



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

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### AECC2-ENGLISH (MIL)

### ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 35

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

#### GROUP-A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

2×5 = 10

“Avva at this age of sixty-two you want to learn the alphabet? All your hair is grey, your hands are wrinkled, you wear spectacles and you work so much in the kitchen...” childishly I made fun of the old lady. But she just smiled.

“For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle. I will work harder than anybody but I will do it. For learning there is no age bar”. The next day onwards I started my tuition. Avva was a wonderful student. The amount of homework she did was amazing. She would read, repeat, write and recite. I was her only teacher and she was my first student. Little did I know then that one day I would become a teacher in Computer Science and teach hundreds of students.

The Dassara Festival came as usual. Secretly I bought *Kashi Yatre* which had been published as a novel by that time. My grandmother called me to the puja place and made me sit down on a stool. She gave the gift of a frock material. Then she did something unusual. She bent down and touched my feet. I was surprised and taken aback. Elders never touch the feet of youngsters. We have always touched the Feet of God, elders and teachers. We consider that as a mark of respect. It is a great tradition but today the reverse had happened. It was not correct.

She said, “I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter; a teacher who taught me so well, with so much of affection that I can read any novel confidently in such a short period. Now I am independent. It is my duty to respect a teacher. Is it not written in our scriptures that a teacher should be respected, irrespective of gender and age?”

I did return namaskara to her by touching her feet and gave my gift to my first student. She opened it and read immediately the title *Kashi Yatre* by Triveni and the publisher's name.

I knew then, that my student had passed with Flying colours.

- (a) How do we know that the grandmother was determined to read?
- (b) How did the granddaughter react to her grandmother's request to teach her to read?

- (c) Why did the grandmother touch the feet of her granddaughter?
- (d) Briefly explain the role of the granddaughter as a teacher.
- (e) Give a suitable title to the passage.

**GROUP-B**

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Write a letter to the Editor of an English newspaper describing the difficulties due to water logging in your locality and complaining about the same.
  - (b) Write a letter to your friend asking him/her for arranging a picnic.
  - (c) Write an essay on the topic 'If I were a Millionaire'?
  - (d) Write an essay on the topic 'Books are our Friends'.

**GROUP-C**

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions: 5×3 = 15
- (a) Attempt a summary of the following paragraph:

The Equator is an imaginary line round the middle of the earth. It divides the earth into two roughly equal parts. The areas close to the Equator are hotter than those that are farther away. The coldest regions in the world are the polar regions near the North and South Poles. They have an arctic climate. The hottest regions are in South Asia, North Africa and Central America. They are in the Tropics. Their climate is tropical. The countries between the polar and tropical regions have a temperate climate. This is the climate of Europe. The average temperature there is warmer than at the Poles and cooler than that of the tropics.

- (b) Attempt a paraphrase of the following stanzas:

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,  
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.  
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;  
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—  
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;  
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,  
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,  
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.  
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;  
I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,  
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;  
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,  
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

- (c) Write a dialogue between a father and a son on pocket money.
- (d) Write a dialogue between a bus conductor and a passenger on rising bus fares.
- (e) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a famous YouTube blogger.
- (f) Write a resume applying for a job as a music teacher in an esteemed institution.
- (g) Prepare a CV for a job application to the Post of a Marketing Manager in a reputed company.
- (h) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a social worker.
- (i) As the Secretary of the Magazine Committee, draft a notice for the students informing them about the final date of submission of entries for the annual magazine.
- (j) As the President of the association of your residential complex, draft a notice informing the residents about the upcoming Holi celebration.

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