

MAEG-01

June - 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 will contain eight (08) very short answer type questions (one word, one sentence and definitional type item) having weightage of sixteen (16) marks. Examinees will have to attempt all questions. Each question will be of two (2) marks. Maximum word limit is 30 words.

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

Although everybody has a creative spark, the potential is not always fully utilised. How does one recognise those who are developing their creative energies to the fullest? My painters and tormented poets are only comic stereotypes of the creative personality. The essential traits of creativity are found among a wide variety of less conspicuous creators, people in all walks of life. Unfortunately, the structure of our social and educational environment does not always promote its growth.

Generally speaking, creative people believe their purpose in life is to discover and implement the interrelatedness of things, to make order out of disorder. They also see problems where others see none and question the validity of even the most widely accepted answers. Creative persons are compulsive problem seekers not so much because they thrive on problems, but because their senses are attuned to a world that demands to be put together, like a jigsaw puzzle scattered on a table.

- (A) (i) Where are the essential traits of creativity found?
 (ii) What do creative people believe?
 (iii) Why are creative people problem seekers?
 (iv) Does our social and educational environment promote growth of creativity?
- (B) Find words in the passage which convey similar meaning of the following words by choosing the correct option.
- (i) Put into practice
 (a) implement (b) utilize
 (c) stereotype (d) rein
- (ii) Curious
 (a) creative (b) inquisitive
 (c) absolute (d) attuned
- (iii) Potential
 (a) ability (b) creativity
 (b) education (d) life
- (iv) Essential
 (a) surplus (b) inquisitive
 (c) necessary (d) receptive

Section - B**4 × 8 = 32**

Note: This section will contain eight (08) short answer type questions. Examinees will have to answer any four (4) questions. Each question will be of eight (08) marks. The weightage of this section will be thirty two (32) marks. Word limit is 200 words.

- 2) What is the difference between verbal and non-verbal communication?
- 3) How can one avoid plagiarism in research?
- 4) What are the disadvantages of electronic messages?
- 5) What are the characteristics of effective business communication?
- 6) What is note-making? Describe various methods of note-making.
- 7) Describe the different types of reports.
- 8) What are the characteristics of good communication?
- 9) Determine the pattern of the following sentences in terms of SVOCA.
 - (i) He painted the door red.
 - (ii) They elected him president.
 - (iii) The bus arrived late.
 - (iv) My friend gave me sweets on his birthday.

Section - C**2 × 16 = 32**

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: This section will contain four (04) Long Answer type Questions. Each question will be of sixteen (16) marks. Examinees will have to answer any two (02) questions. The weightage of this section will be thirty two (32) marks. The word limit is 500 words:

10) Read the following passage and prepare a precis.

Child marriages are Rampant in North India. The curse continues to blight the lives of people even as the country stands at the threshold of the 21st Century. Children bound by marriage are victims of blind customs and superstitions prevalent in rural areas and in certain urban concentrations as well among the weaker socio-economic groups. Nothing seems to stop this anti-social practice despite the Child Marriage Act passed as early as in 1929, which makes child marriage a grave offence.

Why do marriages take place at all and what could be done to wean the people away from the practice? The evil thrives because of illiteracy and other related causes - the most important of which is the anxiety of parents to marry off their daughters as early as possible. In many states where illiteracy is high, like in Rajasthan, the practice of child marriage is in vogue. 'Akhha Teej' is D-Day for parents of minor girls, for on that day, they seek their salvation from the anxiety of girls growing up in their midst.

11) Write a paragraph in about 250 words on any of the following topics:

- (i) Science and Technology.
- (ii) Women Empowerment.

12) Write a report on a bus accident that took place in your town.

13) Explain the procedure of writing e-mail messages and state its importance in today's world.