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B. Tech. 2nd Semester Examination, May-2011

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Paper-HUM-102-E

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Rectify any *ten* of the following sentences after tracing the errors if any : 20

(i) The state of affairs were such as to cause anxiety to his creditors.

(ii) More you brood on it, worse it becomes.

(iii) He wants a hot bowl of that most appetizing soup.

(iv) He looked very tired and his hands both were red and sore.

(v) Each of the classmates were irritated by her behaviour.

(vi) Neither the principal nor her staff members is in favour of the proposal.

(vii) My books are better than my friend.

- (viii) Only few persons can keep secret.
- (ix) The board was divided in their views.
- (x) He got angry before I said a word.
- (xi) Everybody was in the garden amusing themselves as best as they could.
- (xii) He has broadcasted his speech last week.
- (xiii) The novelist and poet are dead.
- (xiv) Sun rises in east.

2. (a) Distinguish between the following pairs of words by using them in sentences. Attempt any five :

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- (i) Adopt – adapt
- (ii) Blue – blew
- (iii) Altar – alter
- (iv) Causal – casual
- (v) Conscience – Consious
- (vi) Defer – differ
- (vii) Apprehend – Comprehend.

(b) Explain the meaning of any *five* of the following phrases/expressions : 5

- (i) Bon Voyage (ii) Ex-parte
 (iii) Ex-gratia (iv) Bona fide
 (v) en masse (vi) Viva – Voce
 (vii) ad valorem.

(c) Substitute any *five* of the following with one word : 5

- (i) One who is hard to please.
 (ii) A child born after the death of the father.
 (iii) A style using too many words.
 (iv) One who believes in God.
 (v) One who walks in sleep.
 (vi) One who believes too easily.

(d) Use the following prefixes with words and then use those words into sentences : Attempt any *five* : 5

bi _____ , ante _____ , circum _____ ,
 counter _____ , intra _____ , re _____ ,
 sub _____ .

3. Do as directed :

(a) Mark stress on the right syllable of any *ten* words : 10

(i) Subject (v) (ii) Perfect (N)

(iii) enough (iv) Petrol

(v) action (vi) Democracy

(vii) activity (viii) beautiful

(ix) ordinary (x) Pleasure

(xi) Conductor (xii) Perfection

(xiii) clarification.

(b) Debate any *one* of the following topics in about 200 words : 10

(i) Capability and not the degree should be criterion for a job.

(ii) Terror can be countered only by terror.

(iii) Social awakening can remove corruption from our society.

4. (a) Prepare a brief group discussion among your friends on any *one* of the following topics : 10

(i) Constant Brain drain of software experts to the West.

(ii) Social environment in MNCs : A challenge for Indian Engineers.

(b) Make a comparative chart showing the benefits and harms of social networking sites for The Young. 10

or

Below is an outline of a paragraph. Complete it by filling in the appropriate words / phrases :

Violence against women

Various reasons in our society

Expressed in ways horrifying

..... Physical mental

..... Its ill effects in family

..... society.

5. (a) E mail in a proper format to an Electronics Company requesting technical assistance regarding the device you have purchased recently. 10

or

As a member of Students' Association of your college prepare a report on Blood Donation Camp recently organised by your college.

- (b) Attempt any *two* of the following : 10
- (i) Informational Reports.
 - (ii) Analytical Reports.
 - (iii) Abstract or Summary (of a Report)
 - (iv) Salutation and Ending of a business letter.