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Mid-Term Examination, Second Semester-2013
School of Communication

M.A. Integrated (Communication)
Course: Language Skills, COMM: 149

Time Allowed: 1 Hour and 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 15

Note: Attempt All Questions .

Q. 1.

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Books of travel are of all kinds, from the dry records of laborious statisticians to *the trivial diaries of globe-trotters*. Explorers, seamen, archaeologists, naturalists, dreamers – what type of man or woman has not written a book of travel? They pour from the press in an unending stream; they are read, they are forgotten, and ninety-nine out of every hundred *pass away into oblivion*. The great book of travel is rare as great books in any class are rare, and for precisely the same reason – namely, that people of genius, personality and character are rare. To write a book of travel appeals irresistibly to large numbers of persons who have no *creative power*, whose books are the mere reflection of a shallow curiosity and of a foolish egotism. These deplorable works, which spread a sort of suburban light upon the beautiful and wild places of the earth, throw into only greater relief the achievements of the true travellers, who, by reason of their fortitude, their imagination, their insight and their ability to evoke the atmosphere and colour of the world, have produced books that rank as literature and last for centuries.

- (i) Write a précis of the above passage in not more than 100 words of your own.
- (ii) Explain briefly the meaning of the phrases in italics.

Q. 2. Write a paragraph of 200 words on any one of the following topics: 5

- (i) Your Travel Plans for Summer Vacations
- (ii) Speed thrills but it kills
- (iii) Laughter is the best Medicine.
- (iv) The Rail Budget of 2013

Q. 3. Use any three of the following phrasal verbs in your own sentences: 3

Back out, call for, drop in, look out, look forward to, see through, wind up