

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN
FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH (CFE)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

BEG-006 : JOINING THE WORKFORCE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

In the modern world, English has become an indispensable global language, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries. Its influence extends far beyond its countries of origin, and it plays a central role in various aspects of contemporary life.

First and foremost, English is the lingua franca of international communication. It serves as the common language for business, diplomacy, academia, and technology. Professionals from different linguistic backgrounds often rely on English to collaborate effectively in a globalized world. This has led to the emergence of “World Englishes”, with variations of the language adapted to suit local needs and preferences.

In the realm of technology, English is the dominant language of the Internet. A significant majority of websites, software, and digital content are available in English. This makes English proficiency essential for individuals seeking to access online information, engage in e-Commerce, or participate in the global digital economy.

Moreover, English-language media, including films, television shows, and music, exert a powerful cultural influence worldwide. This cultural dissemination has led to the widespread adoption of English

phrases, idioms, and slang in many languages.

In education, English is often a medium of instruction, and proficiency is a valuable asset for students pursuing higher studies abroad. Many universities offer courses in English, attracting international students seeking quality education.

Answer the following questions :

- (a) (i) Give an appropriate title to the passage. 2
- (ii) What role does English play in international communication in modern times ? 2
- (iii) How has English adapted to suit local needs in different parts of the world ? 2
- (iv) Why is English proficiency important for participating in the global digital economy ? 2
- (v) How does English-language media influence global culture ? 2

(vi) In what ways does English impact international education and student mobility ? 2

(b) Find words from the passage that have similar meanings to those given below : 3

(i) necessary

(ii) foreign

(iii) impact

(c) Give opposites of the following words from the passage : 5

(i) weak

(ii) disconnected

(iii) interesting

(iv) limited

(v) liability

2. Answer the following questions :

(a) What are the points that are most important in planning an orientation programme ? Discuss at least *five* of them. State why they are important

and how the orientation would suffer if these points were not adhered to. 5

(b) Assume you are M/s. Geeta, a member of the technical team. You've been asked to give a speech in front of a foreign travelling group about Indian culture. Prepare a speech to deliver. 5

(c) What is the importance of communication during an interview ? How does an interview reveal about a person ? 5

3. Here are three situations. You are to speak/write in each of these situations. Use polite language when you speak :

(a) Your friend has just appeared for an entrance exam and has been informed that she has not been selected. Ask her about the exam and other alternative options available to her now. Advise, her on how to look forward to other opportunities. (Use the dialogue form). 5

- (b) You are planning to go on a trip to Jaipur. Talk to the travel agent on the telephone and find out about the hotel fare, travel expenses and the famous tourist spots you could visit. Ensure that you ask for a discounted package. (Use the dialogue form). 5
- (c) Write an e-mail to your friend requesting him to give you some ideas on planning a surprise party for your father's promotion. 5
4. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable passive verb forms :

The packet is (open) and the contents are _____ (mix) together. The mixture is _____ (pour) into a vessel. It is (boil) in low flame for five minutes. The soup is _____ (transfer) into soup bowls. 5

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners/quantifiers :

Tia and Arpita are in _____ beautiful city in Karnataka. _____ city is called

Shimoga. They plan to take _____ taxi
from _____ city to visit _____ Jog
Falls. 5

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences
choosing the most appropriate forms of the
word(s) given in brackets :

(i) The match _____ (begin) before we
reached the stadium. There _____ (be)
a great rush at the gate. People _____
(argue) with the security guards.
Entering the stadium _____ (prove) a
tedious job. I _____ (be) able to forget
this nasty experience in the years to
come. 5

(ii) My younger brother, Tinu, _____ (fall)
off his bicycle yesterday. He _____
(hurt) his right ankle and _____ (be)
in bed since then. The doctor _____
(examine) him and _____ (advise) him
complete rest for a week. 5

6. Write a paragraph guiding newly appointed prefects about the rules and regulations. Here are some points you may consider (250 words) : 15

- (i) Importance of character
- (ii) Balancing academics and extra-curricular activities
- (iii) Importance of vocational education

7. Write a profile for your favorite writer whose books you read. You admire her as a role model and are inspired by her life. Here are some points (250 words) : 15

- (i) Her ability to share her personal experiences.
- (ii) How is she different from the others (her writing style) ?
- (iii) Additional trait you admire about her writing.

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