

**BACHELOR IN COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS****Term-End Examination****December, 2008****CS-610 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN
ENGLISH FOR COMPUTING***Time : 2 hours**Maximum Marks : 50*

Note : Attempt all the questions.

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

All around us we see that differences are growing. People shout and fight for the most trivial of reasons. But differences can lead to wars, so they cannot be ignored for long. Different people handle differences differently.

Some shun differences; they are afraid of them. It disturbs them that someone may have a different skin colour, worship a different god, or follow a different lifestyle. They are convinced that their way of life is the best and the only way. They enjoy ridiculing those who are different and they don't hesitate to fight to prevent others from following their way. They often join gangs or

anti-groups because there is strength in numbers.

There are others, however, who are tolerant of differences. Their motto is 'you keep to yourself and I'll keep to myself'. They don't threaten but they also don't embrace difference.

The third group, celebrators, value difference. They see them as an advantage, not as a weakness. They have learnt that two people who think differently can achieve more than two people who think alike. They realize that celebrating differences doesn't mean that you necessarily agree with or adopt these differences.

- (a) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 2
- (i) People fight only when there are serious problems.
 - (ii) We cannot ignore differences for a long time.
- (b) Mention *any two* things that disturb the people who do not like differences. 2
- (c) Why do the people who hate differences often join anti-groups ? 2
- (d) What do you understand by 'you keep to yourself and I'll keep to myself' ? 2
- (e) Complete the following sentences with an appropriate word/phrase from the passage (para 4) : 2

- (i) There are some people who value _____.
- (ii) Celebrating differences doesn't mean that we _____ agree with these differences.

2. (a) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice : 2

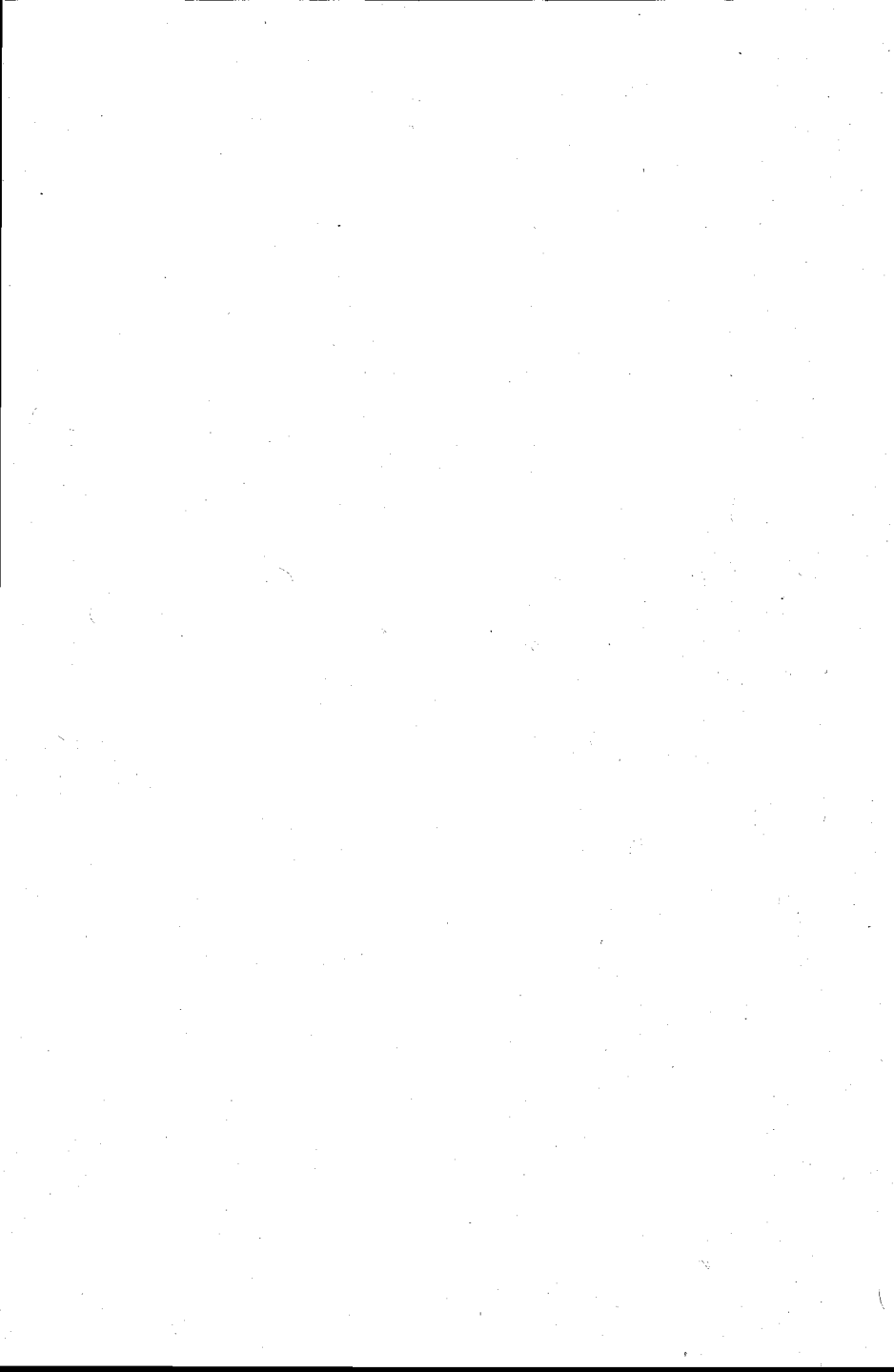
- (i) They didn't invite him to their party last week.
- (ii) Alexander Bell invented the telephone in 1876.

