

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/  
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, APRIL - 2023**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I**

[Maximum marks: 100]

(Time: 3 Hours)

**PART – A**

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 here? (1)
  - (b) What are the little things mentioned here? (2)
  - (c) Describe the context. (4)
2. “I thought they were foreigners.”
  - (a) Identify the speaker. (1)
  - (b) Who are the foreigners? (2)
  - (c) Why were they thought to be foreigners? (4)
3. “An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes, as any coach will tell you.”
  - (a) Who speaks these words? (1)
  - (b) What mistake is the speaker referring to? (2)
  - (c) Explain the context. (4)
4. “Policeman O’Brine arrested the paper as a character dangerous to traffic”.
  - (a) Which story is this line taken from? (1)
  - (b) Why did the policeman arrest the paper? (2)
  - (c) Describe the context. (4)

**PART – B**

- II. 1. Fill in the blanks using appropriate words given in brackets: (5 x 1 = 5)
- (a) The saint lived in an .....place outside the village.(escalated, isolated, elegant)
  - (b) In.....,athletes use a blunt sword to hit the opponent.(boxing, archery, fencing)
  - (c) The fish in the river..... due to water pollution.(appeared, vanished, chiseled)
  - (d) Gandhiji is the .....of truth and non-violence. (alien, novice, epitome)
  - (e) Leonel Messi is a .....in the football world.(revert, stalwart, report)

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

(a) The **extra terrestrials** came to Earth in a flying saucer. (natives, aliens, veterans)

(b) Manu admitted his **fault** and apologized to his father. (Privacy, mistake, wonder)

(c) The boy didn't understand the **complicated** problems in Mathematics.

(simple, difficult, steady)

(d) The **notorious** criminal escaped from the prison. (Infamous, honest, amiable) (4 x 1 = 4)

3. Correct the error in collocation and rewrite the following sentences.

(a) The mother **made the table** for dinner

(b) She **paid a bath** in the morning (2 x 1 = 2)

4. (a) Write down a synonym of the word given in bold letters.

The **intelligent** boy solved the puzzle quickly

(b) Write down an antonym of the word given in bold letters

An **optimist** always tries to be positive in life. (2 x 1 = 2)

III. 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters. (4 x 1 = 4)

Madurai is called **a** temple city. Madurai is **a** ancient city. It is **a** interesting city. **The** Madurai is known for many industries, especially for textile mills, and handlooms.

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given. (5)

Pollution has....(effected, affected) the air, water and soil. Animals and plants are going....(extent, extinct). But people....(seldom, severe) stop polluting the environment.

If we continue to pollute nature like this, then we are heading towards a.....

(catastrophe, castle).

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words) (5)



4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

Yesterday night I **meet** my friend in the bus stop. He often **called** me on phone and **maintain** our friendship. At present he **working** a Bank. We **spaked** for a long time and went back home happily.

(5 x 1 = 5)

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

(3)

<b>NO ENTRY</b>	<b>TURN RIGHT</b>	<b>NO ADMISSION</b>
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### PART – C

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

Topic : Campus Politics

(4)

V. Read the details of Miss.Priyanka Raj

Name	Priyanka Raj
Lives in	Chennai
Education	Completed MBA in Marketing.
Additional qualifications	Certificate Course in Finance.
Strengths	Industrious, Efficient, dedicated
Achievements	Young Achievers Award for Excellence in Marketing
Hobbies	Creative writing, reading, listening to music

Imagine that you are Prinyanka Raj and are going to attend an interview. How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self introduction.

(5)

VI. Prepare a Cover letter in response to the advertisement given below in The Indian Express March 14, 2018.

KMP solutions Pvt. Ltd. is looking for young talented and hard working graduates for the post of Management trainees. Candidates must have a degree in any discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with language proficiency in English and Malayalam and good communication skills. Application can be submitted through [kmsolutions@gmail.in](mailto:kmsolutions@gmail.in) to the Manager, KMP Solutions pvt.Ltd., Chennai on or before April 15, 2018

(5)

VII. Complete the Telephone conversation as directed.

Priya : Hello,.....(wants to speak to her colleague Asha).

Asha : Hai Priya .....

Priya :..... (request her to lend her a sum of 20000 for an emergency)

Asha :.....(accepts the request)

Priya :.....(thanks Asha for the help)

Asha :..... (expresses her happiness and ends the conversation)

(5)

VIII. Write a paragraph on any one of the following.

(a) Natural Calamities

OR

(b) Social Media and the New Generation

(6)

IX. Imagine you are the staff Secretary of your college. Prepare a memo asking all the staff to participate in a meeting on 22.10.2019 to discuss and plan the Arts Day celebration. (6)

X. Read the following passage and prepare three slides based on the information given below. (6)

We have been experiencing an alarming increase of drug abuse among the youngsters in recent years. Every now and then we read in the newspapers that teens are being held for consuming drugs and most of them are usually aged between 15-25. The youths are topping the charts for the wrong reasons this time around. Recently many college-going boys and girls were hauled up by the police involved in the case of drug consumption in a rave party. The alarming rate of drug abuse has always been a problem and especially the increase of drug abuse among youngsters has had detrimental effects on the society. Sheer pressure of studies on students might be one of the few cases which results in substance abuse among the youngsters. The educational system nowadays is very competitive and lacks flexibility with lakhs of students appearing for few thousand seats. Again there is always a parental burden which adds to the pressure of making it big academically. Personal and family problems also leads to drug abuse among youngsters who fail to cope up with the ever-growing family and personal problems. Work place pressure and issues with the colleagues results in work place deviance which later results in detrimental effects on the individual. In order to come out of drug addiction, one must speak up about his/her problem to someone who would understand and try to get him/her out of the problem. One may try to put restrictions on oneself to stop the drug abuse, rely on self help programs, but without support, it would be really difficult to put an end to it.

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