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

ENGLISH—II

(Common—except for DCP)

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

Marks

PART—A

I Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

1. The sapphires of the Happy Prince were given away to two people. Who are they ?
2. What is peculiar about the name of the sniper ?
3. Why did Gandhiji neglect physical exercise at school ?
4. Do you think the narrator of 'The Luncheon' is happy about his meeting with the lady? Why ?
5. How does the wise man open doors ?

(5x2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words :

1. (a) "The Happy Prince" is a story about the value of kindness. Illustrate.

OR

- (b) In Kamala Das' poem the poet wishes to go through certain experiences again. What are these experiences ?

2. (a) The sniper is an intelligent fighter. Do you agree ?

OR

- (b) How does Emily Dickinson present the idea that only a merciful heart makes life meaningful ?

3. (a) Gandhiji's opinion about certain things in education changed in later life. What are they ?

OR

- (b) During war, Human values do not get any importance. Explain on the basis of the poem, 'The Man He Killed'.

4. (a) What thoughts crossed the mind of the narrator in 'The Luncheon' ?

OR

- (b) What are the different ways of opening a door ?

(4x5=20)

III Choose the right answer from the following :

1. The swallow disliked boys because :
  - (a) they tried to catch him
  - (b) they were humans
  - (c) they threw stones at him
2. In grandmother's house, the poet felt
  - (a) lonely and unhappy
  - (b) miserable and silent
  - (c) proud and love
3. The story, 'The sniper' takes place in
  - (a) Dublin
  - (b) Washington
  - (c) Paris
4. Emily Dickinson talks about
  - (a) love for all created beings
  - (b) love for humans alone
  - (c) love of nature
5. At school, Gandhi cried in deep anguish because
  - (a) he was punished by the teacher
  - (b) he failed in the examination
  - (c) the teacher suspected him of lying
6. The narrator in Thomas Hardy's poem feels
  - (a) happy about his act
  - (b) that war is strange
  - (c) depressed about the killing
7. The speaker in 'The Luncheon' had his revenge when
  - (a) he made the lady pay the bill
  - (b) she became over weight
  - (c) he abused her
8. The dentist's maid opens the door with
  - (a) cheerful smile
  - (b) suspicious look
  - (c) sympathetic silence
9. Gandhiji realised that a man of truth should be a man of courage also, when
  - (a) he was convicted of lying by the teacher
  - (b) he was scolded by his father
  - (c) he became a lawyer
10. The Mayor and Councillors in "The Happy Prince" are
  - (a) indifferent and selfish
  - (b) kind and considerate
  - (c) intelligent and artistic



## PART—B

IV 1. Use the correct present tense form of the verbs given in brackets :

- (a) Look ! The thief ..... (run) away ! Catch him !
- (b) Usually birds ..... (build) nests on trees, but now a bird ..... (make) its nest on the lampshade.
- (c) You ..... (get) a stain on your shirt.
- (d) He ..... (watch) the television for a long time.
- (e) My friends ..... (come) to my house today. We ..... (arrange) a party for them.

(7x1=7)

2. (a) Use the correct past tense form of the verbs :

- (i) When he ..... (come) to my room, I ..... (sleep).
- (ii) Mother ..... (go) out, when I ..... (reach) home.

(4x1=4)

(b) Rewrite using appropriate articles :

- (i) Ship was caught by gang of pirates.
- (ii) Match was cancelled due to unfortunate incident.
- (iii) Year later Himalayas will be visited by us.

(6x½=3)

3. (a) Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech :

- (i) "Can you take it ?" Mother asked me.
- (ii) Meera said, "I am going to school".
- (iii) "How pathetic it is !" She said.
- (iv) The man asked, "Where is the police station" ?
- (v) "Jim bring it here immediately !" the Headmaster said.

(5x1=5)

(b) Change into Direct Speech :

- (i) Sheela asked me whether I was sick.
- (ii) Jameela told her mother that she wanted to go early.
- (iii) Robin exclaimed that it was a wonderful sight.

(3x1=3)

4. (a) Change into Passive Voice :

- (i) You should read the book.
- (ii) He is picking up a piece of paper.
- (iii) John will carry the bag.
- (iv) He had written the answer.
- (v) Ravi writes poems.

(5x1=5)

(b) Change into Active Voice :

- (i) All books are kept outside by the students.
- (ii) He was being watched by the police.
- (iii) The teacher was greeted by all.

(3x1=3)



## PART—C

V Develop the following hints into a story :

Hard working farmer – lazy sons – father said – dying – called sons – told about treasure under soil – father died – sons ploughed land – no treasure – plants grow – crops – plenty of food – understood real treasure.

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VI Mermaid Trades, Cochin, invites applications from suitable candidates for the post of Quality Control Expert. The applicants are required to be graduates with an MBA in marketing, below 28 years and fluent in English. Prepare :

(a) An application for the job.

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(b) Resume.

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VII Prepare a precis of the following passage :

Vehicles are great blessings to the human race. It has made our journeys easier and life faster. But the fact that carelessness can bring harm to any achievement, is true in the case of vehicles also. The growing number of accidents prove this argument. Not merely on the road, accidents take place on rails, in the sky and in the ocean.

Accidents have become a daily affair in our lives. Road accidents occupy a large portion in the newspapers. With the increasing number of vehicles, the number of accidents also increase. We have to take this fact into serious consideration and take immediate steps to control this situation.

One main reason for the accidents is the condition of our roads. The number of vehicles increased, but not the breadth or convenience in our roads. Most of our roads are very narrow. Many of them are not properly maintained, and seem to be full of gutters. The lack of proper traffic signals, ignorance of traffic rules, careless and rash driving, etc. are some other reasons for the unfortunate incidents taking place in our roads. Driving in an intoxicated condition is prohibited, but any people consume alcoholic drinks while driving. Similarly, there are several people who handle vehicles without getting licence in the proper way.

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VIII Expand the idea contained in the proverb into a paragraph :

(a) Honesty is the best policy.

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OR

(b) Idleness is the root of all evil.

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IX Attempt any one of the following :

(a) Prepare a note on the following passage given below :

The earth, which is inhabited by millions and millions of beings, is only a part of the vast universe. It contains several continents like Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, Antartica etc. and several islands. It is the habitat of several kinds of creatures including man. But he has made himself the master of all these creatures. He is constantly trying to bring even nature under his control.



Among human beings themselves there are several classifications based on nationality, race, religion, caste, language, political beliefs, etc. According to anthropologists, world population can be classified into three groups – Semetic, Himetic and Indo European. But man has created several groups and classes for himself. During the Ages, all these groups that quarrelled among themselves for supremacy over the other. But the realisation that unity and co-operation only can bring happiness seems to be absent in most of them.

The absence of tolerance and understanding is the basic cause of unhappiness and discontent. Some nations remain undeveloped and backward, whereas other nations live in prosperity and luxury. Such conditions eventually lead to war and exploitation. If everyone shares the resources equally and enjoys equal opportunity, there is no chance for quarrels and war.

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OR

(b) Write a brief report based on the facts given :

You are the Secretary of the Film Club in your college. A festival on the films of Adoor Gopalakrishnan was conducted in your college. Prepare a report of the festival, to be published in your college magazine.

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