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**BEG–004**

**CERTIFICATE IN FUNCTIONAL  
ENGLISH (CFE)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**BEG–004 : ENGLISH IN DAILY LIFE**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** *All questions are compulsory.*

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In the 21st century, technology has become an integral part of our daily lives. From smart phones to smart homes, technology has transformed the way we communicate, work, and live. One of the most significant advancements in technology in recent years has been the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI has the potential to revolutionize many industries, from healthcare to transportation. For example, self-driving cars are being

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developed using AI technology, which could make transportation safer and more efficient.

Another area where technology has had a significant impact is in the workplace. Many companies have implemented remote work policies, allowing employees to work from anywhere in the world as long as they have access to the internet. This has led to greater flexibility and work-life balance for employees, as well as cost savings for employers.

However, technology also has its downsides. The rise of social media has led to increased concerns about privacy and the spread of misinformation. Cyber security has become a major issue, with hackers targeting both individuals and businesses.

Despite these challenges, technology continues to evolve and improve at a rapid pace. As we move further into the 21st century, it is likely that we will see even more advances in areas such as virtual reality, renewable energy, and space exploration.

**Questions :**

- (a) (i) What is *one* significant advancement in technology in recent years ? 2
- (ii) What is *one* potential benefit of using AI in transportation ? 2
- (iii) How has technology impacted the workplace ? 2
- (iv) What are some downsides to technology ? 2
- (v) What are some areas where we may see further technological advances in the future ? 2
- (b) Find words/expressions used in the passage which have similar meanings to the following : 5
- (i) Essential
- (ii) Transform
- (iii) Executed
- (iv) Worries
- (v) Swift

2. (a) Fill in the blanks with correct conjunctions provided in brackets : 5

(i) She is not only intelligent, .....  
hardworking. (but/or)

(ii) He doesn't like to swim, ..... does  
he like to surf. (nor/or)

(iii) You can either come with us, .....  
stay here alone. (or/and)

(iv) I want to study medicine, ..... I  
also want to travel the world.  
(but/and)

(v) He is very smart ..... he is also  
very humble. (and/but)

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions : 5

(i) I am going ..... the store.

(ii) She is studying ..... the library.

(iii) The cat is ..... the couch.

(iv) The ball is ..... the box.

(v) He walked ..... the park.

3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate phrasal verb from those given below. Make changes in the form of the verb, where necessary : 5

figure out, set up, look into, keep up, work out

- (i) I need to ..... how to finish this assignment before the deadline.
- (ii) I need to ..... a meeting with my professor to discuss my grades.
- (iii) The professor asked the students to ..... different sources for their research paper.

Turn in - to submit or hand in an assignment.

- (iv) Example : It's important to ..... with the latest research in your field.

To solve or resolve a problem or issue

- (v) The group had to ..... some conflicts before they could complete the project.

Show up - to arrive or attend an event or meeting

4. Correct the following sentences if required : 10

- (i) I (study) ..... engineering at university.
- (ii) My friends (take) ..... a lot of classes this semester.

- (iii) She (do) ..... her homework every night.
  - (iv) They (attend) ..... all their classes regularly.
  - (v) We (work) ..... on our project right now.
  - (vi) He (finish) ..... his essay last night.
  - (vii) The professor (teach) ..... us about calculus.
  - (viii) The students (prepare) ..... for their exams this week.
  - (ix) She (pass) ..... all her exams with flying colors.
  - (x) We (enjoy) ..... our time at university.
5. Do as directed against each sentence : 10
- (a) Mohini is as tall as Ram.  
(Rewrite using taller than)
  - (b) My old house was occupied by them.  
(Begin with they)
  - (c) Who can beat me in studies ?  
(Change into negative)
  - (d) I saw that he was ill. I took him to the hospital.  
(Begin with as soon as)
  - (e) He finished his work. He went out to play.  
(Combine the sentences)
  - (f) My book was torn by my sister.  
(Begin with my sister)

(g) Radhika is so tired to cook now.

(Use 'so' that)

(h) The plants may die. The rain will fall.

(Use a connector)

(i) My grandfather is very old.

(Change into negative)

(j) Nobody in the college is as good as Harish.

(Change into affirmative)

6. Compose a letter to your boss to introduce your friend who has shown interest in applying for a job in your office. In the letter, recommend your friend and explain why you believe he/she would be a suitable candidate for the job in around **150** words. 10
7. Write an extended note on the advantages and disadvantages of Mobile phones in about **250** words. 20
8. Write a dialogue between a Govt. official and a citizen who wants to apply for a PAN card. Talk about the procedure, nature and type of documents required, mode of operation. You may add any other information you like. 20

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