

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/  
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE – NOVEMBER -2020.

**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 used to go fishing in Vancouver with my dad until just a few years ago.."

- (a) Who is the speaker? (1)  
(b) What happened to the fish? (2)  
(c) Describe the context. (4)

2. Because he whispered, "Venus! When they talked about the watery place, I thought they meant Venice".

- (a) What is the name of the sheriff in the story? (1)  
(b) Why did he mistake Venice for Venus? (2)  
(c) What was the impact of the mistake? (4)

3. "You can melt down all the gold medals and cups I have, and they couldn't be plating on the 24 carat friendship..."

- (a) Who is the speaker? (1)  
(b) What is the friendship referred to here? (2)  
(c) Explain the context? (4)

4. His purpose was to defend such areas as are generally attacked during scholastic punishments.

- (a) Who is being referred to here? (1)  
(b) How did he defend himself? (2)  
(c) Explain the context. (4)

(3x7=21)

**PART - B**

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

- (a) The giant panda is an ..... species. (endangered, invisible, subtle)  
(b) By the time they reached there, the deer..... from sight.  
(vanished, girdled secluded)

- (c) He is the ..... of a modern young man.(corporal, apiece, epitome)  
(d) The government decided to set up an atomic plant in an .....place.  
(general, isolated, populated)  
(e) The old lady looked very weak and .....(enhanced, haggard, ingenious)  
(5x1=5)

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

- (a) The student replied to the teacher with a **witty** answer and the class laughed.  
(quick, funny, mean)  
(b) The tower will **topple** if it has too much weight at the top.  
(fall over, grow, steady)  
(c) After the final exam, students felt as though an **enormous** burden has been lifted from their minds(huge, tiring, boring).  
(d) My friend was so **forlorn** when her dog died that she cried for a week.  
(happy, mild, sad) (4x1=4)

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

- (a) Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences:

- (i) Madhu made a bath in the cold water.  
(ii) Do you take a plan to visit the zoo?

OR

- (b) (i) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence:

Some brave boys tried to climb up the mountain.

- (ii) Fill up the blank with an antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence:

Rohan said that the exam was difficult. (2x1=2)

III. 1. The following passage has some errors. They are given in bold letter.

Rewrite the passage by replacing them with the correct words:

One day, my class was filled **in** excitement. Someone discovered that the next day was our teacher's birthday. She was the **kind** person that I ever came across.

She was the **favarite** to the pupils. I spent the whole afternoon **shop** for a present.

I gave her **an** bouquet of beautiful roses. (4)

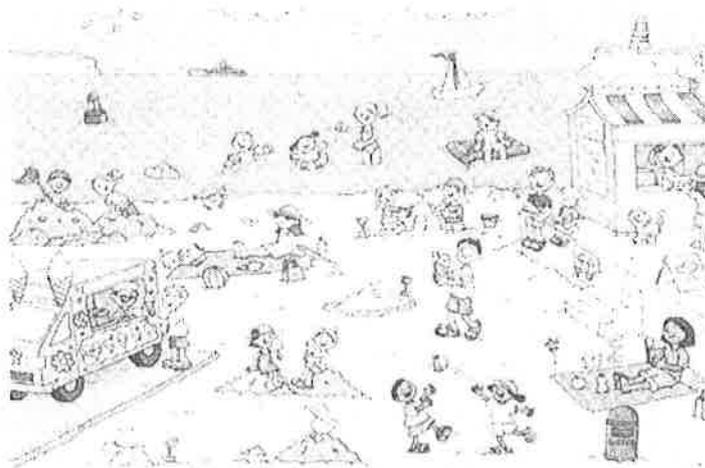
2. Answer either (a) or (b)

(a) Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets:

Childhood is a time when there are..... (many, little, few) responsibilities to make life difficult. If a child .....(has, have will have) good parents he is fed, looked..... (after, up, around) and loved. A child finds..... (pressure, pleasure, pleasant) playing in rain. His first visit(for, in, to) the seaside will be a memorable adventure trip.

OR

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



3. Rewrite the following passage by correcting the errors:

My name is Thomas. I live in a farm near Kottayam. I **raises** livestock and grow vegetables there. I **has been live** here for 2001. Usually **I woke** up at 6 o'clock.

Yesterday **I go** to the market to sell some vegetables. (5)

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

Silence Please

No Entry

Stick no bills

(3)

PART – C

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

**Mobile phones are necessary for students.** (4)

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

(a) Read the details of Ms.Sampson Sebastian

Name: Sampson Sebastian

Lives in: Goa.

Education: Completed Diploma in Computer Engineering

Additional qualification: Certificate course in Systems Management

Strengths: Hardworking, sincere, punctual

Achievements: Secretary - Computer Club. Best Dancer in Arts Fest

Hobbies: Music, Dance

Imagine you are Ms. Sampson Sebastian 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.

Sigma Electricals Pvt. Ltd., a prestigious firm in the field of Electrical Engineering requires Management Trainees. Candidates with Diploma in Electrical/Electronics may apply within a week to the Senior Manager, Recruitment Section, Sigma Electricals Pvt.Ltd. VI/B, Church Street, Mumbai. (5)

3. Complete the telephone conversation as directed.

Rahul: Hello ..... (introduces himself)

..... (wants to talk to Joseph)

Jimmy:.....(introduces him as Joseph's brother and says that Rahul is not available)

Rahul:.....(asks to call him back and gives his mobile number)

Jimmy:.....(requests Rahul to repeat the number).

Rahul repeats the number.

Jimmy: Thanks a lot. (5)

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

(a) Rainwater Harvesting

**OR**

(b) Drug abuse

(6)

**5. Answer either (a) or (b)**

(a) Write a paragraph on **any one** of the following.

(i) Your friend is confused about courses for higher studies. Write a conversation with a minimum of 6 exchanges, giving him/her proper advice.

OR

(ii) The Welfare Manager of Cosmopolitan Electronics Company wants to issue a memo regarding comprehensive insurance packages to all employees.

They have to submit their medical report card, family details and recent photo.

Prepare the memo.

OR

(b) Prepare three slides based on the information given below:

Almost all of us have suffered from a headache at some time or the other. For some a headache is a constant companion and life is a painful hell of wasted time. The most important step to cope with headaches is to identify the type of headache one is suffering from. In tension headaches, a feeling of a tight band around the head exists along with the pain in the neck and shoulders. It usually follows activities such as long stretches driving, typing or sitting on the desks. They are usually short lived. In migraine headaches, the pains usually on one side of the head may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting irritability and bright spots of flashes of light. This headache is meant worse by activities especially bending. The pain may last eight to twenty-four hours and there may be a hangover for two or three days. Factors causing headache are understood but it is known that a shift in the level of body hormones chemicals, certain foods and drinks and environmental stress can trigger them. If the headache troubles you often, visit the doctor, who will take a full health history relating to diet, life stresses, the type of headache, triggering factors and relief measures. You may be asked to keep a 'headache diary' which tells you to list the time headache started and when it ended, emotional environmental and food and drinking factors which may contribute to it. The type and severity of pain and the medications used which provide much relief are also to be listed. (6)

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