

SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/
TECHNOLOGY—MARCH, 2011

ENGLISH—II
(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. Why was the prince called 'the happy prince' by everyone?
2. "My blood turned cold like the moon." Which figure of speech is employed in this line?
3. Why did the sniper drop down his rifle and cap and let his hand hang down?
4. What is Gandhiji's opinion about good handwriting?
5. What does the narrator in 'The Luncheon' mean by saying 'But I have had my revenge' ?
(5×2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words :

1. (a) 'The Happy Prince' is a symbol of love, kindness and sacrifice. Elucidate.
OR
(b) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem 'My Grandmother's House'. (1×5=5)
2. (a) Can war and violence provide solutions to the ills of society? Discuss in the light of the story 'The Sniper'.
OR
(b) "Love and service can bring meaning to our life". How important is Emily Dickinson's view in the present day society. (1×5=5)
3. (a) Why did Gandhiji dislike physical training during his school? Did his attitude change later?
OR
(b) "Yes : quaint and curious war is!" Do you agree with this and why? (1×5=5)
4. (a) What is your impression of the narrator in the story 'The Luncheon'.
OR
(b) Which are the different ways of opening doors as described by Christopher Darlington Morley ?
(1×5=5)

III Choose the right answer from those given :

1. What is the heart of the happy prince made of ?
 - (a) Ruby
 - (b) Gold
 - (c) Lead.
2. 'That woman died'. Who is the woman ?
 - (a) Mother
 - (b) Grand mother
 - (c) Kamala Das.
3. Whom did the sniper kill ?
 - (a) His brother
 - (b) Commander-in-Chief
 - (c) A stranger.
4. Which of the following would you choose to describe the poet's love in 'I shall not live in vain' ?
 - (a) Love for one's fellow men
 - (b) Love for birds and animals
 - (c) Love for all created beings.
5. According to Gandhiji, a man of truth must be a man of :
 - (a) Care
 - (b) Money
 - (c) Relationships.
6. Where did the two men in 'The man he killed' meet ?
 - (a) Old ancient inn
 - (b) War field
 - (c) Road.
7. 'They had the blush of an innocent girl, they had the rich tone of an Italian landscape.' What is the narrator referring to ?
 - (a) The waiters
 - (b) The restaurants in Paris
 - (c) Peaches.
8. The symbol and mystery of a door resides in its :
 - (a) Degree of transparency
 - (b) Quality of concealment
 - (c) Material used.
9. Oscar Wilde is an author.
 - (a) English
 - (b) American
 - (c) Irish.
10. Gandhiji abstained from physical exercise at school because of his :
 - (a) laziness
 - (b) shyness
 - (c) fear of physical strain.

(10×1=10)

VI Global Infotech, Delhi invites applications from MBA degree holders for the post of Marketing Manager. The candidates must have good communication skills and a minimum of 5 years experience in the field. Prepare the following to be sent to the HR Manager, Global Infotech, Delhi.

- (i) Job application letter.
- (ii) Resume.

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VII Prepare a precis of the following passage :

We all know that there are traders who make use of false weights and measures to deceive customers. Sometimes their wares are also displayed under misleading descriptions. Do we recognise as equally dishonest the journalist who betrays our trust? This chap will suppress events and opinions that he finds inconvenient, or trim them to a form that he thinks acceptable to his public. He will even write reports that he knows are entirely false.

The dishonest journalist is regarded as a greater menace to society than a dishonest trader. Because the mind is more powerful and far more precious than the body. False ideas, however pleasing they may seem, are more harmful to a man than milk diluted with water or cotton sold as silk. For instance it is difficult to restore the distorted personality of a celebrity, caused due to false allegations; but ailment caused due to diluted milk or financial loss pertaining to false descriptions of goods, can be rectified. A journalist has immense social responsibilities. He must always remember that the pen is mightier than the sword. With the right social consciousness along with the power of the word, he can aid in building a better nation. But he should remember that the job of a journalist is not to sensationalise but to sensitise.

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VIII Expand the idea in the proverb into a paragraph :

1. A stitch in time saves nine.

OR

2. Unity is strength.

(1×5=5)

IX Attempt any *one* of the following :

1. Prepare a note of the passage given below :

Sparrows are found in many parts of the world and they are of several kinds. The one that is best known to us is the house sparrow. But there is also the hedge-sparrow that makes its nest in hedges and bushes.

A noisy bird, the house -sparrow has its own song, mainly made up of a series of calls and twitters. It makes its nest in a hole or some niche in the house. This nest is no more than an arrangement, not a very tidy one, of paper and straw which may be lined with wool and hair.

The hedge sparrow is more slender than the house sparrow. It is brown, black and bluish grey in colour. It too sings, often a warbling song. Like the house sparrow it hops on the ground and makes its own untidy nest.

Sparrows eat seeds of many different kinds. More than seeds, they feed on insects.

OR

2. The cultural club of your college conducts a cultural fest which includes exhibition, seminars, various competitions and so on as part of its annual day celebrations. As the secretary of the cultural club, prepare a report to be published in your school magazine. The report need not exceed 100 words.

(1×4=4)