

**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 : All questions are compulsory.

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

Humans are uniquely smart among all the other species on the planet. We are capable of understanding feats of technology and engineering. Then why are we so prone to making mistakes ? And why do we tend to make the same ones time and time again ? When Primate Psychologist Laurie Santos from the Comparative Cognition Lab at Yale University posed this question to her team, they were thinking in

particular of the errors of judgement which led to the recent collapse of the financial markets. Santos come to two possible answers to this question. Either humans have designed environments which are too complex for us to fully understand, or we are biologically prone to making bad decisions.

In order to test this, the team selected a group of Brown Capuchin monkeys. Monkeys were selected for the test because, as distant relatives of humans, they are intelligent and have the capacity to learn. The results were that monkeys, like humans, take more risks.

The implications of this experiment are that because monkeys make the same irrational judgements that humans do, may be human error is not a result of the complexity of our financial institutions, but is embedded in our evolutionary history. If this is the case, our errors of judgement will be very difficult to overcome. On a more optimistic note, however, humans are fully capable of overcoming limitations once we have identified them. By recognising them, we can design technologies which will help us to make better choices in future.

- (a) What makes humans uniquely smart among other species ?
- (b) Why do humans make the same mistakes time and again ?
- (c) Why were monkeys selected for the experiment ?
- (d) Despite a tendency to make mistakes, what is a special capability of human beings ?
- (e) Give synonyms of the given words as found in the passage :

illogical, assessment

5×2=10

2. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : 5

- (a) _____ lion is a beast of prey. (Use appropriate article)
- (b) The cup fell _____ the shelf. (Use appropriate preposition)
- (c) I told him that he _____ complain if he wanted to. (Choose appropriate modal)
- (d) When did you send the letter ? (Change the voice)
- (e) The teacher said, "The Earth is round."
(Rewrite in indirect speech)

3. Rewrite the following sentences removing the error, if any :

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- (a) It is raining in Delhi for two days.
- (b) No one is liking to say 'sorry' nowadays.
- (c) Raghav is tallest boy in our class.
- (d) The climate of Shimla is better than Delhi.
- (e) Agra is one of the best tourist location in India.

4. Do as directed :

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- (a) She is too weak to walk. (Rewrite using 'so ... that')
- (b) Machines have become so _____ that these may replace human beings in specific tasks. (Use the opposite of 'basic')
- (c) The teacher said to the whole class, "Shut down your computers immediately."
(Rewrite in indirect speech)

(d) In today's world, everyone expects everything in the quickest possible manner. (Rewrite using 'as ... as')

(e) The Chairman assured the petitioners that he (noted/has noted) all the major points of their representation. (Choose the appropriate option)

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

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- (a) Technology and the Common man
- (b) Social Media : Potential and Challenges
- (c) The Art of Public Speaking

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

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It is always the problem of how to change an ideal into reality that gets in the way of both the leaders and the people. A thought is not a deed and never will be. We are not magic men. We cannot imagine something into existence — especially a change of behaviour. Just as we have

been conditioned to be what we are now — greedy, competitive, stingy, mean — so we need to learn to love, to learn to be free. Freedom is a difficult thing to handle. How many people given the complete freedom to do whatever they like would die of boredom ? No structure, no rules, no compulsion to work from nine to five, no one to tell us when to do this, to do that — it sounds great until we try it. We have learnt to be directed by so many others — by mommy, daddy, teacher, principal, boss, policeman, etc. — that freedom from all this could be overwhelming.

Imagine, making love, eating, sleeping, playing ... and ... ho, hum, now what ? Where do you go and what do you do when the trip ends ? Give people freedom and they will do all the things they thought they never had a chance to do. But that would not take very long. After that, it will be time to make your life meaningful. Can you do it if you are free ? Can you do it if others no longer require you to do what they say is best ? Authority is only necessary for those who need it. Most of us need it because we have been taught to believe that we have to be concerned about others. For instance : You are selfish if you think of

yourself or even 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country'. As we are no longer capable of knowing who we really are ? We are compelled and desire to be like someone (everyone) else. We feel we must have money, a new car, power, position, prestige and an all too material sense of personal growth.
