

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — APRIL, 2018

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - II

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

Marks

I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow.

1. "He isn't a child any more. It's time he took his turn."
(a) Whose words are these ? 1
(b) Why the speaker says so ? 2
(c) Explain the context. 4
2. "He seemed to be greatly surprised, as indeed well he might; but he granted my request."
(a) Identify the speaker. 1
(b) Why was 'he' surprised ? 2
(c) What was the request and why did he make such a request ? 4
3. "You've all they had when they made their start."
(a) Who is 'they' mentioned here ? 1
(b) What were the things 'they' had ? 2
(c) What message does the poet give ? 4
4. "Reading at that time needed not only brain work, but also physical strength."
Thus the invention of paper was revolutionary.
(a) Where does the word 'paper' come from ? 1
(b) Why 'reading' needed physical strength at that time ? 2
(c) How was the invention of paper revolutionary ? 4

PART — B

- II 1. The little girl picked up her doll.
(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 blanks.
- (a) Sculptors stone using chisels. (wedge, carve)
 (b) George a taxi from the airport (hired, took) (2 × 1 = 2)
3. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.
- (a) Next week I am going to Chennai. My sister lives there.
 (b) A teacher is a person. He guides the students in the process of learning. (2 × 1 = 2)
4. Write two sentences requesting your neighbour to water your garden, as you will be away for two days. 2
5. Your friend has lost her mobile phone. Write two sentences offering her help. 2
6. Given below are dictionary entries of the word 'brilliant'. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

brilliant. Adj.

1. Very bright (of light or colour)
2. Exceptionally clever or talented.
3. Excellent, marvellous

brilliantly Adv.

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- (a) The adverb form of brilliant is
- (b) Use 'brilliant' in a sentence of your own.
- (c) To which part of speech 'brilliant' belong ?
- (d) 'An elegant necklace with two rows of brilliants'. Here 'brilliants' is used as (4 × 1 = 4)
7. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English).
- (a) 'trab(ə)l/ (b) /fʌnd/ (c) /ɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n/ (d) 'mju:zɪk/ (4 × 1 = 4)

- II 1. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words from the box given below.

furnish, hastily, unfamiliar, anxious, latch

- (a) Driving to places at night is risky.
- (b) She always forgets to the door when goes out.
- (c) The manager asked Ram to the details of the project.
- (d) My friend is extremely about the exam result. (4 × 1 = 4)
2. Pick out the words that are different from the others in meaning.
- (a) visible clear vague evident
- (b) propose offer suggest prefer
- (c) stammer vanquish stutter mumble
- (d) diagnose detect find suspect (4 × 1 = 4)

3. There are some errors in the passage. They are given in bold letters. Correct the errors and write them down.
There are many legends (a) or myths relating to the origin of fire. Greek mythology says that Prometheus stole (b) fire from the heavens (c) in a hollow tube, which gave him the reputation of being a grate (d) benefactor of man. (4 × 1 = 4)
4. Use the Passive voice.
(a) My cousin's birthday every year. (celebrate).
(b) The exam next week (conduct).
(c) Ashok in the hospital yesterday. (admit).
(d) Newspapers every morning (read). (4 × 1 = 4)
5. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph
Reena : Hi, Good morning Anju, Have you seen the circus ?
Anju : No, I haven't seen it.
Reena : How sad! There are plenty of rare species of animals in it.
Anju : Really! I will definitely see it.
Reena greeted Anju and asked (a) Anju replied that (b)
Reena told that there (c) Anju exclaimed and told that (d) (4 × 1 = 4)
6. Each line contains an error. Correct the error and write them down.
The story is about the narrator real life (a)
incident. He witness an accident, last month (b)
while he travel in a bus. He couldn't (c)
help the victim, though he was travelling through a car (d). (4 × 1 = 4)

PART C

- IV You purchased a printer from AB Solutions Pvt. Ltd for your office. But the printer you got is a defective one. The ink spreads and the paper jams. Send an email to the company telling about the exact nature of the complaint. 5
- V Describe the person whom you consider as your role model. Give attention to his/her physical appearance, character etc. 5
- VI Read the process given below about washing clothes in a machine and rewrite it in the format given in the help box. Use appropriate linkers.
Open the lid of the washing machine. Put the dirty clothes inside the machine.
Add sufficient quantity of detergent. Close the lid tightly. Set the required programme and switch on the device.
[Begin like this: First, the lid is opened] 5

Marks

VII Write a letter to your class tutor requesting him to permit you to participate in a seminar on Nuclear power and to present a paper there. 5

VIII The routine of Mr. Mohan, the Area Manager of Power Solutions is given below. Study it and write a report.

9 am: punching, register updating; 10 am. conducts a review meeting; 11 am. presentation of new strategies to improve the profit; 2pm. updating customer files; 3pm. conducts a meeting of sales staff, 4pm. visit the outlets; 5pm. sends the daily report to the chief manager.

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IX Imagine that you are the debate club secretary of your college. You conduct a debate on the topic 'Increased impacts of technology on the campus'. Prepare a welcome speech to be delivered on the occasion

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