APPENDIX – IV

PRE-ACHIEVEMENT TEST
IN LISTENING COMPREHENSION
Teacher Training Course
ENGLISH

Time: 60 Minutes Marks: 50

Note:
1. Answer all questions.
2. This question paper consists of four sections.
3. Listen to the audio CD scripts and answer the questions as directed.

Section - I

Listen to the following dialogue. Jaya is working in Delhi. Her father has been hospitalised in Kochi. So she rushes to the airport to try for a ticket. At the airport she meets her friend Surabhi. Listen to the dialogue carefully and answer the questions as directed:

Audio CD script:

Surabhi : Hi, Jaya!
Jaya : Hello, Surabhi! What brings you here?
Surabhi : I came to see my cousin off. He’s going to Texas for higher studies. What about you?
Jaya : Well, I’ve a problem.
Jaya : I have to try for a ticket to Kochi urgently.
Surabhi : What’s the matter?
Jaya : My father has had a heart attack. He is in hospital.
Surabhi : I’m very sorry to hear that. Let’s try at the Indian Airlines counter.
Jaya : (at the counter) Excuse me. I’ve to go to Kochi urgently. Do you have accommodation on any flight to Kochi today?
Official : I’m sorry, madam. Our flights to Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram today are full. The earliest I can give you a ticket for is the evening flight tomorrow.
Jaya : Oh, no, that’ll be too late.
Surabhi : Let’s try at the Sahara counter.
Surabhi : (at the counter) When’s your next flight to Kochi?
Official : Sorry, madam, we don’t operate flights to Kochi. We have a flight to Chennai in the evening.
Jaya : Sorry, that won’t do.
Official : Why don’t you try Jet Airways?
Jaya : Thank you.
(At the Jet Airways counter) Excuse me. I have to go to Kochi urgently. Do you have a flight to Kochi?

Official: Sorry, we don’t have a flight to Kochi. But we have a Thiruvananthapuram flight leaving at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Jaya: Do you have accommodation on that flight?

Official: Yes, we do.

Surabhi: Is that a direct flight?

Official: No, it’s a hopping flight via Chennai.

Jaya: That’s okay. Please give me a ticket. How much is the fare?

Official: Eleven Thousand Rupees.

Surabhi: Jaya, how will you go to Kochi from Thiruvananthapuram?

Jaya: I can go by train or take a taxi.

Questions:

A) Fill in the blanks with correct answer: 5 x 1 = 5

1. Surabhi has come to the Airport to see off her ____________
2. Jaya’s father is in the hospital because he has had a ____________
3. The question – ‘why don’t you try Jet Airways?’ has the ____________ intonation.
4. The flight ticket fare from Delhi to Thiruvananthapuram is Rs ______/-
5. The Sahara Airlines do not operate flights to ____________

B) Listen to the dialogue and identify the stress variation in the following utterances: 5 x 1 = 5

1. What’s the matter?
2. Do you have accommodation on that flight?
3. Yes, we do.
4. Oh, no, that’ll be too late.
5. Is that a direct flight?

Section - II

Listen to the following story carefully and answer the questions as directed:

Audio CD script:

Oliver Goldsmith, the author, who was sometimes called Dr. Goldsmith because he had studied medicine, gave away so much to the poor that he had little money left for himself.

One day a poor woman called at his house and asked him if he would come to see her husband who was sick and would not eat any food. When Goldsmith called on the family he found that they were very poor because the man had had no work for a considerable time. He discovered that there was no food in the home.

"Come and see me this evening," said Goldsmith to the wife, "and I will let you have some medicine for your husband."

When the woman called that evening Goldsmith gave her a small box which was quite heavy for its size.
"This is the medicine," he exclaimed, "see that it is properly used and it will do your husband the world of good. But please do not open the box until you get home."

"What are the directions for taking it?" asked the woman.

"You will find full directions inside the box," he replied.

Immediately on reaching home the woman sat down beside her husband and opened the box very carefully. It was full of money, on top of which a slip of paper was found bearing the words: to be taken as often as required.

Once again Oliver Goldsmith had given away his money to help the poor.

Questions:

A) Listen to the words in the story and discriminate the sounds in the following isolated word-forms: 5 x 1=5

1. found - pound
2. gave - save
3. box - fox
4. good - could
5. full - pull

B) Identify the sound discrimination in the underlined words of the following utterances: 5x1=5

1. "Come and see me this evening", said Goldsmith to the wife, "and I will let you have some medicine for your husband".
2. Goldsmith gave her a small box.
3. "This is the medicine", he exclaimed.

