

FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY
MARCH, 2013

ENGLISH-PAPER I

(Common—except for DCP)

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

- [Instructions :
1. Read carefully the instructions given against each question before answering.
 2. Part A is based on Prose and Poetry.
 3. Part B is based on Grammar.
 4. Part C is based on Phonetics and Composition.]

PART—A

(Answer all questions. Each question carries 2 marks)

Marks

I Answer all questions in a sentence or two :

1. Communalism or narrow mindedness cannot be encouraged. Why ?
2. Why did Gandhiji address his appeal directly to women ?
3. Why did the peasants search for the scorpion ?
4. Why does the doctor say that he has no hope for Behrman ?
5. How does the author define "The man of Perfect Manners" ?

(5×2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words : (Each question carries 5 marks)

1. (a) How can ecotourism result in social, economic and cultural development ?

OR

- (b) Attempt an appreciation of "Night of the Scorpion".

(1×5=5)

2. (a) What was Behrman's masterpiece and how was Johnsy's life saved ?

OR

- (b) Why do you think it is important to practise good manners ?

(1×5=5)

3. (a) The contribution of women to the creation of modern India has been immense. What changes has it brought about in our society ?

OR

- (b) What makes the author say that women in ancient India enjoyed a much higher status than their descendants in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries ?

(1×5=5)

4. (a) What does Nehru say about the Father of our Nation ?

OR

- (b) What does Tagore pray for ?

(1×5=5)

III Choose the right answer from those given : (Each question carries 1 mark)

1. Who held aloft the torch of freedom ?
 - (a) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (c) Mahatma Gandhi.
2. What was the motto of the Satyagraha ?
 - (a) rehabilitation of the villages
 - (b) Quit India
 - (c) equal participation of women.
3. The father in 'The Night of the Scorpion' is
 - (a) illiterate
 - (b) irrational
 - (c) sceptic.
4. What does ecotourism aim at ?
 - (a) promoting environmental values and ethics
 - (b) ecological integrity
 - (c) economic benefits.
5. was past sixty :
 - (a) Sue
 - (b) Mr. Behrman
 - (c) Johnsy.
6. Where does Tagore ask God to strike ?
 - (a) at poverty
 - (b) at the root of penury in his heart
 - (c) at narrow domestic walls.
7. Respect denotes
 - (a) ability to see a person as he is
 - (b) fear
 - (c) awe.
8. Ancient Indian tradition emphasized women's
 - (a) equality
 - (b) inferiority
 - (c) superiority.
9. Which is the largest source of foreign exchange in countries like Costa Rica and Belize ?
 - (a) Tourism
 - (b) Agriculture
 - (c) Oil.
10. Who is the author of "Glimpses of World History" ?
 - (a) Gandhiji
 - (b) Nehru
 - (c) K. M. Panikkar.

(10×1=10)

PART—B

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- IV 1. Use the appropriate adjective :
- Her eyes are
 - pen is this ?
 - She was absent week. (4×1=4)
 - Rahul sang a song.
2. Supply appropriate prepositions :
- Gopal came to college foot.
 - I am indebted to you your help.
 - In his work, Charaka often hints the value of sweet oil.
 - Surya has been absent Tuesday. (4×1=4)
- V 1. Identify the kind of noun used :
- My daughter has a *car*.
 - Beena gave me a *bunch* of keys.
 - Shakespeare* wrote 'Hamlet'.
 - I like your *smartness*. (4×1=4)
2. Identify the verbs :
- Thomas is his new neighbour.
 - He never comes late.
 - My father studied here. (3×1=3)
- VI 1. Identify the part of speech of the words underlined :
- The boy ran across the road.
 - He writes fairly good English.
 - I am late, because I missed the bus.
 - You should help them.
 - Oh ! I have lost my purse. (6×1=6)
2. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given in brackets :
- They left the hall after they had finished (write) (2×1=2)
 - No one knew, where the thief kept the money (steal)
- VII 1. Point out the subject and the predicate :
- The principal gave me a warning. (2×1=2)
 - The earth revolves round the sun.
2. Fill up using the correct form of 'be' :
- Balu and Sajeer friends. (2×1=2)
 - I planning to go on an excursion.
3. Provide the appropriate question tag :
- A few people attended the function,? (3×1=3)
 - He is not well,?
 - He couldn't get the job,?
- 1=10)

PART—C

VIII 1. Phonetically Transcribe the following words :

- (a) again
- (b) south
- (c) church
- (d) goal
- (e) visit.

(5×1=5)

2. Rewrite phonetic transcription in English :

(a) /neɪm/

(b) /'ælfə/

(c) /ɪmædʒɪn/

(d) /'pɒŋktʃuəl/

(e) /bʊk/

(5×1=5)

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

1. The Importance of Discipline.

OR

2. The Joys of College Life.

(1×8=8)

X Prepare a description of your favourite teacher.

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XI Prepare a vote of thanks to be delivered on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations in your college.

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XII Soumya calls Dr. Ganesh, requesting him to visit her home as her mother is seriously ill. Frame a telephonic conversation based on this context.

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