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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) Horizontal communication
- (b) Audio-visual signs
- (c) Verbal communication
- (d) Formal communication
- (e) Psychological barriers
- (f) Personal space
- (g) Noise.

2×5=10

2 (a) Answer any two of the following :

- (i) Describe the various stages in the process of
communication.

P.T.O.

(ii) What is Diagonal communication? Give its merits and demerits.

(iii) (c) What is Grapevine? Define the different types of Grapevine.

(iv) (d) How does body language help in communication?

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Or

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

(i) Conserving the environment

Or

(ii) The current education system.

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3. (a) Read the questions carefully before answering and keep to the point :

Write a brief dialogue between a customer who wants to buy a phone and a salesperson.

Or

Write a dialogue between a student who is late for class and his or her teacher.

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(b) You are a contributor to your college magazine; interview a student from another State who has come to study in your institution.

Or

Interview your local MLA asking about his plans to improve sports facilities in your area.

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

The science of astronomy developed in many different cultures and from many different motivations. Even in the cities of pre-industrial world, the stars could easily be seen at night, so they became an inspiration for the myths and legends of almost all cultures. Some people tracked the fixed stars and moving planets with great precision, some for agricultural purposes (the ancient Egyptians, for example, needed to prepare for the annual flooding of the Nile river valley), others to attempt to predict the future. The regularity of the movement of the heavens suggested that history moved in cycles and could therefore be predicted. Even today, the popularity of astrology suggests that we continue to believe that human history is linked to the stars above. Though there is a lack of careful experimental testing, people still follow this powerfully attractive system of belief with varying degrees of seriousness and faith.

(i) What inspired many myths and legends in different cultures? 3

(ii) Why did people track the stars? 3

(iii) What did the movement of the stars suggest? 2

(iv) Give antonyms for any *four* of the following words :
different, moving, regular, linked, powerful, attractive. 2

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

Using your own words, write a summary of the following passage in about 50 words :

From times immemorial man has lived with trees. They have provided him with shelter, wood for fuel, implements of peace or war, fruit, seed and sometimes even clothing. The Banyan and the Pipal, the Neem and the Babool, the Tamarind and the Mango, the Sal and the Dhak, the Jamun and the Myrobalan and a host of other kinds of native trees occur in our vast and varied country. The Pipal and the Banyan are planted in many Indian villages and under these trees the village folk gather in the evenings for rest and socializing. Many roads in the countryside are lined with trees that provide a welcome shade against the hot summer sun. Our countrymen living near forests or in

the hills are fortunate because they live amidst sylvan surroundings abounding in a variety of trees and wild life. Modern and sophisticated though we city folk are, we still love trees and often like to plant them in our home-yards for fruit, foliage or for their beautiful flowers. In towns and cities trees are often in gardens and along avenues for shade and for ornamentation. But for them many city streets would look barren and devoid of a touch of nature.

Or

What is literal translation? Give a few examples of it. 5

5. (a) Write a letter to a distinguished ex-student of your College inviting him/her to be the chief guest at your college Annual Day.

Or

You have recently bought a washing machine which is not functioning properly. Write a letter of complaint to the customer care executive of the company from whom you bought the machine asking them to replace it. 10

- (b) Your college recently held a Fresher's welcome programme. Write a brief report on it for the college magazine.

Or

You are the Human Resource Manager of a company.
Write a brief report suggesting ways of increasing
productivity and punctuality among the workers. 10