

MAEG-01

December - Examination 2016

MA (Prev.) English Examination**English Language Usage and Communication Skills****Paper - MAEG-01****Time : 3 Hours]****[Max. Marks :- 80****Note:** The question paper is divided into three sections A, B and C.**Section - A****8 × 2 = 16**

Note: This section contains 8 very short answer type questions (one word, one sentence or definitional item) having weightage of 16 marks. Examinees are supposed to all questions. Each carries 2 marks. The maximum limit of each answer is 300 words.

- 1) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

A palpable reality for all Indian citizens is the extra-ordinary power of bureaucracy over our lives. It is essential for the bureaucratic system to function effectively. Good governance is a key to steady progress in the country. During a recent review, PM Narendra Modi called for tough action against those officers facing repeated complaints. Existing laws provide the political executive with the means to make to bureaucrats more accountable and efficient to the public. To illustrate, the

service rules provide for compulsory retirement of sub-standard and corrupt bureaucrats after fifteen years of service. This provision rules out the pitfalls which come with a guaranteed job for life. Unless it is drastically applied, deadwood will stay on. The supreme court ruled in 1980 that compulsory retirement was undoubtedly in the public interest. Successive pay commissions have pointed out that performance must determine the pay of bureaucrats. The seventh pay commission has recommended performance - related pay for all categories of government employees. The lifetime guarantee of a job makes for poor incentive. In many cases what happens is that sincere and honest bureaucrats are not protected by irresponsible investigations even after retirement. Contemporary socio-political realities should be taken into account while promoting or demoting an employee. There must be carrots for good performance and sticks for bad performance. All government servants must be committed to constitutional provisions of the welfare state of India.

- (i) What is the opinion of the Supreme Court about the compulsory retirement of an employee?
- (ii) Why does dead wood stay on in government service?
- (iii) Should bureaucracy be very powerful and efficient in India?
- (iv) What is the thinking of the pay commissions regarding the reform in bureaucracy?
- (v) Find out the words which mean the following meaning in the passage:
answerable, inefficient employees, administrators, necessary.

- (vi) What is a key to steady progress in the country?
- (vii) What do the Pay Commissions underline?
- (viii) What can be a justified way to make bureaucrats efficient?

Section - B**4 × 8 = 32**

Note: This section contains 8 short answer type questions. Examinees will have to answer any 4 questions. Each questions carries 8 marks. The weightage of this section comes to 32 marks. The limit for each answer is 200 words.

- 2) Determine the pattern of the following sentences in terms of S, V, O, C A, O-C
 - (i) Hussain painted the wall red.
 - (ii) My friends felicitated me on my birthday.
 - (iii) The roadways bus has arrived late.
 - (iv) They nominated Prof. Patial president of the conference.
- 3) What constitutes good communication?
- 4) Describe various kinds of reports.
- 5) What is note-taking? Discuss one of the methods of note-taking,
- 6) What are the features of effective business communication or correspondence?
- 7) What do you mean by electronic message?
- 8) What is plagiarism in research?
- 9) What is non-verbal communication?

Section - C**2 × 16 = 32**

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: This section contains 4 Long Answer type Questions. Each question carries 16 marks. Examinees will have to answer any 2 questions. The weightage of this section is 32 marks. The limit of each answer must not exceed 500 words.

- 10) Read the following passage and make a precis of it, suggesting its title.

Breakfast is imperative for maintaining energy levels throughout the day. Microsoft Founder Bill Gates starts his day with pancakes, eggs and bacon. While he may not get major nutrition from the pancakes, eggs are a good source of proteins and vitamin D. Actor Amitabh Bacchan who is known for his disciplined way of life, takes two glasses of hot water in the morning 15 ml Aloe vera juice. For his breakfast he prefers muesli with skimmed milk. Occasionally he takes two idlies and a bowl of sambhar, Betasitosterol which is present in aloe vera lowers cholesterol and cleanses blood impurities. Warm water in the morning increases metabolism. Idli-sambhar is rich in carbohydrates, fibre and protein.

Twitter Co-founder Jack Dorsey eats two hard-boiled eggs with tomatosauce. Eggs are rich in vitamins, menerals such as potassium, iron zinc and calcium. Virgin Airlines founder Richard Branson's breakfast consists of fruit salad and muesli. Muesli contains less sugar and calories as compared to other cereals. It is high in fibre which regulates the digestive system. President Obama's breakfast consists of four eggs, potatoes and wheat toast and occasional fruit, bacon and oatmeal. While eggs are a healthy source of protein and Vitamin D, potatoes

promote brain function. His breakfast is rich in vitamin B6 and folic acid which generates neuro-transmitters like serotonin and melatonin. American business magnate Warren Buffett starts his day with a bowl of ice cream and a bowl of low fat yogurt. Actor Hritik Roshan's breakfast consists of egg whites and slices of bread. Thus, his breakfast consists of fibre, vitamins and minerals particularly manganese and selenium. Egg whites have no saturated fat or cholesterol.

- 11) Write a paragraph in about 250 words on any one of the following topics.
- (i) Hostile neighbours.
 - (ii) Communal harmony
 - (iii) School education in Rajasthan
- 12) Write an eye-witness account of an accident in which a Maruti car dashed headlong against a truck, and there were casualties.
- 13) Write a note on E-mail messages and their importance in our life.
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