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# HINDI PROFICIENCY TEST

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Monday, August 13, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon

This test is designed to evaluate your ability to understand spoken and written Hindi Language. The test consists of four sections: Oral Proficiency, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension Writing Comprehension.

**The Oral Proficiency** section of the test is the assessment of your functional speaking ability of Hindi Language, that how well you can speaks the language. This session will be only for 20 minutes, the ice break session, where you will sit in a group of three to four. You will share greetings, self introduction, short description and narratives in the informal situation, express yourself in the target language. This section will be video recorded for assessment.

**The Listening Comprehension** section of the test will include small conversation. This have been copied on a tape which will be played to you at the time of testing. The same conversation of 20-25 words will be played three times. In the first attempt, you will listen carefully, recall the words/conversation, and write down in Hindi. No note taking. After the tape end you will be give 5 minutes to recall and write. In the second attempt, you will listen to the same conversation, here you have the choice to take notes while listening. Again you will be given 5 minutes to recollect and write. And in the third final attempt , you can take notes and try to wite the conversation in order you listen. Again you will be given 5 minutes to rearrange and write .

**The Reading Comprehension** section of the test will consists of short common printed texts including street signs, messages, jokes and advertisements. Each is followed by a statement or question in English along with four choices. Read this first, then read the question and possible answers. You are to mark on the answer sheet the space which corresponds to the best answers from the four choices.

**The Writing Comprehension** section of the test will consist of only one situation .You will be asked to write creatively in your own words. Read the instructions carefully to make sure you complete all the required talk. Here you can include as many details as you can.

### BEST WISHES!

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## SECTION I

### ORAL PROFICIENCY IN HINDI LANGUAGE

Approximate Time: 20 Minutes

This section of the test, is the assessment of your functional speaking ability of Hindi Language, that how well you can speak the language. Try to use as much of the Hindi as you can. This section will be video recorded for assessment.

#### **Situation: Informal discussion**

It is your First Day in the Hindi class, and you just met your new class mates.

**First Round:** Introduce yourself to the group. Tell about yourself, what you are doing, and about your study programs. Try to express yourself in Hindi Language.



**b. Second Round:** Ask questions about their hobbies, liking and disliking. (2-3 questions minimum). Give answers in detail.

**c. Third Round:** Tell about your any best friend or relative. Include such information as his/her name, age, where he/she live , and also tell about your hobbies, what you like to do for fun . Be as detailed as possible and say as much as you can.

**SECTION – II**  
**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

Approximate Time: 20 minutes

The listening comprehension section will include small conversation. This have been copied on a tape which will be played to you at the time of testing. The same conversation of 20-25 words, which will be played three times. ( advisable , use pencil )

In the first attempt, you will listen carefully, recall the words/conversation, and write down in Hindi. No note taking. After the tape end you will be give 5 minutes to recall and write.

In the second attempt, you will listen to the same conversation, here you have the choice to take notes while listening. Again you will be given 5 minutes to recollect and write.

In the third final attempt , you can take notes and try to wite the conversation in order you listen. Again you will be given 5 minutes to rearrange and write .

**2.1 Recall Protocol for Diagnosing Listening: FIRST ATTEMPT**

Students listens once the gist of target language text / coversation. Recall the passage and write down in Hindi language, what the passage is about. **NO NOTE TAKING.**

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**2.2 SECOND ATTEMPT.**

Same passage will be played. Listen carefully. Recall the passage and write down in Hindi language, what the passage is about. **Can take notes.**

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**SECTION III**  
**READING COMPREHENSION**  
**Approximate Time: 30 minutes**

In this section of the test, you will answer reading items. This part consists of 10 short common printed texts including street signs, messages, and advertisements. Each is followed by a statement or question in English along with four choices. Read this first, then read the question and possible answers. You are to mark on the answer sheet the space which corresponds to the best answers from the four choices.

