

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE – APRIL -2021.

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION-I

(Maximum Marks: 75)

[Time: 2.15 hours]

PART-A

Marks

I. Read the following excerpts and answer **any three questions that follow:**

1. "I've been waiting a long time for this day. Just the two of us..."
 - (a) Who is the speaker? (1)
 - (b) What was the speaker waiting for? (2)
 - (c) Describe the events of the day mentioned by the speaker. (4)
2. They said they were from the planet Venus. I heard them.
 - (a) Who is the speaker? (1)
 - (b) Who are the 'they' mentioned here? (2)
 - (c) Explain the context. (4)
3. "Something must be eating you". He said.
 - (a) What does the word 'eating' mean here? (1)
 - (b) Who said these words? To whom? (2)
 - (c) Describe the context? (4)
4. A rosy bloom visited her cheeks; a triumphant, subtle smile transfigured her face. She was beautiful.
 - (a) Who is the 'she' mentioned here? (1)
 - (b) How did "she" make use of the newspaper? (2)
 - (c) Describe the context. (4)

(3x7=21)

PART - B

II. 1. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words given in brackets:

- (a) Children suffering from diarrhoea had bathed in a river.....
by sewage. (recycled, abhorred, contaminated)
- (b) The resort is located in anarea.
(isolated, astonished, endangered)

- (c) Taj Mahal is considered to be the of Mughal architecture.
(sophomore, epitome, hurdle)
- (d) She made anplan to avoid conviction.
(ingenious, secluded, transfigured)
- (e) When she arrived at the college, her hair was in astate.
(dishevelled, fortified, spiteful)

(5x1=5)

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

- (a) Inhaling Carbon Monoxide is **hazardous** to human life.
(dangerous, safe, salubrious)
- (b) Her mouth was **twitching** as she began to cry.
(trembling, moving, speaking)
- (c) He was able to succeed only because of his **persistence**.
(ability, cleverness, perseverance)
- (d) The **stalwart** soldiers of Indian Army ensured victory in the war.
(strong, triumphant, handsome)

(4x1=4)

3. **Answer the sets of question in (a) or (b)**

- (a) Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences:
- (i) The authorities asked the public to **make** precautions against the spreading of cholera.
- (ii) Mother asked her children to **put** the table for dinner.

OR

- (b) (i) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence:
A leather belt was **girdled** around her waist.
- (ii) Fill in the blank with an antonym of the underlined word in the sentence:

She is a **brave** woman.

(2x1=2)

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

Ryan disliked these dinner parties, **who** went on late **on** the night and often left her with **an** migraine the next day. She would rather stay home and in the witching hours, be immersed in a novel-reading heing her way to connect with **a** universe.

(4)

2. Answer either (a) or (b)

Vegetable markets in India are often a(messy/mess) place. Even though I have heard reports on(contaminated/contagious) vegetables, I decided to buy a few from the market. Upon entering the market, I saw a heap of..... (leaf/leaflet) cabbages..... (Those/This) were shining in the sunlight. I picked up one and inspected it thoroughly. It had a wax coating on it. When I scratched it, the wax came off.....(easily/easy).

OR

(b) Describe the following picture in a paragraph of about 60 words: (5)



3. Rewrite the following passage by correcting the errors:

Smitha who **was studying** in the college since last June **passes** the S.S.L.C examination in 1987. Now as she **wished** to pass her pre-degree examination with good marks, she **decided** to work harder. (5)

4. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean:

KEEP LEFT	KEEP SILENCE	NO SMOKING	(3)
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PART – C

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

Mobile phones should be banned inside the college campus. (4)

(2) **Answer either (a) or (b)**

(a) Read the details of Ms. Geetha Sreenivasan

Name: Geetha Sreenivasan

Lives in: Chennai

Education: Diploma in Chemical Engineering

Additional qualification: NEBOSH Certificate in Occupational High and Safety

Strengths: Sincere, hard working, optimist

Achievements: Winner of Indira Gandhi N.S.S. award

Hobbies: Reading, travelling

Imagine that you are Geetha Sreenivasan and are going for an interview.

How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self-introduction.

OR

(b) Prepare a resume in response to the advertisement given below in The New India Express of 20th October 2019.

Huges & Brokes requires Diploma trainees. Candidates with degree/diploma in any discipline may apply within a week of this notification to The Manager(HR), Huges & Brokes, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru. (5)

3. Complete the dialogue as directed:

Karthik : Hello Kiran (suggests going for a film at night)

Kiran : Not a bad idea. But,.....(denies request.....
(asks whether they can go during the weekend)

Karthik : That would be nice. Heard you got cracked L.E.T.....
(congratulates him)

Kiran : Thank you Karthik,.....(Advises him to also appear
for L.E.T) (5)

4. Write a paragraph on **any one** of the following:

(a) Importance of public transport system. (6)

OR

(b) Need for physical education in curriculum. (6)

5. Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) Your friend wishes to visit you at your workplace. Give her directions to reach the place in a conversation with a minimum of 6 exchanges. (6)

OR

Write a memo to the accounting department asking them to attend training to learn about the new software the company has adopted. (6)

OR

- (b) You need to make a presentation on Marie Curie. Prepare three slides based on the information given below.

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom. Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. (6)
