**Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani**

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**BITS F112 Technical Report Writing**

**Assignment 1 (Open Book)**

**MM: 30 Duration: 30 mins Date: 09/09/2017**

**Name: ID: Section:**

**Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes and illegible handwriting. Answer only in the space provided.**

Questions 1 to 4 are a few examples of not-so-effective writing. In each of the questions, first identify the "ineffective" part, then name its type, and finally, rewrite to make it effective.

1a. As neighbors, we live in close proximity of each other, and can easily collaborate together on the project. (redundancy) 1+2=3

Soln: As neighbors, we can easily collaborate on the project.

1b. He arrived at the party in a combustion engine driven piece of technology with four wheels just after 4 hours to midnight. (circumlocution) 1+2=3

Soln: He arrived at the party in a car just after 8 pm.

2a. The Manager asked for improving the marketing strategy and to introduce attractive schemes for enticing more customers. (parallelism) 1+1=2

Soln: The Manager asked for improving the marketing strategy and introducing attractive schemes to entice more customers.

2b. The present study on *Pollution in India* includes the following: 1+4=5

a.       An Introduction

b.       Different types of Pollution that exist

c.       It covers the causes of Pollution

d.       Suggestion for pollution control.

Soln: The present study *Pollution in India* includes the following:

a.       Introduction

b**.**      Types

c.       Causes

d.      Suggestions

3. Pedagogy revolves around out of box thinking so that the protege zeroes in on to reach the acme. The pedagogue visualizes performance-driven cohorts through fruitful deliberations; however, such arguments should not be exasperating farrago of distortions and misinterpretations. (jargons and difficult words) 1+6=7

Soln: The teaching focuses on creativity so that students put effort to achieve success. The teacher wants the activities that involve students for positive discussions but not get them  in worthless arguments.

4. Today I was on housekeeping duty. In the morning I washed her car with the grease all over it. Then in the afternoon, as I gave her cat food, the little boy hit our watchman with an umbrella. 1+3=4

There are **three instances of ambiguity** here:

... washed her car with the grease all over it...

... gave her cat food ...

... hit our watchman with an umbrella ...

Soln: Today I was on housekeeping duty. I washed her car in the morning to remove the grease. In the afternoon, when I was giving food to her cat, the little boy used an umbrella to hit our watchman.

5. Identify the foreign words in the given passage and write down the corresponding English words that keep the meaning of the original passage intact. There is no need to rewrite the entire passage. 1.5x4=6

Not all of Branson’s big ideen have been successful. Virgin Airlines and Virgin Mobile are now buque insignia brands for Branson, but remember Virgin Cola? With big risks come big, public failures. Branson has a follow-up secret to success: determination even when failure seems necesse.

“If you have enough determination.... It’s more likely that you will succeed because of what you learned from the occasions when you didn’t succeed," Branson said. “The most important thing is to not be put off by defectum.”

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| **Foreign word** | **Origin** | **Meaning** | **Word or phrase in lieu** |
| *ideen* | German | a thought or suggestion as to a possible course of action. | Idea, plan, proposals, proposition |
| *buque insignia* | Spanish | the best or most important thing owned or produced by a particular organization. | flagship |
| necesse | Latin | certain to happen | Unavoidable, inevitable |
| defectum | Latin | lack of success | failure |