

FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN  
ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – I**

(Time: 3 hours)

(Maximum Marks: 100)

PART A

I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow:

1. “I’m only a child and I don’t have all the solutions, but I want you to realize, neither do you!”
  - a. Who is the speaker? 1
  - b. What does she want the adults to realize? 2
  - c. What are the problems which are mentioned here that do not have solutions? 4
  
2. Because he whispered, “Venus! When they talked about the watery place, I thought they meant Venice!”
  - a. What is the name of the Sheriff? 1
  - b. Why did he mistake Venice for Venus? 2
  - c. What was the impact of this mistake? 4
  
3. “Did I come 3000 miles for this?” I thought bitterly.
  - a. What was the event in which the speaker was participating? 1
  - b. Why was he disappointed? 2
  - c. What was the solution that Luz Long suggested? 4
  
4. The Brown girl turned green. Only silk at \$5 a yard could make the sound that she heard when Gladys moved.
  - a. The expression “turned green” means ..... 1
  - b. What was the rustling sound? 2
  - c. How did the newspaper help Gladys? 4

## PART B

II (i) Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets:

1. Ashoka \_\_\_\_\_ many countries. (recycled, conquered, chiselled)
2. Drinking \_\_\_\_\_ water will cause many diseases. (endangered, biodegradable, contaminated)
3. Raju's house stood in a \_\_\_\_\_ area. (ingenious, secluded, jealous)
4. UFOs are \_\_\_\_\_ objects. (extraterrestrial, assay, girdle)
5. Mother Teresa is the \_\_\_\_\_ of compassion. (chisel, epitome, subtle)

(5 x 1 = 5)

(ii) Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

1. Her tea was **tepid**, so she put it in the microwave. (cold, hot, bitter)
2. The hurricane **annihilated** the whole town to the point that nothing remained. (Destroyed, saved, constructed)
3. Kim felt **elated** when she got the first rank. (Sad, happy, confused)
4. When the result of the election was declared the voters were so upset that a **skirmish** broke out. The police had to use force to calm them down. (creature, song, fight)

(4 x 1 = 4)

(iii) Use suitable collocations instead of the words in bold:

1. Ravi **made** a bath in the cold water.
2. The city was flooded because of **thick** rain.

(2x 1 = 2)

(iv) 1 Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence.

Rohan is an intelligent boy.

2 Write the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.

The text is **difficult** to read.

(2 x 1 = 2)

III (i) In the following passage there are some errors which are given in bold letters. Replace them with the correct word.

It was raining. I did not have **a** umbrella. Yet I went to the shop **although** I had promised to buy a toy **before** a chocolate for my little child. It is only when I reached the shop that I realized I had only **more** coins with me.

(4 marks)

(ii) Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the brackets .

Raghu is an ..... ( industry, industrious) boy. He loves reading books. The book he has with ..... (he, him) now is The Immortals of Meluha by Amish.(They, It) ..... is quite .....(efficient, interesting) and ..... (informative, compassionate).

(5 marks)

(iii) Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



(5 marks)

(iv) Correct the errors in the paragraph given below.

Agriculture **have** our principal source of income. Farmers **use** ancient and outdated methods for agriculture till recently. At present, they **was used** new and advanced methods **developing** through scientific research. It **improved** and increase productivity considerably.

(5 marks)

(v) Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

SWITCH OFF MOBILE PHONE

NO SMOKING

KEEP LEFT

(3 marks)

### PART C

IV (i) Given below is the topic for group discussion

Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic.

**Uniforms are necessary for college students.**

(4 marks)

(ii) Read the details of Mr. Gaurav Sharma.

Name: Gaurav Sharma

Lives in: Bangalore

Education: Completed his Diploma in Civil Engineering

Additional Qualification: MCP Certification in ASP.NET

Strengths: Hardworking, self motivated, dedicated towards work.

Achievements: NSS volunteer, College Union Chairman

Hobbies: Reading, Stamp collection

Imagine that you are Gaurav and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself. Prepare a self introduction in not more than 60 words.

(5 marks)

(iii) Prepare a cover letter in response to the advertisement given below in *The Hindu* of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015:

India's biggest automobile company Maruti is looking for smart, young and spirited marketing personnel to their different branches. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 with Degree/Diploma in any subject and should have good communication skills and pleasant manners. Apply within 10 days to The Head of Sales, Maruti Udyog Ltd., Mumbai.

(5 marks)

(iv) Complete the dialogue as directed:

Ramla: Hi Radha! \_\_\_\_\_ (Requests help to operate new washing machine?)

Radha: Mmm...\_\_\_\_\_ (denies request)\_\_\_\_\_ (Suggests whether she can come over in the evening.)

Ramla: That's fine.

Radha: \_\_\_\_\_ (Advises to read the user's manual)

Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_ (congratulates on buying the washing machine)

Ramla: Thanks, Radha.

(5 marks)

(v) Write a paragraph on any one of the following:

1. Benefits of trees
2. Influence of media on youth

(6 marks)

(vi) You meet a stranger who requests you to give him directions to reach the railway station. Write the conversation. There should be a minimum of 6 exchanges.

(6 marks)

(vii) Your friend Ravi wants to present a paper on **The Benefits of Science and Technology** in a national seminar. Given below is information collected by Ravi from various sources. Help him **prepare two slides** for the power point presentation.

Recent advancements in science and technology have led to significant changes in modern world. Technology has become more and more important in the life of human beings. Technology makes life more convenient and easy. With the help of technology, many difficult works can be done easily. Modern gadgets have been introduced in every walk of life and have solved almost all the problems. The development in science and technology has brought an end to the era of bullock cart and popularised the trend of motorized vehicles. Technology influences human entertainment. Before the appearance of technology, we had very poor modes of entertainment, but today's world has innumerable sources of entertainment. Science and technology has influenced almost all the sectors like medicines, education, infrastructure, electricity, aviation and information technology.

(6 marks)

Or

The manager of HRM Company Pvt Ltd has decided to issue a memo to collect the monthly work report of all the staff working in the company. The employees have to submit their work done statement on or before 20 November, 2015. Prepare the memo

(6 marks)