

Mahindra University Hyderabad
École Centrale School of Engineering
Mid Term Examination

Program: B. Tech.

Branch: ALL

Year: I

Semester: I

Subject: English (HS 1101)

Date: 11.11.2022

Time Duration: 1.5 Hours

Start Time: 10 am

Max. Marks: 40

Instructions:

Answer all the questions in the answer script only.

Section – I

Write short notes on any two of the following in 250-300 words.

(10x2=20 marks)

1. Significance of the title of the short story, “Hills Like White Elephants”
2. Solitude breeds contempt as depicted in Chekov’s “The Bet”
3. Manto's depiction of the agony and trauma of partition in “Toba Tek Singh”.

Section – II

1. A. Clustering is a technique that is used for gathering known information about a specific topic. Use the clustering technique to create a mind map on one of the following topics. **(4 marks)**

‘Experiential learning’ as discussed by Kiran Bir Sethi in her TED Talk

OR

‘Education beyond the classroom’ as discussed by Bunker Roy in his TED Talk

B. After you have prepared a mind map, write a paragraph on the same topic in 100-150 words. Underline the main idea and the topic sentence of the paragraph. **(6 marks)**

2. Read the text below and answer the questions.

Earning a degree with good grades is considered the primary goal of college education. Social skills are often seen as an add-on, and not as fundamental to success. However, there is growing acceptance of the fact that social skills are as essential as intellectual development, academic learning and career achievement. Healthy socializing could maximise learning and even result in reduced problem behaviours.

Freshmen at college should remember that making time to get to know people is not slacking, but an opportunity for socializing. Developing a real-life network of friends and associates is a necessity. Working in isolation for long hours, pulling all-nighters all alone while cramming for exams or trying to get a project in before the deadline, could affect your cognitive ability, thinking speed and memory. Even if you know your course material thoroughly, explaining a concept to someone else could offer a fresh perspective. Besides associating with your peers for academic purposes, you could forge strong and lasting friendships with fellow students. _____

As you learn, develop and hone your academic and career skills, you could also use time at college to build your socializing skills. Listening to others, taking turns while speaking with others, following instructions, complying with rules, ignoring distractions while working on a task, asking for and offering help, getting along with others, maintaining composure during interactions that may not be pleasant, being accountable for one's behavior – these are some social skills that have been widely accepted as desirable. Interestingly, what the human society values as fundamental social behavior, is more or less the same across the globe. So, invest your time wisely in learning to identify, acknowledge and appreciate your own as well as others' strengths, and help create a learning environment that is collaborative. _____

3. Identify the main parts of the text by answering the STRAP questions about it. (2 marks)
2. What is the overall main idea of the text? Write it in your own words. (2 marks)
3. What is the main idea of paragraph 2? Write it in your own words. (1 mark)
4. What types of supporting details are used in paragraph 2? (1 mark)
5. Write a concluding sentence for paragraph 2 and paragraph 3. (4 marks)