

SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — APRIL, 2017

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II

(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. "If you could see how he sleeps when I go into wake him up ! I wish I could manage alone ."
- (a) Who are the 'you', 'I' and 'he' mentioned here ? 1
- (b) What is the reason for waking him up ? 2
- (c) Why does the speaker say so ? 4
2. "Truth is not only stranger than a made up story, but also greatly more interesting."
- (a) Who is the speaker here ? 1
- (b) Why does the speaker say so ? 2
- (c) What kind of story does the speaker narrate ? 4
3. "The world considers them brave and smart.  
But you've all they had when they made their start."
- (a) Who are considered brave and smart ? 1
- (b) Why does the world consider them so ? 2
- (c) What's the message conveyed by the poem ? 4
4. "Bose was the first person to apply semiconductors for commercial purposes."
- (a) Which was the first semiconductor device to be invented ? 1
- (b) What was it used for ? 2
- (c) How has semiconductors influenced later inventions ? 4

## PART — B

- II 1. The woman was old and ragged and gray.  
 (a) Change the sentence into negative.  
 (b) Find the subject of the sentence. (2×1=2)
2. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the missing gaps.  
 (a) Could you please ..... me 100 Rupees. (borrow/lend)  
 (b) I was an ..... student in school. (obedience/obedient) (2×1=2)
3. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.  
 (a) I saw a one eyed man. He looked like a pirate.  
 (b) Last night we saw a UFO. It looked like a saucer. (2×1=2)
4. Dabney's niece is afraid of taking the exams. Write two sentences giving her advice. 2
5. You are invited to Rob's wedding. Write two sentences congratulating him. 2
6. Given below are dictionary entries of the word 'clever'. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**clever** adj.

1. quick to understand
2. intelligent, smart, talented
3. sensible

**cleverly** adv.

**cleverness** n.

- (a) Leaving the child alone wasn't clever. Here 'clever' means .....
- (b) Cleverness is the ..... form of clever.
- (c) Use 'cleverly' in a sentence of your own.
- (d) To which part of speech does 'clever' belong ? (4×1=4)
7. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English).
- (a) / bʌks / (b) / kəʊld /
- (c) / dri:m / (d) / wiŋ / (4×1=4)
- III 1. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box given below.

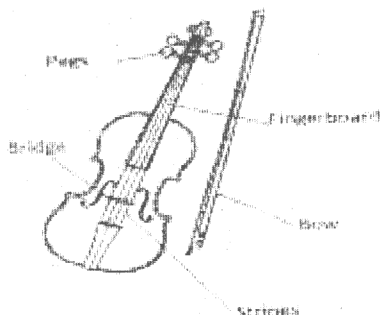
Hastily, stumbled, throng, triumph, gadgets, fiance

- (a) Meenu and her ..... were busy making preparations for the wedding.
- (b) The old woman ..... across the street.
- (c) Today's generation is hooked to different kinds of electronic .....
- (d) The evil looking men walked away ..... (4×1=4)

2. Pick out the word that is different from the others in meaning.
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|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|
| (a) evil    | scary   | frightening | bright   |         |
| (b) victory | triumph | deeds       | success  |         |
| (c) tourism | partner | media       | defense  |         |
| (d) gloomy  | jovial  | pleasant    | friendly | (4×1=4) |
3. The following passage has 4 spelling errors. Correct and rewrite the passage.
- A **grant** (1) function is going to be conducted at the **oditorium** (2) in connection with its silver **jubbille** (3) tomorrow. Our Collector is to be the **Cheif** (4) Guest (4×1=4)
4. Each line contains an error. Correct the error and write them down.
- Somebody's Mother is about a **boy** concern for a poor old woman. 1. ....
- The people who pass her by **is** not bothered about her plight. 2. ....
- The boy **come** up to her. 3. ....
- He places her aged hand **by** his strong arm and guides her across. 4. .... (4×1=4)
5. Use the passive voice.
- (a) He ..... the leader last year. (choose)
- (b) Stories ..... by children. (love)
- (c) Project proposals ..... till the 20th. (accept)
- (d) The cows ..... fresh green grass since the time the Vet suggested it. (fed) (4×1=4)
6. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph.
- Anju : Hello Manya ! How have you been ?
- Manya : Hi Anju. I'm good. And you ?
- Anju : Very well. I have been trying to find my way to the theatre.
- Manya : It's easy Anju. Take the first right from the junction ahead and go along the express highway. You will see the theatre to your left.
- Anju : Oh Manya, How easy you make it sound ! Thank you so much I'll see you soon.
- Manya : Anju make sure you don't take the small lane which leads to the cemetery. See you soon.
- Anju and Manya greeted each other warmly. Anju complained that she had been trying to find the theatre. Manya replied..... (1). She instructed Anju ..... (2). Anju exclaimed ..... (3) and thanked her. Manya warned her ..... (4). (4×1=4)

## PART — C

IV Describe the violin shown below in about 50 words.



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V You require a colour printer for your office. Place an order for the same with the Manager, Hewlett and Packard, Trivandrum with the following specifications.

Model : HP Colour Laser jet 3500  
 Device type : Printer  
 Max. Resolution : 600dpi

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VI Read the process given below about photosynthesis and rewrite it in the format given in the helpbox and use appropriate linkers.

Plants take in Carbon dioxide from the air through small pores on the leaves. It also absorbs water from the soil through the roots. It then utilises the energy from sunlight to split water into Hydrogen and Oxygen. The plant releases this Oxygen into the atmosphere. It uses the Carbon dioxide and Hydrogen to make sugar.

Begin like this : Carbon dioxide is taken in by plants through small pores on the leaves. At the same time water .....

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VII Write a letter to the Principal of your institution asking him to issue your TC and CC.

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VIII Prepare a report on the daily activities of Mr. Harshvardhan, CEO, Intel Technologies based on schedule of activities given below.

**9 am** : Checks into office ; **10 am** : Conducts a board meeting ; **11 am** : Checks appraisals ; **12 Noon** : Calls on various department heads ; **1.30 pm** : Resumes routine work ; **2 pm** : conducts interviews ; **3 pm** : looks at the daily reports ; **5 pm** : Day review meeting ; **5.30 pm** : leaves office.

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IX It is your college's Silver Jubilee celebration. You are the Vice Chairperson and you are asked to deliver the vote of thanks. Prepare the speech.

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