

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/  
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE -- OCTOBER, 2017

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I

(Maximum marks : 100)

[Time : 3 hours

PART - A

Marks

Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :

- I "I used to go fishing in Vancouver with my dad until just a few years ago....."
- (a) Identify the speaker. 1
- (b) What happened to the fish? 2
- (c) Describe the context. 4
- II "We will girdle your world in warning and none will enter and your people will never have to leave."
- (a) Who are the 'we' referred to here? 1
- (b) Which world will be girdled? 2
- (c) Explain the reason for the punishment. 4
- III "You can melt down all the gold medals and cups I have, and they couldn't be plating on the 24 -carat friendship..."
- (a) Who speaks these words? 1
- (b) What is the friendship referred to here? 2
- (c) Justify the reason for this remark. 4
- IV Policeman O'Brine arrested the paper as a character dangerous to traffic.
- (a) Identify the author of this story. 1
- (b) Which paper is mentioned here? 2
- (c) Recall the context. 4

## PART — B

V 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :

- (a) Hari is the ..... from our college for the conference.  
(Delicate, Delegate, Dedicate)
- (b) Do not ..... the problem.  
(Complexion, Compete, Complicate)
- (c) The temple is situated in a ..... place.  
(Secluded, Seconded, Concluded)
- (d) The ..... of the dancer was wonderful.  
(Permission, Performance, Evidence)
- (e) Kohli is a ..... in the field of cricket.  
(Divert, Convert, Stalwart)

(5×1=5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

- (a) Though I didn't understand the class completely, I got a **gist** of the lesson.  
(Humour, Main point, Notes)
- (b) Mr. Sharma is an **erudite** professor, but his brother is not interested in books or studies.  
(Learned, Greedy, Pleasant)
- (c) My brother **loathes** brinjal, but he loves carrots.  
(Cooks, Washes, Hates)
- (d) The crops in the farm dried up because of lack of **precipitation**.  
(Rain, Quarrel, Sun)

(4×1=4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.

- (a) The table was **made** with delicious food.
- (b) We must **have** precautions when travelling at night.

(2×1=2)

4. (a) Write a synonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.

Rija listened to the whole story in **amazement**.

(b) Write the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.

Govind is a **novice** in the area of programming.

(2×1=2)

VI 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

On that cold, wet morning, the class was filled with **many** excitement. Everyone was happy **though** it was our teacher's birthday. Our teacher was a kindest person that ever existed. Thus it was no surprise she was the **more** favourite teacher in the whole college.

(4×1=4)

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.

Paneer Masala is a ..... (delinquent, delicious) North-Indian dish. It is prepared using paneer or cottage cheese which is considered to be very ..... (nutritious, notorious). This preparation is very ..... (dreary, creamy) because a lot of butter goes into it. It is a very ..... (popular, polluter) dish all over India. But it can be very ..... (permissive, expensive) in some restaurants. (5×1=5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



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4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

I **likes** to listen to film songs. Yesterday, I **listen** to a song on the radio. The song **sing** by Yesudas. Though I **hear** many songs before, this song **touch** my heart.

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5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

ENTRY RESTRICTED

TURN LEFT

SPEED LIMIT : 30

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## PART — C

- VII Write two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion : INTERNET IS HARMFUL.

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- VIII Read the details of Mr. Sunny Varghese.

Name	: Sunny Varghese
Lives in	: Chennai
Education	: Diploma in Tool and Die
Additional Qualification	: Certificate in Testing Methods from Bosch
Strengths	: Hardworking, team player, creative
Achievements	: Participated in Innovative Project Competition
Hobbies	: Stamp collection, music

Imagine that you are Sunny Varghese and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self introduction.

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- IX Prepare a cover letter in response to the advertisement given below in The Hindu of 15th February 2017.
- Mindtree Limited is a leading name in the field of software technology. We are looking for smart freshers for the post of Trainees. Candidates must be aged between 18 and 25 with Diploma in any discipline with good communication skills. Apply within 10 days to The HR Manager, Mindtree, Bengaluru. 5
- X Complete the telephone conversation as directed.
- Sitara : Hello. .... (Introduces herself) ..... (Wants to speak to Deepa)
- Meena : ..... (Apologizes, says Deepa not available) ..... (asks whether she wants to leave any message)
- Meena : ..... (Politely refuses) I'll call again in the afternoon. 5
- XI Write a paragraph on any one of the following :
- (a) Health is wealth
- OR
- (b) Water conservation 6
- XII (a) Prabin lost his wallet in the bus. He requests his friend Nishanth to lend him some money. Construct a conversation. There should be a minimum of 6 exchanges. 6
- OR
- (b) The Finance Manager of Hilal Group has decided to issue a memo to all employees to reduce the wastage of office resources. Prepare the memo. 6
- XIII Brinda is participating in a science seminar and wishes to make a presentation on the solar system. Prepare three slides using the information given below.
- Our solar system consists of an average star we call the Sun, the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. It includes: the satellites of the planets; numerous comets, asteroids; and meteoroids and the interplanetary medium. The Sun is the richest source of heat and light in the solar system. The Sun's nearest known neighbour is a red dwarf star called Proxima Centauri, at a distance of 4.3 light years away. The whole solar system, together with the local stars visible on a clear night, orbits the center of our home galaxy, the Milky Way. The Milky way has two small galaxies orbiting it nearby, which are visible from the southern hemisphere. They are called the Large Magellanic Cloud and the Small Magellanic Cloud. The nearest large galaxy is the Andromeda Galaxy. It is a spiral galaxy like the Milky Way but is four times as massive and is two million light years away. Our galaxy, one of billions of galaxies known, is travelling through intergalactic space. 6