

FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY—OCTOBER, 2014

**ENGLISH—I**  
(Common except 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.]

Marks

PART—A

I Answer all questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Who do Nehru's thoughts go to on this great day ?
2. What is the "dreary desert sand of dead habit" ?
3. What did Johnsy say about "the last leaf" ?
4. What does Gratian Vaz mean by "openness" ?
5. What did the rain do to the scorpion ? (5×2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words each. Each question carries 5 marks.

1. (a) The poem "Night of the Scorpion" is a statement of the nobility of motherhood. Comment.

OR

- (b) How can the "immense untapped power in the womanhood of India" be awakened ? 5

2. (a) Narrate the tragic story of Mr. Behrman and his masterpiece.

OR

- (b) Write an essay on the topic "Eco-tourism in India". 5

3. (a) Rabindranath Tagore is a true patriot and a firm believer in God. Substantiate this statement with reference to Song No. 35 and 36.

OR

- (b) Summarise the hopes, fears and promises Jawaharlal Nehru voices in the essay "The Appointed Day". 5

4. (a) What is the importance of manners in getting along well with people ?

OR

- (b) How do legislative reforms ensure the equality of women ? 5

III Choose the right answer from those given. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is the penury Tagore talks about ?  
(a) Lack of faith (b) Insolence (c) Realism
2. Communalism is the product of .....  
(a) humidity (b) democracy (c) narrow-mindedness
3. In ancient India women enjoyed a status much ..... than those in the 18 and 19 centuries.  
(a) lower (b) similar (c) higher
4. A masterpiece is the ..... work of an artist.  
(a) first (b) last (c) best
5. Emotional maturity refers to our ability to control our .....  
(a) kindness (b) feelings (c) deeds
6. .... is the author of "The Last Leaf".  
(a) O. Henry (b) Tagore (c) Gratian Vaz
7. Understanding makes our relationship more .....  
(a) complex (b) subtle (c) effective
8. Nehru calls ..... the great son of India.  
(a) Gandhiji (b) Tagore (c) himself
9. Eco-tourism aims at promoting ..... values.  
(a) superstitious (b) environmental (c) irrational.
10. Tagore wants knowledge to be .....  
(a) unattainable (b) remote (c) free.

(10×1=10)

PART—B

IV 1. Supply appropriate adjectives :

- (a) He was the ..... candidate to be interviewed
- (b) Delhi is ..... from here than Mumbai.
- (c) I have a ..... money in my bag.
- (d) I have read it ..... times.

(4×1=4)

2. Supply appropriate prepositions :

- (a) I saw him ..... Delhi yesterday.
- (b) Please come ..... 2 O'clock and 3 O'clock.
- (c) There is a pen ..... the table.
- (d) I am very fond ..... reading.

(4×1=4)

V 1. Identify the kind of noun used :

- (a) George bought a ball and bat.
- (b) The cattle are grazing.
- (c) Experience is the best teacher.
- (d) A watch is a good item for presentation.

(4×1=4)

2. Identify the verbs :

- (a) The cupboard requires a new coat of paint.
- (b) She is a creative person.
- (c) It was a joke.

(3×1=3)

VI 1. Identify the parts of speech of the words underlined :

- (a) The student who reads fastest will finish first.
- (b) We're having a party on the fourth of July.
- (c) I like dancing but my sister likes singing.
- (d) Raj hits the ball.
- (e) Taj Mahal is in Agra.
- (f) He is a lazy boy.

(6×1=6)

2. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the words given in brackets :

- (a) How many teams ..... in the debate competition ? (participate)
- (b) My father ..... for office at 9 am. (leave)

(2×1=2)

VII 1. Point out the subject and predicate :

- (a) Bobby and his friends ran outside to play basketball.
- (b) The little girl picked up her doll.

(2×1=2)

2. Fill up using the correct form of 'be' :

- (a) The Party .....tonight.
- (b) You ..... the one person I trust.

(2×1=2)

3. Provide the appropriate tag :

- (a) She's not French, ..... ?
- (b) Let's play, ..... ?
- (c) You don't remember my name, ..... ?

(3×1=3)

## PART— C

VIII 1. Phonemically transcribe the following words :

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| (a) mother | (d) become |
| (b) dot    | (e) begin  |
| (c) beat   |            |

(5×1=5)

2. Rewrite the phonetic transcriptions in English :

- (a) /brɔ:t/  
 (b) /drɪŋk/  
 (c) /faɪnd/  
 (d) /sæŋ/  
 (e) /tɔ:t/

(5×1=5)

IX Write an essay on any one of the following :

1. Reading for pleasure.

OR

2. The value of discipline.

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X Write a description of the person you admire the most.

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XI A seminar is to be conducted in your school on the topic "Hazards of Environmental Pollution". Prepare a welcome speech for the occasion.

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XII Prepare a telephonic conversation between two students about the approaching examination.

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