

MAEG-01

December – Examination 2022

M.A. (Previous) Examination

ENGLISH

(English Language and
Communication Skills)

Paper : MAEG-01

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :- The question paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. Write answers as per the given instructions.

Section-A **8×2=16**

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to **30** words. Each question carries 2 marks.

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

The issue of road rage requires serious attention. Day by day, it is becoming a great concern. Call it the negligence of the government or the rashness of the drivers, the underlying fact is that at the end of the day, the common is the one who suffers the most. The commoner driving a two-wheeler who is hit by a speeding SUV, even though the former was following the traffic rules, has nowhere to go in order to seek redressal for his grievances or his injury. A recent case in point is the accident caused by the speeding luxury car owned by Hema Malini. A family of four driving a modest Alto was hit by the overspeeding car driven by the actress's driver. It resulted in the death of the youngest child of the family and several injuries to the other family members. To add insult to injury, Hema Malini posted negative comments on a famous social networking website.

(B) Part of the problem lies with the attitude and mentality of the driver behind the steering wheel. The car is a personal vehicle and one possesses the freedom to drive it independently and at one's own will. But one must understand that the road on which one drives is open to the public. This blurring of the dichotomy between the public and the private leads to reckless behaviour on the roads. Respect for the elderly and pedestrians, so common in countries abroad, is a thing of rarity to be found in our land. A little consideration to road rules and adoption of simple safety measures such as fastening of the seat belt, can go a long way in reducing the menace.

Questions :

- (i) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.
- (ii) Why does the common man suffer grievously in instances of road rage ?
- (iii) What should the driver understand ?
- (iv) What is the solution to this problem of road rage ?
- (v) What is common in countries abroad by not found in India ?
- (vi) What is the meaning of the idiom 'to add insult to injury' ?

(vii) One of the sentences in paragraph (B) contains *two* opposite words. Write those *two* words.

(viii) Give one word for 'a person walking rather than travelling in a vehicle' as used in the passage.

Section-B

4×8=32

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *four* questions. Each answer should not exceed **200** words. Each question carries 8 marks.

2. Determine the patterns of the following sentences in terms of SVOCA :

- (i) Good friends are loyal people.
- (ii) My little dog and old cat are playing in the garden.
- (iii) The teacher gave the students the exam papers.
- (iv) The baby cried loudly in the room.
- (v) She called him a coward.
- (vi) Our uncle will visit us next week.
- (vii) He felt tired.
- (viii) I found him sleeping.

3. Correct the following sentences :
- (i) What would you do if your father was here at this time ?
 - (ii) A large number of people was present there.
 - (iii) None of them are deserving.
 - (iv) He as well as his friends were drunk.
 - (v) The committee was divided in their opinion.
 - (vi) Where is the scissors ?
 - (vii) They and not I am responsible for this loss.
 - (viii) Each of them are to be rewarded.
4. What do you understand by Syntactic Approach of Compounding ? Give examples.
5. Rewrite the following sentences using Modal Auxiliaries :
- (i) She has the capacity to walk ten kilometers in an hour.
 - (ii) He has no courage to go in the dark.
 - (iii) Am I permitted to go ?
 - (iv) You are advised to see a doctor.

- (v) You are not required to do all the sums.
- (vi) I threaten to punish you if you come late.
- (vii) He is likely to come tomorrow.
- (viii) Students are obliged to come in uniform.

6. Discuss the importance of Reports.
7. What is the difference between Verbal and Non-verbal Communication ?
8. What are the challenges of handling e-Communication ?
9. What are Primary and Secondary Sources in Research ?

Section-C

2×16=32

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *two* questions. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to **500** words. Each question carries 16 marks.

10. What is Review Writing ? Write a review of a book you have read.

11. Read the passage given below and make notes on it :

Despite all the research every one of us catches cold and most of us catch it frequently. Our failure to control one of the commonest of all ailments sometimes seems ridiculous.

Medical science regularly practices transplant surgery and has rid whole countries of such killing diseases like Typhus and the Plague. But the problem of common cold is unusually difficult and much has yet to be done to solve it. It is known that a cold is caused by one of a number of viral infections that affect the lining of the nose and other passages leading to the lungs but the confusing variety of viruses makes study and remedy very difficult. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or the other of a family of viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there still remain many colds for which no virus has as yet been isolated.

The fact that we can catch cold repeatedly creates another difficulty. Usually, a virus strikes only once and leaves the victim immune to further attacks.

Still, we do not gain immunity from colds. Why ? It may be due to the fact while other viruses get into the bloodstream where anti-bodies can oppose them, the viruses causing cold attack cells only on the surface. It seems, therefore, that we are likely to have to suffer colds for sometime yet.

12. Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are Nisha, a reporter of 'The Times of India'. Write a report on how the ban is being ignored and what damage the use of plastic bags is causing to the environment.

13. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :

- (i) Economic Problems of a Middle Class Family
- (ii) The Condition of Women in Indian Society
- (iii) Privatisation of Education : Good or Evil