

PURBANCHAL UNIVERSITY

2015

B.E. (Computer/E&C/Electrical)/First Semester/Final

Time: 03:00 hrs.

Full Marks: 80 /Pass Marks: 32

BEG105SH: Communicative English (New Course)

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer ALL questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 8

The development and widespread use of computer technology and the internet have transformed how we communicate, how business is conducted, how information is dispersed, and how society is organized. Prior to approximately 1980, in-depth information about any one subject matter was attained through laborious research involving countless visits to libraries and via repeated interviews with persons of known reputation and reputable expertise. Now, a great deal of information is available at the click of a mouse button, all attainable from within the confines of one's own home or from the use of a computer in an office. Previous labor intensive support jobs, such as loading and unpacking of trucks, luggage handling at airports, and food manufacturing, once performed by a large middle-class workforce, are now performed routinely by robots which are monitored by computer-controlled systems. Our lives have been simplified by the advent of computer and internet technologies, but likewise these benefits which have been ushered in by the technology revolution have had an adverse affect on the core of our interpersonal-relationships. Mere communication is no longer via postal mail or face-to-face contact, but rather via electronic email, personal internet message boards, and by virtue of hand-held personal electronic assistants. Although computer technology has brought us to within a mouse click of any sought-

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after piece of information, this technology boom has sequestered us to the confines of our computer desks and homes and has removed us away from those traditional settings where personal and communication skills are developed.

Questions:

- (a) What is the effect of the advent of computer technology?
- (b) What would author agree to?
- (c) How are previous labor intensive support jobs performed now?
- (d) What is the primary purpose of the passage?

2. Answer any two of the following: 2×10=20

- (a) Write a critical summary of 'The Mother of a Traitor'.
- (b) Write a request letter to your boss asking for improving the conditions of your work place.
- (c) As Personal Manager of a company based in Kathmandu you have participated in a three day seminar recently held in Pokhara. Write a memo to the people under you in your company.

3. What do you mean by technical talk? Describe any six fundamentals of effective speaking. 2+6

4. Answer any TWO of the following: 8+8

- (a) What are the major components of a seminar paper? Discuss them briefly.
- (b) Write a description of the landscape view of your birthplace as seen from your own living room.
- (b) Prepare a notice along with agenda for an annual meeting of the club you are involved in.

5. Write an essay on the importance of internet to a scientific research. 10

6. Write short notes on any TWO: 4+4

- (a) Coherence in writing
- (b) Description writing
- (c) Importance of Group Discussion

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7. Mark the primary stress on the following words: 2.5
management, headmaster, illustrate, capability, remark.

8. Supply appropriate prepositions in the following sentences: 2.5

(a) She is not sitting his desk but his arm chair.

(b) This cloth takes a lot of water.

(c) These two people are falling nowadays

(d) The explosives go when ignited.

9. Change the voice: 5

(a) They had already posted the letter.

(b) What do you mean by it?

(c) Please help the needy.

(d) This can never be accomplished.

(e) You can pursue the day that.

