

2018

Time : 2 hours

Full Marks : 50

Answer all questions

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks*

*Candidates are required to answer in their own words  
as far as practicable*

**( COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH )**

**SECTION—A**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 5$

Even a leisurely game like cricket, demanding grace rather than strength, can cause much ill-will, as we saw in the controversy over body-line bowling and over the rough tactics of the Australian team that visited England in 1921. Football, a game in which everyone gets hurt and every nation has its own style of play which seems

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unfair to foreigners, is far worse. Worst of all is boxing. One of the most horrible sights in the world is a fight between white and coloured boxers before a mixed audience. But a boxing audience is always disgusting, and the behaviour of the women, in particular, is such that army, I believe, does not allow them to attend its contests. At any rate, two or three years ago, when Home Guards and regular troops were holding a boxing tournament, I was placed on guard at the door of the hall, with orders to keep the women out.

- (i) What is the cause behind the controversy between the cricket teams of Australia and England in 1921 ?
- (ii) What does the writer say about football ?
- (iii) What is the writer's comment on boxing ?
- (iv) Why does the army stop the women to attend its contests ?
- (v) Why was the writer placed on guard at the door of the hall ?

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 5$

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow in the sky :  
So was it when my life began ;  
So is it now I am a man ;  
So be it when I shall grow old ,  
Or let me die !  
The child is father of the Man ;  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.

- (i) Why does the heart of the poet leap up when he sees a rainbow in the sky ?
- (ii) Why do you think the speaker says "let me die" ?
- (iii) Do you agree with the speaker that the child is the father of the man ? Why or why not ?
- (iv) What do you mean by the phrase "natural piety" ?
- (v) Give the main idea of the poem.

3. Do as directed : 1 × 5

(i) His failure disgusted his parents.  
(Change into passive)

(ii) He said to me, "Good morning."  
(Change the narration)

(iii) I had spent a large number of money.  
(Correct the error)

(iv) If it (rain), I will not go to the market.  
(Use the correct tense of the verb)

(v) Translate this sentence from Odia \_\_\_\_\_  
English.  
(Use appropriate preposition)

#### SECTION—B

4. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following : 1 × 10
- (i) Life is not a bed of roses.
- (ii) Students in politics.
5. Write a report for your college magazine describing cultural Fest held in your college. 10

Or

In response to an advertisement prepare a job application for the post of an Assistant Manager.

6. Write a precis of the following passage : 1 × 10

We sometimes, think that it would be very nice if we had no work to do. How we envy rich people who do not have to work for their living, but can do just what they please all the year round. Yet when we think so, we make a mistake. Sometimes, rich people are not as happy as we think, because they are tired of being idle. Most of us are happy, when we have regular work to do for our living, especially if the work is what we like doing. The first thing work gives to us is happiness. It gives us self-respect. The idler, however rich he is, lives on the work of others. But the honest worker, who earns his living by useful toil, can hold up his head and respect himself. Last, not the least, regular work helps to build up character. It teaches us such good habits as punctuality, carefulness, thoroughness and faithfulness in work.