Section - III

Listen to the following passage carefully for details and answer the questions as directed:

Audio CD script:

There is an enemy beneath our feet. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the Earth itself. The power of a quake is greater than anything Man himself can produce. But today, scientists are directing their efforts into finding someway of combating earthquakes, and it is possible that in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from it.

An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is great. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused. If it strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep islands. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down into the valley. Consider the terrifying statistics from the past. In 1755: Lisbon, capital of Portugal – entire city was destroyed and 450 people were killed. In 1970 in Peru 50,000 were killed. In 1968 the quake struck Alaska and moved the state over 80 ft farther west into the Pacific Ocean.

There are three large regions in the world where earthquakes are likely to happen. Scientist calls them earthquake zones. If you take the map of the world and mark on it the locations of all major earthquakes in history you will see that they have occurred some where in these zones. So it is possible for scientist to say where they think earthquakes will strike, but they cannot say exactly when.
Questions:
A) Fill in the blanks with correct answer: 10 x 1=10
   1. Everyone in the world is threatened by ____________
   2. In 1970 at Peru ____________ people were killed in the earthquake.
   3. Scientists are directing their efforts to find the ways of combating ________
   4. The power of earthquake is greater than anything ____________ can produce.
   5. The earthquake in the mountain regions makes ____________ roar down into the valley.
   6. It is possible for the ____________ to say where earthquake will strike but they cannot say the time.
   7. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep ____________
   8. In the year 1755 the earthquake destroyed the entire city ____________
      capital of Portugal.
   9. All the major earthquakes in history have occurred only in the ________
   10. There are ____________ large regions in the world where earthquakes are likely to happen.

B) Recognise the use of stress in the following utterances: 5x1=5
   1. The enemy is the Earth itself.
   2. An earthquake strikes without warning.
   3. Scientist calls them earthquake zones.
   4. Everyone in the world is threatened by him.
   5. There is an enemy beneath our feet.

Section - IV

Listen to the following public speech. This is, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's broadcast to the Indian National Army from Berlin. Listen carefully for details and answer the questions as directed.

Audio CD script:

Brave soldiers! Today you have taken an oath that you will give fight to the enemy till the last breath of your life, under the national tricolour. From today you are the soldiers of the Indian National Army of Free India. You have volunteered to shoulder the responsibility of forty crores of Indians. From today your mind, might and money belong to the Indian nation. Friends, you have the honour to be the pioneer soldiers of Azad Hind Fauj. Your names will be return in golden letters in the history of Free India. Every soldier who is martyred in this Holy war will have a monument in Free India. The coming generations will shower flowers on those monuments. You are very fortunate that you have got this valuable opportunity to serve your motherland. Although we are performing this ceremony in a foreign land, our heads and hearts are in our country. You should remember that your military and political responsibilities are increasing day by day and you must be ready to soldier them competently. The drum of Indian Independence has been sounded ...
Today we are taking the vow of independence under the National Flag. A time will come when you will salute this flag in the Red Fort. But remember that you will have to pay the price of freedom. Freedom can never be had by begging. It has to be got by force. It’s price is blood. We will not beg freedom from any foreign country. We shall achieve freedom by paying its price. It does not matter how much price we have to pay for it. I assure you that I shall lead the army when we march to India together. The news of the ceremony that we are performing here has reached India. It will encourage the patriots at home, who are fighting empty-handed against the British. Throughout my life it was my ambition to equip an army that will capture freedom from the enemy. Today I congratulate you because the honour of such an army belongs to you. With this I close my speech. May God be with you and give you strength to fulfill the pledge which you have taken voluntarily today. Inquilab Zindabad!

Questions:

A) Fill in the blanks with correct answer: 10 x 1=10

1. The soldiers have taken an oath to fight the enemies under the national ________.
2. The martyred soldiers will have the monuments in __________
3. The soldiers have volunteered to shoulder the responsibility of ______crores of Indians.
4. Netaji assures that time will come to salute the National Flag in the ________
5. According to Netaji the price of Freedom is ________________
6. Netaji strongly believes that Freedom can never be had by __________
7. The coming generations will shower __________on the monuments of martyred soldiers.
8. Netaji says that Freedom has to be got by __________________
9. The expression ‘Brave soldiers!’ has the _______________ intonation.
10. The soldiers are fortunate to have the valuable opportunity to serve their _______

B) Mark the correct ‘stress mark’ on the following words: 5x1=5

1. Shower
2. Shoulder
3. Martyred
4. Opportunity
5. Generations