

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

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

Marks

I Read the excerpts below and answer the following questions :

1. "Coming here today I've no hidden agenda. I'm fighting for my future."
 - (a) Who is the speaker ? 1
 - (b) Why does the speaker have to fight for the future ? 2
 - (c) Explain the context. 4

2. "Venus! When they talked about the watery place I thought they meant Venice."
 - (a) Whose words are these ? 1
 - (b) Who are mentioned here ? 2
 - (c) Explain the context. 4

3. What does it matter if you're not first in the trials ? Tomorrow is what counts."
 - (a) Who speaks these words and whom are they spoken to ? 1
 - (b) What are the trials referred to here ? 2
 - (c) Explain the context. 4

4. "But he strangely ignored that which had come to seek. He was holding two little hands and looking into two penitent brown eyes, while his heart raced with joy."
 - (a) Who is the 'he' referred to here ? 1
 - (b) Whose hands was he holding and why did his heart race with joy? 2
 - (c) Explain the context. 4

PART — B

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

- (a) The feathers of the peacock are
(muzzled, iridescent, silhouetted)
- (b) He through the water before getting into the boat.
(waded, chiseled, bothered)
- (c) He the sack with a rope.
(fortified, girdled, isolated)
- (d) are aliens from Venus.
(Veterans, Venetians, Venusians) (4×1=4)

2. Find out the meaning of the words underlined from the brackets.

- (a) He looked gloomy. Something was eating him.
(bothering, encouraging, satisfying)
- (b) She saw her window was broken. She was startled.
(happy, sad, shocked)
- (c) He made an error. He wanted to correct himself.
(an effort, a mistake, a move)
- (d) There were lots of people crowded for the party. The room was left disheveled.
(neat, bright, untidy) (4×1=4)

3. Rewrite as directed.

- (a) He is a very (quite/quiet) man.
(insert the right word)
- (b) She did a mistake in the answer sheet.
(use the right collocation)
- (c) Due to big rain I took an umbrella with me. (use the right collocation)
- (d) Short put was the last of all the sport events, conducted yesterday.
(use the correct spelling) (4×1=4)

4. Rewrite the paragraph as directed.

Men have always found (noun form of 'happy') in dwelling close to Nature. The beauty of Nature has always been (adjectival form of 'inspiration') for men in the creation of works of art.
(use a determiner) poets and artist found solace in their love for Nature.
(use an article) more one delves deep into Nature, the more spiritual one becomes. It is (use an article) great truth that Nature is the (noun form of 'reflect') of the love of God towards man.

(6×1=6)

5. Describe the picture in a paragraph of about 60 words.



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6. Rewrite the paragraph given below by correcting the errors.

Once every year Anita visited her relatives in Bangalore. Last year she has taken her sons also along with her. The two kids has not been to Bangalore before. It is a nice experience for them.

(4×1=4)

7. Given below are four notices/signboards. Describe them.

Walk not on the grass

No Smoking

Mobile Phones not
Allowed

School Ahead, Go
Slow

(4×1=4)

PART — C

- III 1. Given below is a topic for Group Discussion. Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement.

Politics inside the campus.

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2. Given below are the details of Arvind Gupta :

Lives in : Bangalore

Education : Completed Diploma in Instrumentation Engineering

Strengths : Hard working, enthusiastic, optimistic

Achievements : NSS Volunteer, Magazine Editor

Hobbies : Machine assembling, listening to music

Imagine you are Arvind Gupta and are preparing for an interview. Prepare a self- introduction in not more than 60 words.

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3. Prepare a Resume to be sent in response to the advertisement given below in 'The Hindu' dated 28 September, 2017.
Machine Magic Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, a reputed company that produces home appliances is looking for young and smart engineer in the production wing. Candidate must be aged between 22 and 30 years of age with Degree/ Diploma in any engineering subject with excellent communication skills. Apply to the HR Manager within 10 days from the date of this advertisement. 5
4. Complete the dialogue as directed.
Anju: I lost my English textbook last Friday.
..... (Ask Minnu to give her textbook for a week)
Minnu: (Denies the request as she had left her book in the class room)
Anju: It's fine, Minnu.
..... (Asks whether she could join Minnu for a one-week combined study)
Minnu: (Accepts the request)
Anju: Thank you, Minnu. 4
5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following :
Reading habits among the new generation students.
OR
Influence of the silver screen upon youth. 6
6. A foreigner stops you on the road and asks for directing him to the museum. Write a conversation between you and the stranger with a minimum of six exchanges. 6
7. As part of a team of educational experts from Canada visits your campus. You have to prepare a PPT introducing your campus before the team. Prepare three introductory slides for the presentation. 6
8. Prepare a memo issued by the Office Superintendent of an organization to the employees, seeking explanation for their non-attendance in a seminar conducted to give them awareness in 'Punctuality in Official Matters'. The explanations have to be handed over on or before 27 September, 2017. 6
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