**1. रूक जाइए**

This street sign says

- A) stop
- B) No waiting
- C) turn right
- D) Cross here

**Correct Answer:**

**4. फल खाइए**

This sign means

- A) Eat Vegetables
- B) Drink water
- C) Eat Fruits
- D) Take Fruits

**Correct Answer:**

**2. स्वागतम !**

This expression would most likely be found:

- A) On wedding cards
- B) Public places
- C) used to welcome guests
- D) All above A,B, and C

**Correct Answer:**

**5. धन्यवाद !**

what the writer conveys in this statement:

- A) Good wishes.
- B) Thank You.
- C) Congratulations
- D) good Luck.

**Correct Answer:**

**3. यह आपका रेल टिकट है ।**

This sign is likely be found on

- A) on a Railway tickets.
- B) On an application form
- C) in a time table
- D) on a Menu

**Correct Answer:**

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### 6. Situation :

You find following caption below on this magazine:



What does the note below say?

- a) Let us play game.
- b) We are very happy.
- c) We all are friend.
- d) The train is calling.

**Correct Answer:**

### 7. Situation :

You find following note on this picture:



What does the note below say?

- a) Good wishes for Holi.
- b) Wishing you Happy Holi.
- c) Let's celebrate festival.
- d) A and b both

**Correct Answer:**

**होली मुबारक हो।**

### 8. Situation:

You find following note on this board:



What does the note below say?

- a) Mango Rs.8 , Grapes Rs.12
- b) Small Laimon Rs. 8 , Orange Laimon Rs .12
- c) Big Laimon Rs. 8, Orange Laimon Rs. 12

d) Simple Laimon Rs. 8, Lemon Laimon Rs. 12.

**Correct Answer:**

**9. Situation :** You read about this joke:

<p><b>इतनी क्यों पी लेते हो...</b> शराबी नशे में सड़क पर गिर पड़ा..... पुलिसवाला: इतनी क्यों पी लेते हो..... शराबी: मजबूरी थी..... पुलिसवाला: क्या मजबूरी थी ? शराबी: बोतल का ढक्कन गुम हो गया था...!!!...</p>	<p>What does this Joke about?</p> <p>a) Shopkeeper and customer. b) Drunker and Policeman. c) Policeman and Culprit. d) Thief and Policeman.</p> <p><b>Correct Answer :</b></p>
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**10.Situation :** You read this appeal in the Newspaper :

**सात रुपए का फॉर्म – क्या कोई मदद करेगा**

सोचा की चलो अब कोई कंप्यूटर कोर्स कर ही लिया जाए ताकि एक प्रमाण पत्र तो रहे । तो काफी ढूँढने के बाद पता चला कि **DOEACC** का 'O' लेवल कोर्स किया जा सकता है । पर एक समस्या है .....  
ये कि इकजांमिनेशन फॉर्म छत्तीसगढ़ में तो मिलता नहीं । अब इसे डाक से दिल्ली से मंगवाना पड़ेगा ।  
क्या कोई मेरी मदद कर सकता है कि वो एक सात रुपये कि डीडी बनवा कर फॉर्म खरीद दे और मुझे स्पीड पोस्ट या कुरियर से भेज सके ।  
जितना भी खर्च होगा मैं देने को तैयार हूँ ।

What is requested here:

- a) Send the form  
b) help for cash money.  
c) buy form, and mail him.  
d) send him dd of seven Rs.

**Correct answer:**

## WRITING COMPREHENSION

**Approximate Time: 30 minutes**

You just recieved an Email from your friend. He wrote about his weekend and the things that he and his friends did on Saturday. He concluded his Email asking you about the typical things that you and your friends/family usually do on the weekend. Write back (Hindi Language) and describe two/three of your favourite activities that you do with your friends and family, and why you enjoy so much. Include as many details as you can, try to write in complete sentences.

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Note: Please ask for extra sheet if you need or you can write on back of this sheet.

END OF TEST

If you finish before time is called, you may review your work on any part of the test.