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Subject: English Roll No: _____

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues. If you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits- in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speaks less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communication formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One necessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin in a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.

Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two thirds of the time thinking what I want to say". Adding humour with it also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend.

- a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- b) Choose the most appropriate meanings of the given words from the options given.
 - 1) Evaluate
 - i)

- ii) estimate ii) assume iii) punish iv) evolve
- 2) trait
- i) treaty ii) trail iii) quality iv) liberty
- 3) utter
- i) Flatter ii) speak iii) rot iv) unique
- 4) Haunt
- i) Hunt ii) chant iii) trouble iv) avoid

SECTION –B (GRAMMAR)

Q2: Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage.

Yesterday, a rich woman from West Bengal (a) _____ to Delhi to buy jewellery. She was sitting outside (b) _____ jewellery shop. Suddenly two young boys came there (c) _____ snatched the chain that she was (d) _____

She called the police (e) _____ the snatchers had run away.

- a) i) come ii) comes iii) came iv) coming
- b) i) a ii) an iii) the iv) some
- c) i) and ii) or iii) but iv) how
- d) i) wear ii) wears iii) wore iv) wearing
- e) i) so ii) because iii) but iv) only

Q3: The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error as well as the correction as shown in the example.

Error correction

Time was more precious than money

Money once lose can be regained,

But time once lost was lost forward.

Time and tide waits for no one

Last opportunities may spoil one's life

Q4: Rearrange the following words/ phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- a) standing/at the/one day/I /beach/was
- b) number /come/ of people/ a large/ had/ there
- c) hawkers/ there/ eatables/ so many/ were/ selling
- d) wave/ suddenly /came/ huge/ a
- e) road/ all the/ rushed/ towards /the/ people

Q5: Develop a story in about 150-200 words and also give a title:

Outside a city mall, I saw a crowd pacifying a lady. She was crying bitterly.....