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Term-End Examination

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MCS-015 : COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer all questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

Passage

Brexit can lead to the development of a new form of English language, according to an academic paper. Dr. Marko Modiano, of Gavle University in Sweden, said there were already signs that 'Euro-English' was developing its own distinct way of speaking.

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This may eventually be codified in a dictionary and taught in schools if English is retained as the lingua franca of the European Union after the U. K. leaves. The Europeans might also decide to adopt American spelling, Modiano said, which would add about 443 million to the total population using that system. Euro-English has already developed its own definitions for some words based on the 'Euro-speak' deployed in Brussels.

For example, 'eventual' is now used as "a synonym for possible or possibly", Modiano wrote in the journal 'World Englishes'. 'Subsidiarity' has come to mean "the principle that legal decrees should be enacted as close to people as possible", 'Brelaymont' means "bureaucracy", 'conditionality' means "conditions" and 'semester' mean "six months".

Outside of Brussels, people are also developing their English sayings. "Phrases such as to hop over (meaning) 'to refrain from doing something'—to be blue eyed 'to be naïve' and to salt 'to overcharge' are readily found among the usage of people in Nordic countries," Modiano said.

Grammar is also changing. For example, "I am coming from Spain" can be used to mean "I am from Spain" as part of expansion of the use of -ing forms of verbs. And "we were five people at the party" means the same as "there were five people at the party." "Continental Europeans speaking English as a (second language) use this construction, we were, instead of there were," Modiano said.

He said English was likely to remain as EU lingua franca despite suggestions it should be

ditched with no member state having it as their official language. The EU will have only about five million native speakers of English after Brexit, representing about 1% of population.

Questions :

- (a) What is the nationality of Dr. Marko Modiano ? 1
- (b) How is the English language likely to be affected by Brexit (Britain's exit from the European Union) ? 3
- (c) Do you think Dr. Modiano's assumption is likely to come true ? Give reasons for your answer. 2
- (d) How will the sentence, "Mr. A belongs to France," be said in Euro English ? 2
- (e) Locate words in the passage which have the following meanings : 2

- (i) A shared language used by people whose main languages are different.
- (ii) At the end of a period of time.

2. Do as directed:

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- (a) The farmer is ploughing the field (Rewrite in the passive voice).
- (b) One (must to, ought to) respect one's parents.

(Fill in the blank choosing the appropriate phrase from brackets)

- (c) He went to bed with bad cold.

(Fill in the blanks with an article if necessary.)

- (d) Anju (make) a dress for herself last week. She (make) all her own clothes. (Fill in the blanks with the correct

form of verbs given in brackets)

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- (e) She is well versed in classical music. Her voice is not sweet.

(Combine the two simple sentences into one compound sentence)

3. In response to an advertisement in the Hindustan Times for the position of a Finance Controller, write an application for the same. Also attach your curriculum vitae (C. V.). 10+5
4. What preparations should be made by a candidate before appearing for an interview ? 10
5. What is the purpose of writing the minutes of a meeting ? Discuss the abilities/skills required for writing minutes, giving examples where necessary. 10