FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY
MARCH, 2011

ENGLISH–PAPER I

(Common–except DCP)

[*Time* : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART—A

Marks

I　Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

1.　Who is the evil one mentioned in the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'?

2.　Who do Nehru's thoughts go to on 'this great day'?

3.　What did Johnsy say about the last leaf?

4.　What does Gratian Vaz mean by the term 'maturity'?

5.　Why was Gandhiji initially doubtful about Indian women's ability to shoulder the
responsibility of leadership?　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　(5×2=10)

II　Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words :

1.　(a)　Mr. Behrman is a symbol of love and sacrifice.　Substantiate your views.

Or

　　(b)　What are the qualities to be developed to improve our personality?　(1×5=5)

2.　(a)　How far is the message expressed in 'The Appointed Day' relevant in
present day society?

Or

　　(b)　What is Tagore's prayer to God Almighty?　　　　　　　　　　(1×5=5)

3.　(a)　How do legislative reforms ensure the equality of women?

Or

　　(b)　Discuss the contribution of women to the creation of modern India.　(1×5=5)

4.　(a)　Comment on the character of the mother in 'Night of the Scorpion'.

Or

　　(b)　Benefits of eco-tourism.　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　(1×5=5)

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III   Choose the correct answer from the options given :

1.   According to Nehru, we cannot encourage :
   (a)   Rationalism
   (b)   Communalism
   (c)   Spiritualism.

2.   Who was the first Asian to win Nobel Prize for literature ?
   (a)   Nehru
   (b)   Kamala Das
   (c)   Tagore.

3.   "Thank God the scorpion picked on me
       And spared my children"
       Whose words are these ?
   (a)   Mother
   (b)   Father
   (c)   Peasants.

4.   Respect is :
   (a)   Fear
   (b)   Awe
   (c)   Ability to see a person as he is.

5.   The poem 'Night of the Scorpion' is written by :
   (a)   Nirad Chaudhari
   (b)   Nissim Ezekiel
   (c)   Sarojini Naidu.

6.   The man of 'Perfect Manners' is :
   (a)   stubborn
   (b)   morbid
   (c)   courteous.

7.   O. Henry is the pen name of :
   (a)   Samuel Longfellow
   (b)   William Sydney Porter
   (c)   Charles Dickens.

8.   Expand IYE :
   (a)   International Year of Eco-tourism
   (b)   International Year of Economics
   (c)   International Year of Environment.

9.   Give one word for 'something which religion or custom regards as forbidden' :
   (a)   tableau
   (b)   taboo
   (c)   superstition.

10.   What gave women their position of equality during the Gandhian era ?
   (a)   Feminism
   (b)   Suffragette movement
   (c)   Battle for freedom.

(10×1=10)

Marks

PART—B

IV 1. Use the appropriate adjective :

Meera is a .... singer. She has sung .... songs. But the one I like most is her............. song. She is truly a .... daughter of India. (4×1=4)

2. Supply the appropriate prepositions :

(a) Please abstain .... drinking.

(b) My classes start .... 9 o'clock. 2

3. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate phrasal verbs. Choose from those given in brackets :

(a) Mothers .... their children with a lot of love and care.
(look after, look into)

(b) This person is .... me. (familiar with, familiar to) 2

V 1. Identify the kind of noun used :

(a) The *beauty* of nature is remarkable.

(b) Peasants came like a *swarm* of flies.

(c) *Tagore* is a great *poet*. (4×1=4)

2. Identify the verbs :

(a) Gandhiji is the Father of our Nation.

(b) Write your exam well.

(c) Gayathri speaks English fluently. (3×1=3)

VI 1. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given in brackets :

(a) Ramesh is praised for his .... (humble)

(b) Its my .... to welcome you. (please)

(c) Did you have a .... journey. (comfort)

(d) The train .... at 5 p.m. (departure) (4×1=4)

2. Identify the parts of speech of the words underlined :
Sue and Johnsy were friends. They had a lovely relationship. 4

VII 1. Identify the subject and predicate :

(a). A rolling stone gathers no mass.

(b) I am proud to be an Indian. (2×1=2)

2. Fill in the blanks using the correct form 'be' 'do' or 'has' :

(a) He.............his work well. (do, does)

(b) The police.............come. (has, have) (2×1=2)

3. Provide the appropriate question tag :

(a) Please give me some water, ...?

(b) Ram has not come, ...?

(c) Lets sing a song, ...? (3×1=3)

PART—C

VIII 1. Transcribe the following words into the phonetic script :

    (a) word

    (b) judge

    (c) You

    (d) debt

    (e) college.   (5×1=5)

    2. Write the correct word :

    (a) /nɒlɪdʒ/

    (b) /ɪŋglɪʃ/

    (c) /semɪnaː/

    (d) /stjuːdnt/

    (e) /tʃ3ːtʃ/   (5×1=5)

IX Write an essay on any *one* of the following :

    1. Mobile phones : A curse or a Boon.

            Or

    2. The role of media in the present day society.   (1×8=8)

X Describe in about 100 words :   4
Your favourite holiday destination.

XI Prepare a vote of thank to be delivered on the occasion of an awareness programme   4
on 'Road Safety Measures'.

XII You make a call to the railway station to enquire if the Chennai mail is on time.   4
Prepare a telephonic conversation.