

2025

ENGLISH

(Ability Enhancement Course)

Paper Name: English Communication

Paper Code: ENG-AEC-142

Full Marks: 60

Time: Two and Half Hours

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

Answer in English

1. Answer the following questions:

1x7=7

- (a) What is communication ?
- (b) Who is ultimately selected in the lottery ?
(write the correct option)
 - i) Mr. Summers ii) Bill Hutchinson
 - iii) Tessie Hutchinson iv) Old man Warner
- (c) According to author, what is the real value of saying “please” ?
(Write the correct option)
 - i) It shows good vocabulary.
 - ii) It makes people fear you.
 - iii) It oils the wheels of daily life.
 - iv) It helps win arguments.
- (d) What incident does the author use to start the essay ?
(Write the correct option)
 - i) A man being rude in a restaurant.
 - ii) A liftman refusing to let someone in.
 - iii) A passenger arguing with a bus conductor.
 - iv) A student being disrespectful to a teacher.

- (e) What is included in oral communication ?
(Write the correct option)
- i) Communication in groups.
 - ii) Face to face communication.
 - iii) Telephonic talks.
 - iv) All of the above.
- (f) Listening means: (Choose the correct option)
- i) Hearing
 - ii) Giving attention to sounds.
 - iii) Giving attention to sounds along with interpreting the contents.
 - iv) All of the above.
- (g) Who is the author of “The lottery” ?

2. Answer any four of the following questions: 2x4=8

- (a) Give two examples of written communication.
- (b) Punctuate the following sentence :
did you read the assam tribune today.
- (c) What is effective communication ?
- (d) Why does Gardiner say that bad manners are not legally punishable ?
- (e) What is the difference between Agendas and Minutes ?

3. Answer the following questions: (Any three) 5x3=15

- (a) Attempt a brief summery of the story “The Lottery”.
- (b) Briefly discuss the views of the author in the essay
“Growing up with Science Fiction”.
- (c) In “On Saying Please”, Gardiner argues that politeness can be more powerful than force. Do you agree? Justify your answer with reference to the context.
- (d) What is the importance of saying “Please” ? Explain briefly.
- (e) Explain how Carl Sagan distinguishes between good and bad science fiction.

4. Answer the following questions: (Any three) 10x3=30

- (a) Write a report on environmental cleanliness drive conducted in your college.
- (b) Write a letter to your father, telling him about your visit to a historical place.
- (c) What is formal and informal communication ? Discuss their advantages and disadvantages.
- (d) What are the barriers to effective listening? How can listening be improved?
- (e) Discuss the central theme of “On Saying Please”. How does A. G. Gardiner emphasize the importance of courtesy in everyday life ?
