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SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/
TECHNOLOGY—OCTOBER, 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 :
1. Why did the swallow feel warm at heart even though it was cold outside ?
 2. What is the purpose of our life according to Emily Dickinson ?
 3. Why does Gandhiji thank good luck and not his merit for the scholarship he received at school ?
 4. Why is the closing of doors considered terrible ?
 5. What did the narrator in "The Luncheon" choose for himself and why ? (5x2=10)
- II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words :
1. (a) The message of the story "The Happy Prince".
OR
(b) Why does the poet want to go back to her grandmother's house ?
 2. (a) The element of irony and pity in the story "The Sniper".
OR
(b) Compare the ideas expressed in "I Shall Not Live in Vain" and "The Happy Prince".
 3. (a) Narrate the incident that made Mr. Gimi order Gandhiji to pay a fine of one or two annas.
OR
(b) "The Man He Killed" explicates the futility and pity of war. Elucidate.
 4. (a) What is your impression of the lady in the story "The Luncheon" ?
OR
(b) "The opening and closing of doors are the most significant actions of a man's life." Explain. (4x5=20)

III Choose the right answer from those given :

1. Why didn't the little swallow leave the prince ?
 - (a) he wanted the prince's jewels
 - (b) he loved the prince very much
 - (c) he was too weak to fly
2. "The house withdrew into silence" uses the poetic device.
 - (a) Simile
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Personification
3. Spasmodically means
 - (a) Continuously
 - (b) By fits and starts
 - (c) Regularly
4. "I shall not live in vain" if
 - (a) I can ease one life the aching
 - (b) I can earn a lot of money
 - (c) I can build three houses
5. The name of Gandhiji's autobiography is
 - (a) Discovery of India
 - (b) Shame the Devil
 - (c) The story of My Experiments with Truth.
6. If the two men had met near an inn, they would have
 - (a) Become friends
 - (b) Killed each other
 - (c) Quarrelled with each other.
7. The lady wanted to have a little luncheon at
 - (a) Hilton
 - (b) Foyot
 - (c) Taj
8. Which is the most tragic gesture in life according to Christopher Darlington Morley ?
 - (a) A door gently shut
 - (b) Opening of doors
 - (c) A door slammed
9. is a sign of imperfect education.
 - (a) Lack of exercise
 - (b) Bad handwriting
 - (c) Geometry.
10. What does Kamala Das beg for at the end of her poem "My Grandmother's House" ?
 - (a) Money
 - (b) Books
 - (c) Love

(10x1=10)

PART—B

- IV 1. Use the correct present tense form of the verbs given in brackets :
- Rani (go) to school at 8'o clock every day.
 - We can't go out because it (rain). In fact it(rain) all day.
 - I (meet) Vishnu five times so far.
 - Meera (study) since 5 a.m.
 - Ganesh usually(play) football. But today he (play) cricket. (7x1=7)
2. (a) Use the correct past tense form of the verbs given in brackets :
- We (see) him at the library yesterday. He(read) a novel then.
 - I (do) my homework before Hari (arrive). (4x1=4)
- (b) Rewrite using the correct articles wherever necessary :
- Ganga rises from Himalayas.
 - My grandmother is pious lady and she reads Ramayana every evening.
 - Honest man is noblest work of God. (6x½=3)
3. (a) Change the following into Indirect Speech :
- "Sit down, boys," said the teacher.
 - Mother said "What a lazy boy you are!"
 - Amy said "Mary, I will come tomorrow"
 - Vimal said, "I am reading"
 - She asked me, "Where are you going?" (5x1=5)
- (b) Change the following into Direct Speech :
- The officer ordered the soldiers to shoot.
 - Vikram asked Venu if he wanted tea.
 - Sheethal said that she was studying. (3x1=3)
4. (a) Change into Passive Voice :
- Shut the door
 - Paul is drawing a picture
 - You ought to help the poor
 - Gayatri has written a new poem
 - He sang a song. (5x1=5)
- (b) Change into Active Voice :
- A letter had been sent by him.
 - America was discovered by Columbus.
 - Milk is being drunk by the cat. (3x1=3)

PART—C

Marks

V Develop the following hints into a story :

An old farmer – about to die – calls his sons – bundle of sticks – asks the eldest to break it – he cannot – second son – tries – cannot – third son – fails – the fourth and the fifth sons – also fail – old man – sticks one by one – sons easily break them – learnt a lesson. 6

VI Technoskills Pvt. Ltd, Calcutta, a leading software firm invites applications from MBA degree holders for the post of Sales Manager. Prepare the following to be sent to the HR Manager, Technoskills Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.

(a) Job Application Letter. 5

(b) Resume. 5

VII Prepare a precis of the following passage :

One of the most widely spread bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is either smoked or chewed by men and even children all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago and has thence spread everywhere. The habit does not yield anything good. On the contrary it leads to serious health problems. It leads to lung disorders and can even lead to cancer. Active and passive smoking are equally injurious to one's health. It is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit once it has been formed.

Addiction to alcohol is another major threat to one's health and the well being of one's family. Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. The regular use of alcohol even in small quantities, tends to cause mischief in many ways to various organs of the body. It affects the liver, it weakens the mental powers and lessens the general energy of the body. It also leads to economic deprivation in lower sections of society and robs the family of peace of mind. It prompts people to behave irrationally and to commit criminal offences. Drunken driving is found to be one major reason for accidents. It is better to abstain from these bad habits. Remember health is wealth. 5

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

(a) Where there is a will, there is a way. 5

OR

(b) Look before you leap. 5

IX Attempt any one of the following :

(a) Prepare a note of the following passage :

The elephant is the largest and, in some ways, the most powerful of all land animals. It is also one of the most intelligent animals in the world. A fully grown elephant may stand 4 metres high and weigh about 6 metric tons. It does not take long to learn many kinds of work or to do a lot of circus tricks.

Marks

An interesting feature of an elephant is its tusks which are two of its upper teeth that have grown on the outside and become enlarged. A tame elephant uses its tusks to support the heavy loads that it carries, but wild elephants use theirs as effective weapons of attack. Tusks are made of ivory, a highly valuable material. Ivory is carved into artistic objects of high value. Because of their highly prized tusks which weigh about 24 kilograms each, wild elephants attract ivory hunters.

An even more remarkable feature about the elephant is its trunk. The trunk which serves as an arm and a hand for picking up objects is actually the elephant's lengthened nose and upper lip. It is used to pick up leaves and twigs and also to lift the food to its mouth.

There are two kinds of elephants—the Indian elephant and the African elephant. Of the two, the Indian elephant is the smaller and darker than the African elephant. Two other differences are also remarkable. First, the Indian elephant is more easily tamed or trained. Second, it sleeps lying down whereas the African elephant sleeps standing upright. 4

OR

(b) You are the Secretary of the Literacy Club of your college. Prepare a report on how you celebrated the World Books Day to be published in your school magazine. 4