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SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY—MARCH, 2013

ENGLISH—II

(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 composition.]

Marks

PART—A

(Answer all questions. Each question carries two marks)

I Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

1. Why does God call the swallow and the prince the two most precious things in the city ?
2. What is the message of the poem “I shall not live in vain” ?
3. What was Gandhiji’s impression of his headmaster ?
4. What did Somerset Maugham eat during the luncheon ?
5. What happened when the sniper hurled the smoking revolver to the roof at his feet ?  
(5x2=10)

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

1. (a) Prepare a character sketch of the swallow in the story, “The Happy Prince”.

OR

- (b) What memories of the grandmother’s house are aroused in the poet ?

2. (a) How did the sniper succeed in killing his enemy ?

OR

- (b) What is the purpose of life, according to Emily Dickinson ?

3. (a) How did Gandhiji overcome his difficulty in geometry ?

OR

- (b) “The Man He Killed” is a poem against war. Elucidate.

4. (a) Describe how unpleasant an experience the luncheon was to the host.

OR

- (b) What are the different kinds of doors mentioned by the author ?  
(4x5=20)

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

1. Thinking always made him sleepy. Whom ?
  - (a) The Happy Prince
  - (b) The Swallow
  - (c) The Town Councillor
2. Kamala Das was not able to read the books in her grandmother's house. Why ?
  - (a) She was too young to read
  - (b) Nobody allowed her to read
  - (c) She was not a book worm
3. His face was the face of a student, thin and ascetic, but his eyes had the cold gleam of the fanatic. Who is mentioned here ?
  - (a) Thomas Hardy
  - (b) The Free Stater Sniper
  - (c) The Republican Sniper
4. The name of Gandhiji's autobiography
  - (a) Discovery of India
  - (b) The Story of My experiments with Truth
  - (c) Hey Ram
5. .... is a confession of weakness.
  - (a) A door gently shut
  - (b) A door slammed
  - (c) A door opened gently
6. Somerset Maugham entertained a guest in a posh restaurant in Paris. Name the restaurant.
  - (a) Foyots
  - (b) Hilton
  - (c) Oberoi
7. The theme of "I Shall Not Live in Vain" is
  - (a) Happiness
  - (b) Sorrows in life
  - (c) Purpose of life
8. If the two men had met near an inn, they would have .....
  - (a) killed each other
  - (b) quitted army
  - (c) Become friends
9. The lady's lunch didn't include
  - (a) Mutton chops
  - (b) Salmon
  - (c) Caviare
10. Gandhiji realized that a man of truth should be a man of ..... also.
  - (a) care
  - (b) good handwriting
  - (c) courage

(10x1=10)



## PART—B

- IV 1. Use the correct present tense form of the verbs given in brackets :
- I ..... (read) the newspaper every morning.
  - He usually ..... (walk) to school. But today he ..... (go) by bus.
  - We ..... (wait) here for the last two hours.
  - I ..... (finish) the letter.
  - College ..... (reopen) on Monday.
  - He ..... (study) since 4 a.m.
- (7x1=7)
2. (a) Use the correct past tense form of the verbs :
- She ..... (do) her homework before Dhanya ..... (arrive).
  - When the bell ..... (ring) at the end of two hours, a number of boys ..... (write) their answers still.
- (2x2=4)
- (b) Rewrite using appropriate articles wherever necessary :
- He is honour to his profession.
  - Children found egg in nest.
  - Mr. Brown is European.
  - Gold is precious metal.
  - Ship was caught by gang of pirates.
  - Thief was sent to prison for year.
- (6x½=3)
3. (a) Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech :
- "I want chocolates", said the boy.
  - "Do it again", my sister said.
  - He said, "What a fine idea!"
  - She said, "How many brothers do you have?"
  - Mohan said, "Vimala sang well".
- (5x1=5)
- (b) Change into Direct Speech :
- The teacher asked the boys to keep silence.
  - He said that he lived in Kochi.
  - They asked the boy where he lived.
- (3x1=3)
4. (a) Change into Passive Voice :
- The man killed the snake.
  - Sateesh is doing homework.
  - The door opened.
  - We prohibit smoking.
  - Who did this ?
- (5x1=5)
- (b) Change into Active Voice :
- She was praised by her mother.
  - The roof was damaged by the rain.
  - Was the accident seen by you ?
- (3x1=3)



## PART—C

- V Develop the following hints into a story :  
An English sailor-returning home-been a prisoner of war-war was over-now a free man-in London-saw a bird seller-bought the whole cage of birds-set free. 6
- VI Benson Inc., Coimbatore invites applications from fresh M.B.A. degree holders for the post of Business Executives. The applicants should be below 27 years of age and should have excellent communication skills in English.  
Prepare the following to be sent to the HR Manager, Benson Inc., Coimbatore.  
(a) Job Application Letter. 5  
(b) Resume. 5
- VII Prepare a precis of the following passage :  
Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind ? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not ? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged ? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell for ever in a world of bliss. 5
- VIII Expand the idea contained in the proverb into a paragraph :  
(a) When the cat is away, the mice will be happy.  
OR  
(b) First impression is the best impression. 5
- IX Attempt any one of the following :  
(a) Prepare a note on the following passage given below :  
Mathematics is the base of all other sciences and arithmetic is the base of mathematics. Arithmetic is the science of numbers and it is taught from the first year of school.  
Numbers include whole numbers that are formed by the digits and their combinations. 614 is, for example, formed by three digits - 6, 1 and 4. But numbers also include parts of numbers smaller than one. These are expressed either as fractions (eg. 1/2) or as decimals (eg. 0.5).  
There are four main operations in arithmetic - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Some other basic operations include the following - to square, cube or raise to any other power. Most of these operations lead to very interesting and challenging problems.  
There was a time when I believed that arithmetic was the most absorbing subject in school. But later in school I discovered algebra and geometry, and geometrical theorems and propositions now give me much greater excitement than the sums in arithmetic.  
OR  
(b) You attended a seminar recently on 'The Importance of Technical Education' organized by the Department of Technical Education. You were impressed by it. Write a report of it for your college magazine. 4