

FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — MARCH, 2016

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – I

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

[Time : 3 hours]

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

	Marks
I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :	
1. "Did you have to worry about these little things when you were my age?"	
(a) Who is the speaker ?	1
(b) What does 'little things' mean here ?	2
(c) Are the issues referred to here really 'little' ?	4
2. "I thought they were foreigners. And they talked funnily and looked Italian."	
(a) Who were the foreigners ?	1
(b) Why does the speaker say so ?	2
(c) What was the impact of this mistake ?	4
3. "I was told that Hitler had kept him under wraps".	
(a) Who was kept under wraps ?	1
(b) What does 'under wraps' mean here ?	2
(c) How did the man under wraps help Owens ?	4
4. "The editorial did not come under his eye, but instead it was greeted by one of those ingenious and specious puzzle problems".	
(a) Who is the 'he' referred to here ?	1
(b) What was the editorial about ?	2
(c) How did the newspaper help avert a strike ?	4

PART — B

- II 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :
- (a) The old woman had a ..... look. (specious, stalwart, haggard)
  - (b) Harry looked up from his book ..... by the loud noise.  
(startled, camouflaged, chiselled)
  - (c) Tax calculations are always ..... (epitome, complicated, assay)
  - (d) Extraterrestrials are also called ..... (aliens, sheriff, ingenious)
  - (e) Toxic gases emitted from the factories are ..... to health.  
(recycle, depletion, hazardous)
- (5 × 1 = 5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

- (a) Though Mary has a cute face she always looks **glum**. (happy, sad, bright)
- (b) The curling iron was so hot that Minnu **singed** her hair when she tried to use it. (burnt, cut, rolled)
- (c) After taking the entrance exams Noel felt as if an **enormous** burden had been lifted. (pleasant, heavy, light)
- (d) Unlike the foreign students in her class Parvathy was a **native**.  
(alien, local, bookish) (4×1=4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.

- (a) The Principal **paid** a remark about the discipline of the students.
- (b) Mother **took** the table for lunch. (2×1=2)

4. (a) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence.

Robin's friends liked him because he was clever.

(b) Write the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.

Mr. Smith was an **amateur** photographer. (2×1=2)

III 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

Oxford is **an** University of great repute. **Much** great scholars studied there. Only the best **but** the brightest students will get admission here. The University operates the largest university press in the world and the largest academic library system in **an** United Kingdom. 4

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.

Odyssey is a ..... (handsome, popular) art form in India.  
The ..... (viewers, dancers) move gracefully to the music  
..... (they, theirs) practice for years together to put up a show. The  
..... (wrinkled, elegant) costume and the ..... (expensive, dark)  
jewellery catches the eye of the viewer. 5

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

Varun and Kiran **is** friends. Both of them **reads** a lot of books. At present Varun **read** a novel by Chetan Bhagat. He **complete** it by next Saturday. He **finish** reading 12 books till now.

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5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

SILENCE

DO NOT LITTER

TAKE DIVERSION

## PART — C

- IV 1. Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion.

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2. Read the details of Ms. Arundhathi Dutta.

Name : Arundhathi Dutta  
 Lives in : Calcutta  
 Education : Completed her Diploma in Architecture  
 Additional qualification : Auto Cad  
 Strengths : Hardworking, self motivated, dedicated towards work  
 Achievements : Secretary, Echo Club  
 Hobbies : Gardening, music, books

Imagine that you are Arundhathi Dutta and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self introduction.

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3. Prepare a resume in response to the advertisement given below in The Deccan Chronicle of July 21<sup>st</sup> 2015.

• India's most fetching jobs with the L & T are open for new recruits. Applications invited from smart, young and spirited marketing persons to their different branches. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 with Degree/Diploma in any subject and should have good communication skills and pleasant manners. Apply within 10 days to The Human Resources Manager, L & T, Maharashtra.

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4. Complete the telephone conversation between two friends Anjali and Neethu.

Anjali : Neethu, this is Anjali. Can you help me ? .....  
 (Asks for directions to reach the nearest State Bank.)

Neethu : Hai Anjali ..... (Agrees to do so)  
 ..... (Gives directions)

Anjali : (Asks to wait) Let me write it down. (Writes it down)  
 ..... (Expresses thanks)

Neethu : My pleasure Anjali. Hope to see you soon.

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5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following :
- (a) Waste water management
- (b) Impact of social media on youth
6. (a) Your friend has passed the plus two examinations with A plus. Congratulate her. There should be a minimum of 6 exchanges.

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OR

- (b) The Senior Marketing Executive of SRM Company has issued a memo to the sales executives to attend a motivational class to increase the efficiency of the staff. Prepare a memo.
7. You need to prepare a presentation on the greatest invention-Computers in a national seminar. The required information is given below. Prepare 3 slides.

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Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents, or they can count the number of times the word 'and' has been used in the Bible. Because they work accurately and at high speeds they save research workers years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future automation may enable to have human beings far more leisure than they have today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences. Computers, though highly efficient, need detailed instructions from human beings to be able to operate. Computers can be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. They also make tiny translating machines. It is used in public hospitals with details about the patient's systems and pathological data and to keep a check on a patient's health record. Book keepers and accountants too can be relieved of dull clerical work.

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