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B. Tech. (Fourth Semester)

Mid Semester EXAMINATION, 2017

(All Branches)

CAREER SKILLS

Time : 1:30 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer the following questions. All questions are compulsory.

1. Describe, why good technical skills supported by value-added characteristics are necessary for job success? 5
2. What are the benefits of admitting your mistakes? 3
3. Has there been a time in your life when you went through a difficult period involving a lot of change? The changes might have been the result of moving to a different community, attempting to lose weight or quit smoking, attending a new school, experiencing the death of someone you cared about, or having a serious injury or illness. Describe the situation. What happened and how did it make you feel. 5

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Correct the following sentences by using the correct function of the verb

Note : Rewrite the sentence after making the necessary changes (Q4-Q6) : 3

4. My brother has returned from training two months back.

5. She did not write the letter till now.

6. I own this plot of land since my youth.

7. Put a/an or the : 3

Peter and Mary have got two children, (a) boy and (b) girl. (c)..... boy is seven years old and (d) girl is three. Peter works in (e) factory. Mary hasn't got (f) job at the moment.

Find the error in the sentences if any, and re-write the correct sentence. If there is no error then mark ('no error') as your answer (Q8-Q10) : 3

8. Few seek the enlightenment of higher education.

9. Neither of my parents has a formal education.

10. The problem is taxes.

Choose the correct option (Q11-Q13) : 3

11. (Who/Whom) do you wish to speak to ?

12. (Who/Whom) do you believe is best qualified to take care of you ?

13. He's the man (who/whom) I believe robbed the First National bank.

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Analogies (Q14-Q15) : 2

14. Alarm : Trigger

(a) Prison : Escape

(b) Tunnel : Dig

(c) Criminal : Corner

(d) Fright : Allay

(e) Trap : spring

15. Cement : Trowel

(a) Lawn : rake

(b) Conflagration : match

(c) Point : brush

(d) Floor : polish

Sentence Completion (Q16-Q19) : 4

16. Beauty is to ugliness as adversity is to

(a) happiness

(b) prosperity

(c) misery

(d) cowardice

17. The controversy is likely to create between the two communities.

(a) amity

(b) bitterness

(c) doubt

(d) revenge

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18. The enemy paid a large sum as

- (a) compensation
- (b) punishment
- (c) redress
- (d) amends
- (e) restitution

19. Anil got the company car for a price as he was the senior most employee in the company.

- (a) discounted
- (b) nominal
- (c) fixed
- (d) reduced

In each question, a sentence is given in which idiom is used. The idiomatic phrase is underlined. Four possible meanings of the idioms are also given. Mark the number of the correct meaning as your answer (Q20-Q21):

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20. The rank and file in the medical department were surprised by the sudden visit of the health minister.

- (a) the ignorant
- (b) the experts
- (c) ordinary people without any special position in an organization
- (d) the departmental heads

21. My parents raised hell when I told them that I had decided to discontinue my studies.

- (a) protested angrily
- (b) shouted loudly
- (c) created panic
- (d) underwent trauma

22. Use the following words in sentences of your own to make the meaning clear :

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Abdicate, capacious, prudent, reverence

Find the sentence that is closest in meaning to the one given for each question (Q23-Q25):

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23. From time to time there are things we do even though we think they are wrong :

- (a) Sometimes we might do things that are considered wrong.
- (b) We often do things because we think they are the right things to do at the time.
- (c) It is not possible to do everything right in life.
- (d) We can never be sure if all the things we do are right.
- (e) Although we feel that the things we sometimes do are not right, we nevertheless do them.

24. Today there is hardly any time for storytelling in homes, whereas it was a life style in the past.
- Unlike in the past, in our modern world, time is the scarcest value however people can still find time for story telling.
 - Today hardly anyone knows how important storytelling was in the past since everybody is busy with their own lives.
 - Storytelling, which once was a vital part of life, has become significantly less common in the modern era due to lack of time.
 - Although many people can hardly find time for anything other than work, storytelling is still as important as it was in the past.
 - Nowadays, storytelling has become a very important practice since it gives us ideas about the life in the past.
25. Sometimes what is best for society is not always good for an individual living in that society.
- From time to time, there is a conflict between the benefits of a society and an individual living in that society.
 - Individuals not always seek for the best of the society they live in.
 - It is impossible for an individual to accept the rules of the society he or she lives in.
 - What is best for individuals is always suitable for the society they live in.

- If everyone acted in his or her own best interest, there wouldn't be any conflict within the society.

Select the correct word/words from the choices that complete the given sentences as your answer.

Note : Select the choice that is logical in the context of the sentence (Q26-Q28) :

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26. My bitter-sweet experiences have trained me to face
- the worst tragedies of life joyously
 - the various forces of nature
 - thematic and structural flaws in a play
 - the most difficult problems with equanimity
27. The hike in the price of pulses and rice has caused
- great anxiety and much worry for the poor
 - a jolt to the political situation of the country
 - damage to the crops this year
 - a hitch among the farmers
28. He looked at me because whatever I explained sounded like Greek and Latin to him.
- with a blank expression
 - with a look of disgust
 - coaxingly
 - pleadingly

Pick the odd one out (Q29-Q31) :

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29. Defer, delay, hurry, procrastinate

30. Abdicate, resign, renounce, seize

31. Subside, lessen, abate, intensify

In the following questions choose the word which is the exact OPPOSITE of the given words (Q32- Q35) :

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32. ADAPTABLE

(a) Adoptable

(b) Flexible

(c) Yielding

(d) Rigid

33. RARELY

(a) Hardly

(b) Definitely

(c) Frequently

(d) Periodically

34. DOUBTFUL

(a) Famous

(b) Certain

(c) Fixed

(d) Important

35. HINDRANCE

(a) Aid

(b) Persuasion

(c) Cooperation

(d) Agreement

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