

**BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
(BCA) (Pre-Revised)**

Term-End Examination

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**CS-610 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH FOR
COMPUTING**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *Attempt all the questions.*

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

Editors of newspapers and magazines often go to extremes to provide their readers with unimportant facts and statistics. Last year a journalist had been instructed by a well-known magazine to write an article on the president's palace in a new African republic. When the article arrived, the editor read the first sentence and then refused to publish it. The article began :

'Hundreds of steps lead to the high wall which surrounds the president's palace.' The editor at once sent the journalist a telegram instructing him to find out the exact number of steps and the height of the wall.

The journalist immediately set out to obtain these important facts, but he took a long time to send them. Meanwhile, the editor was getting impatient, for the magazine would soon go to press. He sent the journalist two urgent telegrams, but received no reply. He sent yet another telegram informing the journalist that if he did not reply soon he would be fired. When the journalist again failed to reply, the editor reluctantly published the article as it had originally been written. A week later, the editor at last received a telegram from the journalist. Not only had the poor man been arrested, but he had been sent to prison as well. However, he had at last been allowed to send a cable in which he informed the editor that he had been arrested while counting the 1084 steps leading to the 15 foot wall which surrounded the president's palace.

- (a) Initially, why did the editor refuse to publish the article ? 2
- (b) Why was the journalist arrested ? 2
- (c) How long did the journalist take to send the telegram ? 2
- (d) Why was the editor impatient ? 2
- (e) Find words in the passage which mean the same as : 2
- (i) unwillingly
- (ii) dismissed

2. Rewrite the following sentences after making the necessary corrections : 5

- (a) She said that she has bought a new dress yesterday.
- (b) Work hard lest you may repent.
- (c) Who discovered television ?
- (d) A word processor is more faster than a typewriter.
- (e) One of my neighbour is going abroad tonight.

3. Do as directed.

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- (a) Let's go _____ ? (Add a question tag)
- (b) As soon as I reached home it started raining. (Rewrite using *No sooner*)
- (c) I cannot _____ (cope, cope up) with the stress of modern life. (Tick the correct option to fill in the blank)
- (d) She is so smart that nobody can befool her. (Rewrite using *too*)
- (e) I have been living _____ this house _____ seven years. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions)

4. Rewrite the following passage using the appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets :

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The great ship *Titanic*, _____ (sail) for New York from Southampton on April 10th 1912. There _____ (be) 1316 passengers and a crew of 891. Even by modern standards the 66000-ton *Titanic* was a colossal ship. It was not only the largest ship that had been built but was _____ (regard) as unsinkable, for there _____ (be) sixteen watertight compartments. The sinking of the liner will always be _____ (remember).

5. Write an essay in about 300 words on any *one* of the following topics :

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- (a) Mobile Phone — a necessary evil
- (b) Life without computers can't be imagined
- (c) Learn to be calm and to be happy

6. Summarize the following passage in 100 – 150 words and give it a suitable title :

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Haryana, at the time of its creation from the womb of Punjab was partly a parched state. Large areas were dry, treeless dunes. Even drinking water was a privilege. It has taken long strides since then. The state is becoming a real green land. All the villages get potable water. The mushrooming towns and cities get sufficient water for drinking. Haryanvi women no longer carry the burden of a pitcher on their heads to fetch water from far-off wells. This aptly sums up the drinking water supply scene in Haryana.

Having realized the goal of making potable water reach all its 6,759 villages and 73 big and small towns, the Haryana Government is now engaged in the task of augmenting the supply in identified deficit areas by pressing the booster of time-bound schemes financed by the State Government and civic bodies.

All the big and small towns, including Faridabad and Panchkula being maintained by the Municipal Corporation, Faridabad and HUDA, were extended piped water supply system long ago. With a view to improve the supply position in the urban areas, huge sums are set aside every year. Work on extending the water supply distribution system to approved colonies is being taken up. Besides the local bodies, HUDA, the NCR Planning Board and Yamuna Action Plan are the main agencies working to boost the water supply in towns and cities.
