

FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/
TECHNOLOGY—MARCH, 2012

ENGLISH—I

(Common except for DCP)

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART—A

Marks

I Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks :

1. Which is the appointed day referred to in the title ?
2. Gandhiji continually spoke of women as the main support of his movement. Why ?
3. How does Gratian Vaz define 'The man of Perfect Manners' ?
4. What marks the revolutionary change in the position of the women of India ?
5. Who buzzed the name of God a hundred times ? Why ? (5×2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words. (Each question carries five marks)

1. (a) Attempt a character sketch of the mother in 'Night of the Scorpion'.
OR
(b) Discuss the key elements of eco-tourism. (1×5=5)
2. (a) Write a note on Mr. Behrman.
OR
(b) What does Gratian Vaz say about 'Maturity' ? (1×5=5)
3. (a) What makes the author say that women in ancient India enjoyed a much higher status than their descendants in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries ?
OR
(b) How do legislative reforms ensure the equality of women ? (1×5=5)
4. (a) What does Nehru say about the Father of our Nation ?
OR
(b) Tagore's patriotism as seen in Gitanjali. (1×5=5)

III Choose the right answer from those given. (Each question carries one mark)

1. Who held aloft the torch of freedom ?
 - (a) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (c) Mahatma Gandhi.
2. Who came like swarms of flies ?
 - (a) scorpions
 - (b) peasants
 - (c) sins.
3. A polite person is
 - (a) unhappy
 - (b) self-giving
 - (c) impatient.
4. How many basic goals does the convention on Biological Diversity have ?
 - (a) two
 - (b) three
 - (c) five.
5. Where does Tagore ask God to strike ?
 - (a) at poverty
 - (b) at the root of penury in his heart
 - (c) at narrow domestic walls.
6. Maturity means
 - (a) flexibility
 - (b) slow to forgive
 - (c) unhappiness.
7. The Brahma Samaj led the movement for
 - (a) emancipation
 - (b) decline
 - (c) disinclination.
8. lay his cold hands on Johnsy.
 - (a) Mr. Pneumonia
 - (b) The Doctor
 - (c) Sue.
9. The International year of Eco-tourism.
 - (a) 2001
 - (b) 2002
 - (c) 2003
10. The father in 'The Night of the Scorpion' is
 - (a) superstitious
 - (b) sceptical
 - (c) irrational

PART—B

- IV (a) Supply the appropriate adjective :
- We don't have time.
 - can I do for you ?
 - room is bigger than that.
 - He is an soldier. (4×1=4)
- (b) Supply appropriate prepositions :
- This work should be finished next Monday.
 - Jawaharlal Nehru was fond children.
 - I have not slept yesterday.
 - Is he his room. (4×1=4)
- V (a) Identify the kind of noun used :
- Always speak the truth.
 - The elephant has great strength.
 - A committee of five was appointed.
 - Solomon was famous for his wisdom. (4×1=4)
- (b) Identify the verbs :
- He took shelter under a tree.
 - You speak too loudly.
 - Ramu and Balu are my classmates. (3×1=3)
- VI (a) Identify the part of speech of the words underlined :
- These shops open daily.
 - They were vaccinated against Hepatitis.
 - She is poor, yet she helps others.
 - Victoria ruled for sixty three years.
 - Alas! The great man is dead. (6×1=6)
- (b) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given in brackets :
- The of the train is at 11.00 am (arrive)
 - The river flowed (swift) (2×1=2)
- VII (a) Point out the subject and the predicate :
- Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan.
 - All roads lead to Rome. (2×1=2)
- (b) Fill up using the correct form of 'be' :
- The book and the pen in the bag.
 - My father a doctor. (2×1=2)
- (c) Provide the appropriate tag :
- Let's go to the beach, ?
 - He will never give up,?
 - It's very hot today,? (3×1=3)

PART—C

VIII (a) Phonetically transcribe the following words :

- (i) earth
- (ii) voice
- (iii) chalk
- (iv) queen
- (v) music.

(5×1=5)

(b) Rewrite phonetic transcription in English :

- (i) /aɪs/
- (ii) /vi:'tʃɑ:dʒ/
- (iii) |θæŋks|
- (iv) |'dɪskəʊ/
- (v) |'ŋɡlɪ/

(5×1=5)

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

- (a) The uses and abuses of mobile phones.
- (b) Reservation for women.

(8×1=8)

X Describe a person who has influenced you very deeply.

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XI Deliver a vote of thanks on the occasion of the Arts festival in your college.

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XII Frame a telephonic conversation :

Ajith calls Mr. Salim, Circle Inspector of Police, to invite him to deliver a talk on "Road Safety Measures" at his college.

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