(b) Fill in the blanks, choosing the suitable option from the ones given in brackets : 3

- (i) They aren't rich. They _____ (haven't, don't) got much money.
- (ii) We can walk to their station from here. It _____ (isn't, doesn't) very far.
- (iii) I _____ (don't, haven't) seen him for a long time.

3. Rewrite the following sentences, removing the errors in them : 5

- (a) I was hungry but there wasn't nothing to eat.
- (b) I feel good; I sleep very well last night.
- (c) Somebody has broken this window last night.
- (d) Where were your shoes make ?
- (e) What time did you got home last night ?



4. Do as directed :

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- (a) He is very young. He won't understand this story. (Rewrite as a single sentence, using 'too'.)
- (b) He was the first person to congratulate me on my promotion. (Use 'who'.)
- (c) He is very tired. He can't work. (Combine the sentences using 'so.... that'.)
- (d) He is a good painter. He sometimes paints bad pictures. (Combine the sentence using 'although'.)
- (e) Passing by the post office, would you please buy some stamps for me ? (Change the underlined phrase into a 'when' - clause.)

5. Write a composition, in about 300 words, on **any one** of the following topics : 15

- (a) Computers have revolutionized the modern workplace.
- (b) Growing incidence of violence against the elderly people.
- (c) Food adulteration - a crime against humanity.

6. Summarise the following passage in about 120 words : 10

Most people believe that children are the world's most valuable resource and should be loved and cherished. However, because they are

dependent on adults for safety and nurturing, they are often treated badly and abused. A report published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1999 claimed that more than 40 million children around the world suffer from abuse and maltreatment.

But things are beginning to change. Did you know that the United Nations has a special convention on the Rights of the Child and that Article 19 and Article 34 of this Convention deal specifically with child abuse ?

Child abuse has been defined as 'all forms of physical and/or emotional treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's right to health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power'. It is being increasingly recognized that even children deserve to be treated with dignity and that their freedom should be respected. From the year 2000, 20th November is celebrated as the International Day for the Rights of the Child and 19th November is World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse.