

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/  
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, APRIL – 2020**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II**

[Maximum Marks: 75]

[Time: 2.15 Hours]

**PART-A**

I. Read the following excerpts and answer **any three set** of questions:

1. “Mary, I hate to call Rob in the mornings.”
  - a. Who is the speaker? 1
  - b. What made him call Rob in the mornings? 2
  - c. What does this incident reveal about the speaker’s character? 4
  
2. “And even as I looked, suddenly it completely disappeared.”
  - a. Who looked at the wall? 1
  - b. What disappeared completely? 2
  - c. Comment on the impact this disappearance made on the speaker. 4
  
3. “Figure it out for yourself, my lad  
You’ve all that the greatest of men have had.”
  1. What does the poet ask everyone to figure out? 1
  2. What are the equipment mentioned here? 2
  3. What is the message conveyed by the poem? 4
  
4. “It is not only for transport that the wheel is vital.”
  - a. Which earliest civilization indicates the use of wheel as potter’s wheel? 1
  - b. How did the early man manage before the invention of the wheel? 2
  - c. What are the uses of wheel? 4

**PART-B**

II. Answer the set of questions in (a) or (b)

- a. The little man with an anxious face was a close friend of Mr. Dabney.
  1. Find the subject of the sentence.
  2. Change the sentence into a question. (2x1= 2)

**OR**

- b. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the gaps.
  1. He tried his best to —— the drowning boy. (escape/save)
  2. Gandhiji is an epitome of——. (honest/honesty) (2x1= 2)

**Answer the set of questions in (c) or (d)**

- c. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.
1. Paragon is a famous restaurant. People go there to have delicious Biryani.
  2. Last week I met Mahesh. He joined Infosys a month ago. (2x1=2)

**OR**

- d. Your friend has difficulty in studying Organic Chemistry. Write two sentences giving him tips or advice to overcome his difficulty. (2x1=2)
- e. Rob wants to go to Post-office to collect a parcel. But he doesn't know the route. Write two structures which he can use to ask for directions. (2 x1= 2)
- f. Given below are dictionary entries of the word 'smooth'. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**smooth** adj.

1. Not rough
2. free from difficulties, problems
3. Without lumps, bumps

**smoothly** adv.

**smoothness** n.

1. The election ended smoothly. Here 'smoothly' means \_\_\_\_\_
  2. The noun form of 'smooth' is \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Use 'smooth' in a sentence of your own.
  4. To which part of speech does 'smoothly' belong? (4x1= 4)
- g. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English)
- 1) /bri:f/ 2) /ʃeɪm/ 3) /lʌk/ 4) /tru:θ/ (4x1=4)

**III. Answer the set of questions in (a) or (b)**

- a. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box given below.

loiter, stammer, throng, handicap, triumph, latch

1. I bought a new lock to \_\_\_\_\_ the backyard gate.
2. My shyness was the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ during the early years of my career.
3. The girl was so nervous that she could only \_\_\_\_\_ a few words.
4. Youngsters love to \_\_\_\_\_ in big shopping malls now-a-days.

(4x 1 = 4)

**OR**

b. Pick out the word that is different from the others in meaning.

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|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. storm        | cyclone     | drizzle  | hurricane       |             |
| 2. victory      | secret      | mystery  | irrational      |             |
| 3. perseverance | punctuality | patience | Procrastination |             |
| 4. coward       | fearful     | sacred   | timid           | (4 x 1 = 4) |

c. The following passage has 4 spelling errors. Correct and rewrite the passage.

The summer **vaccation** (1) for school students is a long **brake**(2) from school during the hot months of May and June. This year the **temprature**(3) touched 40 degree Celsius in almost the **hole**(4)of India. (4x1= 4)

d. Each line contains an error. Correct the error and write them down.

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|---|----------|
| The man was so tired that he <b>sleeped</b> on the road.                  | 1. _____ |
| The people who passed <b>her</b> by thought that he was drunk.            | 2. _____ |
| They <b>informs</b> the police.   | 3. _____ |
| The Police came <b>at</b> the evening itself and took him to the station. | 4. _____ |
- (4x1= 4)

e. Use the passive voice.

1. Hundreds of soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ in the Second World War. (kill)
2. Women's Day \_\_\_\_\_ on March 8 every year. (celebrate)
3. This scandal \_\_\_\_\_ in a year. (forget)
4. The film \_\_\_\_\_ a week ago. (release) (4x1=4)

f. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph.

- Rahul : Have you completed your assignment?  
Vineeta : No. I went to the hospital yesterday to meet my brother.  
Rahul : How is his condition now?  
Vineeta : He has improved a lot, but he is sad that he will miss his final exam tomorrow.  
Rahul : Oh! What a sad situation!

Rahul asked Vineeta \_\_\_\_\_(1)\_\_\_\_\_. Vineeta replied in the negative and explained that \_\_\_\_\_(2)\_\_\_\_\_. Rahul enquired how his condition was then. Vineeta replied that he had improved a lot, but was sad that \_\_\_\_\_(3)\_\_\_\_\_. Then Rahul sympathized with her and exclaimed that \_\_\_\_\_(4)\_\_\_\_\_. (4x1= 4)

### PART-C

IV Describe the person who has influenced you the most in your life. Give attention to his/her physical appearance, character etc. 5

V You require a Washing Machine with the following specifications for your new home. Write an email placing an order for the same to Nandilath Agencies, MG Road, Trivandrum.

Model : SWDC6510YMW  
Brand : Whirlpool  
Capacity: 7 kg  
Control : Fully automatic

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VI Read the process given below about preparing fried rice and rewrite it in the format given in the help box and use appropriate linkers.

You may take two glasses of basmati rice and wash it well. Cook it in an open pot. Cool the rice completely before mixing it with the vegetables. Pour some vegetable oil into a pan. Add finely chopped vegetables of your choice and one tablespoon of soya sauce to it. Mix the cooked rice with the vegetables on high flame and serve hot.

Begin like this: First, two glasses of basmati rice may be taken and washed well. Then.....

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OR

VII Write a letter to your class tutor seeking permission to attend a two day workshop on 'Personality Development' at St. Mary's College, Cherthala. 5

VIII Prepare a report on the daily activities of Ms. Sruthy Raghav, Private Secretary of the Managing Director at 'Celebrations Boutique and Designs' based on schedule of activities given below.

**9.30 am** : Reaches office; **10 am**: Checks the stock of purchased material; **11 am**: Accompanies the MD on his visit to the stitching section; **12 Noon**: Updates the attendance register; **1.30 pm**; Collects purchase orders from various sections; **2 pm**: Monitors jobs in progress; **3 pm**: checks office work such as processing of payroll, payments etc; **4 pm**: prepares the schedule of the MD for the next day; **5 pm**: leaves office.

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OR

IX You are the General Secretary of your College Union and the Union is organizing a seminar on 'The Changing Status of Women in the Modern Society' in connection with Women's Day Celebrations. Prepare a welcome speech to be delivered on the occasion.

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