

FE II (CGS) (REV) 01/06/13  
**Communication Skills**

AGJ 1st half (n)con-code 893

**Con. 6936-13.**

**(REVISED COURSE)**

**GS-5535**

**(2 Hours)**

**[ Total Marks : 40**

**N.B. :** (1) All questions carry equal marks. Question No. 1 is compulsory. Answer any three of the remaining questions.

(2) Figures to the right indicate marks.

(3) Answers to sub-questions should be grouped together.

**Q1. Answer as directed:**

**[10]**

A. Fill in the blanks:

**(3)**

i) He is one of the men who does/do the work. (Select the correct option)

ii) What's the time \_\_\_\_\_ your watch? (Fill in the blank with the correct preposition)

iii) The crowd approach is not in keeping with the principle of \_\_\_\_\_ in business correspondence.

B. Match the columns:

**(3)**

A	B
a) use of jargon	i) physical barrier
b) resistance to change	ii) barrier in written communication
c) Hierarchical structure	iii) mechanical barrier
d) faulty punctuation	iv) psychological barrier
e) stuttering	v) semantic /linguistic barrier
f) power failure during oral presentation	vi) faulty medium
	vii) status barrier

C. State whether the following are True or False and give reasons for your answer:

**(4)**

- i) A labeled diagram is an important component of an effective set of instructions.
- ii) "Thanking you in anticipation" is a good ending to a business letter.
- iii) A set of instructions should always end with a list of cautions and warnings.
- iv) Lack of interest in a topic is a receiver-oriented barrier.

**Q2. Answer the following questions:**

**[10]**

A. Answer any one of the following:

**(4)**

- i) Define and explain the process of communication
- ii) Explain the importance of feedback in a communication situation.

B. Distinguish between:

a) Solicited and unsolicited enquiry b) semi-block and modified block format

**(2)**

b) Fill in the blanks:

**(2)**

- i) The signature block in a letter consists of the \_\_\_\_\_, the signature and the name and designation of the writer.
- ii) The principle of \_\_\_\_\_ implies concern for the needs of the reader.

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C. Revise the following faulty set of instructions:

(2)

First you should rotate the temperature knob clockwise to 'Toast' and then the dial knob to align with the red tab. After opening the oven door, the wire rack should be inserted in the lowest slot. Finally you can place the bread slices on the rack.

Q3. Answer the following questions as directed:

[10]

A. Answer in one sentence any two of the following:

(2)

- i) What is paralanguage?
- ii) State whether you would use oral or written communication for completing the lease of your apartment and explain why.
- iii) Why is occulesics important in communication?

B. List any two differences between:

(2)

- i) Formal and informal communication.
- ii) Body language and paralanguage

c. You want to renovate your office situated at Ram Mahal, M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001. Write a letter of enquiry to Elegant Interior Decorators, Sita Kunj, Cadell Rd, Mumbai, seeking information about the availability of furniture , cost of renovation work schedule etc. Use modified block format. (6)

Q4a). Write short notes on (any three):

[06]

1. Video conferencing.
2. The necessity and importance of feedback
3. The features of listening and hearing.
4. Grapevine Communication.
5. E- Mail Etiquette.

Q4b) Define the following objects:

[4]

Electric iron, tube light, table fan, burette,

Q5a) Describe the process of : sending an email.

[05]

Q5b) State whether following statements are True or False.

[ 05]

- 1) Acting is a form of communication
- 2) Body language is less important than verbal language.
- 3) In closed punctuation there are commàs after the address.
- 4) The meaning of the message is not in the words
- 5) Extreme emotion enhances communication.

6. (a) Give diagrammatic representations of Horizontal communication, Vertical communication, Diagonal communication. 5
- (b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

### Terror-Tech

From the ever-evolving computer industry to the introduction and widespread popularity of the internet, from the various electronic gadgets cars to spacecrafts, the world of technology is seemingly endless. Technology is a powerful tool in this modern era, and it has the capability to influence society for its betterment, as well as destruction.

Terrorism, by far, is the worst reason for which technology can be utilized; unfortunately, however, technology has helped terrorism to grow by leaps and bounds. It has helped terrorism in both actual and cyber terrorism. It takes only a glance at the complex making and build-up of an explosive or bomb to realize that yes; technology has had a worldwide impact on terrorism.

Thus we know that, on one hand, in the long run, terrorism nowadays is based mainly on different types of technology, Manufacturing hi-tech gadgets illegally, that too on a daily basis, using the internet as hub to meet, discuss and plan attacks with fellow terrorists breaking (hacking) into government data systems to wreck havoc are only some of the ways in which terrorists utilize technology. Even now, every Indian shudders when the thought of the 26/11 attacks come to mind, when the whole of Mumbai lost many of her loved ones, including army personnel, police officers, women and children. One question, keeps staring at us in the face –“How did a bunch of young boys keep an entire city under siege? ” The answer lies only in one word – technology. By using sophisticated weapons and gadgets, even a dozen young boys were able to terrorize us. Another example is of the train blasts that happened in Mumbai few years back. News reports state that the bomb inside the train was activated using a cell phone.

Conversely, if advancing technology supports the growth of terrorism, it also means that the government has better ways to defend the country/state against terrorism. Hi-end security measures, such as CCTV cameras, infrared detection, video messages regarding solely for the purpose of reporting unidentified / suspicious objects, are all ways in which government can defend the country and combat terrorist by foiling their plans, Bomb-squads, Bullet- proof jackets are many other ways for police and law enforcement officers to fight terrorism effectively.

Whether technology affects the future of terrorism in both the aforementioned ways, is quite clear. As technology advances, it will propel the ways and means of terrorism. Nevertheless, it will also enable the government to take better, stringent measures to protect the people against terrorist. It simply is the question of who will prevail first. And that, in its entirety, is a very scary thought.

1. Why is technology described as a powerful tool in the passage? [1]
  2. How has technology helped terrorism? [1]
  3. How do terrorists utilize technology? [1]
  4. What are the good uses of technology? [1]
  5. Give one word for: [1]
    - extensively far-reaching
    - Confusion and destruction.
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