2=1

1. What can a Seismograph find out?

Ans. ....

2. At what stage is Earthquake prediction?

Ans. ....