

**MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS – March 2024**

Program	: B.Tech.	Semester	: Winter 2023-24
Course Title/	: Advanced Technical Communication/	Slot	: A11
Course Code	: ENG2005	Max. Marks	: 50
Time	: 1 ½ hours		

Answer all the Questions

Question Description

Marks

For each question, choose the appropriate word, based on the context provided.

- Which word is the opposite of "generous"?
 - Charitable
 - Benevolent
 - Stingy
 - Liberal
- What is the opposite of "expand"?
 - Increase
 - Enlarge
 - Contract
 - Extend
- Which word is the antonym of "harmony"?
 - Concord
 - Agreement
 - Dissonance
 - Accord
- Which word is most dissimilar to "together"?
 - United
 - Jointly
 - Apart
 - Collective
- What is the antonym of "abundant"?
 - Plentiful
 - Sufficient
 - Sparse
 - Ample
- Which word is synonymous with "amiable"?
 - Friendly
 - Hostile
 - Aggressive
 - Antagonistic
- Which word means the same as "inquisitive"?
 - Curious
 - Indifferent
 - Apathetic

8. What is another term for "persistent"?
a) Resilient
b) Fleeting
c) Temporary
d) Ephemeral
9. Which word is synonymous with "integrity"?
a) Honesty
b) Deception
c) Dishonesty
d) Corruption
10. Which word means the same as "eloquent"?
a) Inarticulate
b) Fluent
c) Articulate
d) Stuttering

2. Choose the correct idiom or phrasal verb that best fits each sentence or phrase.

1. What does the expression "back to the drawing board" mean?
a) Reverting to the initial stage of a project
b) Completing a project successfully
c) Scrapping a project entirely
d) Presenting a project to the team
2. What does the idiom "hit the nail on the head" mean?
a) Miss the target
b) Find the correct solution
c) Hammer a nail into the wall
d) Avoid making a decision
3. If a project is "in the pipeline," what does it imply?
a) The project is cancelled
b) The project is completed
c) The project is in progress or under consideration
d) The project is on hold
4. What does the phrase "kick the bucket" mean?
a) To move a bucket with one's foot
b) To complete a task
c) To play a game
d) To die
5. What does the phrase "cutting corners" mean?
a) To take shortcuts or do something in the easiest or cheapest way
b) To improve efficiency
c) To remove unnecessary details
d) To follow the shortest route
6. What does the idiom "burning the midnight oil" mean?
a) Setting something on fire
b) Working late into the night
c) Lighting a candle
d) Cooking late at night
7. If someone "spills the beans," what have they done?
a) Cooked a meal
b) Dropped something on the floor
c) Revealed a secret

- d) Made a mess
8. What does the idiom "Break the ice" mean?
- Melt a glacier
 - Freeze water
 - Make a hole in the ground
 - Start a conversation
9. What does it mean to "throw in the towel" in a project?
- To literally throw a towel
 - To give up or surrender in the face of challenges
 - To enhance teamwork
 - To celebrate project success
10. If team members are "on the same page," what does it indicate?
- Disagreement among team members
 - Working on separate tasks
 - Sharing a common understanding or agreement
 - Ignorance about project goals

Select the appropriate transitional word or phrase that best connects the two sentences or ideas.

1. Eating well will help you live a healthier life. Moreover/As a result, exercising every day is also highly recommended.
- Moreover
 - As a result
2. Do you enjoy completing these grammar exercises? Then/Yet, you should be able to improve your writing skills in no time!
- Then
 - Yet
3. Without getting a college degree, it will be difficult to get a job. Moreover/However, some will say, "It's not what you know, but who you know."
- Moreover
 - However
4. The economy looks like it is improving. Therefore/However, with unemployment still very high, we are far from passing through the recession. 10
- Therefore
 - However
5. Dr. Xavier gave his patients other forms of medical treatment. In addition/On the contrary, Dr. Magneto's patients only took sugar pills. As a result, Dr. Xavier's patients healed more quickly than Dr. Magneto's patients.
- In addition
 - On the contrary
6. First, the author assumes that the two groups from these studies are the same group of people. Therefore/However, considering these kinds of studies are based on random sampling, the first group may not be the same people who responded in the second study.
- Therefore
 - However
7. Studies have proven that not only milk but also b can be good for your health. Therefore/However, only one drink a day will have helpful benefits. Beyond that,

drinking will cause more problems.

a) Therefore

b) However

8. Getting a degree from law school is a great accomplishment. However/In addition, it does not guarantee that one will have a job after graduation.

a) However

b) In addition

9. The Catholic Church has faced many struggles. However/In addition, child molestation may be the biggest challenge the Pope and the clergy must resolve in recent times.

a) However

b) in addition

10. Moving from one country to another can result in culture shock. However/In addition, the language barrier that many immigrants face can lead to a long life of hardship.

a) However

b) In addition

4 Some people think that a person can never understand the culture of the country unless they speak the language. Do you agree with this opinion? Submit your views in 150 – 200 words. 10

5 Study the case carefully and answer the given questions based on your understanding of Listening skills.

In the Classroom

Malti is a fashion design student who works part-time at a retail clothing store. She has two roommates, who are also students. Malti is a very social person. She is outgoing, enjoys being around people, and loves to talk and tell stories. However, Malti is a poor listener. In class, she is often too busy talking with the person next to her to pay attention to the class assignments. She always starts off as a popular study-group member, but it soon becomes clear that her assignments are always late and incorrect. Malti's roommates have finally confronted her. There is tension between them because the roommates feel Malti is not pulling her weight on household chores. Another major problem is that Malti does not take accurate phone messages. She never seems to write down the correct information.

(i) What strategies in this chapter can help Malti be a more effective listener?

(ii) What would you suggest she do to improve her relationship with others and to help her become better at taking down information?

In the Workplace

Malti is now a buyer for a large department store. She enjoys working with people. She is very talented and a responsible employee when she is actively aware and tuned in to others. People respond to her favorably and enjoy being around her. The problem with Malti is that she is often too busy or preoccupied to listen attentively or take correct notes. She often forgets directions, misunderstands conversations, and interrupts others in her haste and enthusiasm.

(i) What would you suggest to help Malti become a better listener?

(ii) What strategies in this chapter would help her become more aware, more sensitive to others, and able to record information more effectively?