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## B.Tech. 2nd Semester Exam., 2014

## COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

## Instructions :

- (i) The marks are indicated in the right-hand margin.
- (ii) There are **NINE** questions in this paper.
- (iii) Attempt **FIVE** questions in all.
- (iv) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

## 1. Answer the following (any seven) :

- (a) Put in correct prepositions. Note that two words are required : 2

(i) The Italian course started — September and will end — March. I'm afraid you won't be able — catch the class now.

(ii) It is your turn — make some suggestions; I've run short — ideas.

- (b) Replace the words or phrases in bold type by a verb for other expression : 2

(i) Can he **give a good explanation** for his extraordinary behaviour?

(ii) The meeting was **cancelled** because of the 'flu epidemic'.

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- (c) Choose the correct relative pronoun : 2

(i) The 8 : 10 is the train (which/that) Mr. Bob usually catches.

(ii) The brown umbrella was the one (which/that) Mr. Penn left at home.

(iii) The blue pen was the one (which/that) Mr. Penn took by mistake.

(iv) The 8 : 40 is the train (which/that) he caught today.

- (d) Use the following idioms in sentences of your own : 2

(i) Nook and corner

(ii) White elephant

- (e) Use the words given below in the following sentences : 2

(destination, prescribe, preserve, recipe)

(i) The doctor may — medicines for your weakness.

(ii) Do you know — for chicken curry?

(iii) You can — fish if you put salt over it.

(iv) We shall reach our — at six in the morning.

(f) Put appropriate adverbs in the gaps : 2

- (i) My plans for starting a restaurant fell — for lack of capital.  
(ii) The retiring minister handed — to his successor.

(g) Put appropriate verbs in the gaps : 2

- (i) The fireworks — off with such a noise that we were nearly deafened.  
(ii) He — off on his journey.  
(iii) I can't — you. Do — off that vacuum cleaner.

(h) Make sentences with the phrases given below : **akubihar.com** 2

- (i) over and over  
(ii) fall out  
(iii) to and fro  
(iv) pros and cons

(i) Make passives of the following sentences : 2

- (i) Your lovely demeanour pleases me.  
(ii) Sohan has put the eggs in the freezer.

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(j) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : 2

- (i) — students of grade nine has walked out of — examination hall.  
(ii) Cow is — useful animal. — cows of Eastern India are short and ill-fed.

2. Prepare a press release on the Teacher's Day celebration in your college. 14

3. Write an abstract of the following passage : 14

Most robots of today consist of little more than a mechanical arm and a computer memory. The memory allows the arm to repeat a simple motion like moving a part from one work-bench to another, because its memory can store a collection of such motions, the robot can switch quickly from one simple task to another. It will not complain of boredom, balk at job demarcation lines, take a tea-break or go sick.

This faithful servant is also a stupid one. It has no problem-solving 'intelligence'. Also it lacks the senses that would alert it.

If say, the part that it was meant to pick up was upside down—or not there at all. A robot is less capable than a man groping in the dark. At least a man can tell by touch if he merely bumps into something.

Although robots are gradually gaining more senses and more 'brains', today's growth in robotics has come about largely because industry has learnt how to accommodate these mindless, mechanical workers. The automobile industry, which employs some 60 percent of the world's 20000 robots, has been leading the way to applications.

That should be no surprise. Assembly-line production is repeated with the sort of simple, repetitive jobs that robots can do so well. Robots are being put to work loading and unloading conveyors, welding car bodies together and spray-painting the finished product. Parts of a car have long been carried to human workers on conveyor belts. It takes only a bit of careful engineering to ensure that the parts sent along to robots are presented in precisely the same position each time. Given that accommodation to their senseless, robots can boost productivity with their untiring speed, and boost quality with their mindless ability to do the same job in exactly the same way every time.

4. Write notes on any *two* of the following : 14

- (a) Latin borrowing
- (b) Scandinavian borrowing
- (c) Word-formation
- (d) Intonation

- ✓ 5. Give a technical description of Computer and Television not more than 200 words. 14
- 6. Write a letter to the Manager, ASEAN Solutions, Ahmedabad, seeking permission to undergo in-plant training for a week. Assume suitable names and addresses. State your reasons for choosing their company. 14
- ✓ 7. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 14
  - (a) Indian English
  - ✓ (b) Role of Communicative English in the present world
- 8. Imagine that you visited a factory, where you had a chance to observe an industrial robot at work. Write a letter to your friend describing what you saw. 14
- 9. What is an e-mail? E-mail to your professor letting him know the reasons for your disinterest in his class. 14

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