

END TERM EXAMINATION

SECOND SEMESTER [B.TECH] MAY-JUNE 2017

Paper Code: ETHS-112

Subject: Communication Skills

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 75

Note: Attempt all questions as directed.

- Q1 Correct the following sentences: (1x10=10)
- (a) The movie is too good.
 - (b) Walk fast, lest you should not miss the train.
 - (c) Mr. Smith and his family generally go to the church on Sunday morning.
 - (d) We often deceive us.
 - (e) I am searching my mobile.
 - (f) I founded a mobile on the road while coming back from college.
 - (g) On last Sunday, we went on a picnic.
 - (h) India's economy is more stronger than Pakistan.
 - (i) The evidence prove that he is guilty.
 - (j) Sorry, I am not recognizing you.
- Q2 Convert the given direct speech into indirect speech: (1x5=5)
- (a) He said, "Lisa, do you have any answer"?
 - (b) "I am not going to help you", he told me.
 - (c) He said, "I can speak four languages."
 - (d) "You shouldn't take my laptop."
 - (e) The boy said to his friend, "I am waiting for you here now."
- Q3 Write the homophones of the given words: (10 x $\frac{1}{2}$ = 5)
- (i) maize (ii) rain (iii) pale (iv) ring (v) hue
 - (vi) queue (vii) carrot (viii) allowed (ix) break (x) all.
- Q4 Complete the sentences with a suitable phrasal verb: (1x5=5)
- get down to, hit upon, snapped at, threw up, cast aside.
- (a) The sick child _____ while waiting at the doctor's.
 - (b) Let's not waste any time now and _____ business straight away.
 - (c) She _____ the report indignantly.
 - (d) After a series of failures, the scientist finally _____ an idea as to how to keep a room cool without using air conditioners.
 - (e) I felt a shiver down my spine as the bulldog suddenly _____ me.
- Q5 Change the voice of the following sentences: (1x5=5)
- (a) Who taught you to ski?
 - (b) Instructions will be given to you by the director.
 - (c) The kangaroo carried her baby in her pouch.
 - (d) She faxed her application for a new job.
 - (e) A scathing review was written by the critic.
- Q6 Use these idioms in sentences of your choice. (1x5=5)
- (a) Go bananas (b) At sixes and sevens (c) Green eyed monster
 - (d) To lie dormant (e) A far cry

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Q7 Read the passage carefully and attempt the questions:

What distinguishes humans from animals? For some it is language, for others it is the altruistic willingness to help other members of the species. However, this kind of altruism seems to exist in the animal world as well. Researchers working with Crisophe Boesch at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig observed that West African chimpanzees adopt the orphaned young, even though they are not related to them. Several animals lavished care on a juvenile for several years. Surprisingly, half of these adoptive parents were male.

This behaviour is thought to be encouraged by the pressure of leopards, with whom the West African chimpanzees share their habitat. The constant threat from the big cats seems to have encouraged cohesion and solidarity within the group. Accordingly, the scientists observed more chimpanzee adoptions in West Africa's Tai National Park than in East Africa.

Wild chimpanzees appear to be more prepared to help than those living in captivity. In zoos, chimpanzees cooperate with other members of the group to only a very limited extent. 'Our observations show that altruism in wild chimpanzees is much more widespread than studies of chimpanzees in zoos would suggest', concludes Chrisophe Boesch.

- (a) Give a suitable title for the passage. (1)
- (b) What does the author want to establish by suggesting that animals are altruistic? (2)
- (c) What surprises the author while discovering the adoptive streak in animals? (2)
- (d) In the expression 'this behaviour is thought to be encouraged....' the word 'this' refers to which meaning? (2)
- (e) Write a précis of the above given passage. (3)
- Q8 Write a paragraph on **any one** topic: (5)
- (a) An encounter that changed your life.
- (b) Adults are merely obsolete children.
- Q9 Write a short note on **any one** of the following: (5)
- (a) Expository writing
- (b) Narrative writing
- Q10 Attempt **any two**: (10x2=20)
- (a) "A well arranged speech is seldom a bad speech." Do you agree with this hint on public speaking as suggested by James Bryce? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) What did Kalam mean when he said that he had pushed a 'hold' button on his life?
- (c) What, according to Dr. Salim Ali, is the main reason for ecological imbalance?

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