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MODEL EXAM - II - June 2021

Subject : Technical English

Code : HS8251

Branch : COMMON TO B.E/B.TECH

Sem : II

DURATION : 3 hours

MAX MARKS: 100

PART - A (10 X 2 = 20 Marks)

1.	Fill in the blanks with the most suitable sequence words. We went to our hometown _____. _____, we visited the temples nearby.	(2)	U,AP	CO2
2.	Fill in the blanks with the most suitable sequence words. _____, you need to boil the milk. Add coffee powder as required _____. _____ add sugar to taste. _____ your coffee is ready to taste.	(2)	U,AP	CO2
3.	Embed a suitable clause in the blank given and complete the sentence. Andy, _____, is a great batsman.	(2)	R, U, An & Ap	CO2
4.	Embed a suitable clause in the blank given and complete the sentence. Corona, _____, has taught us a lot about life.	(2)	R, U, An & Ap	
5.	Complete the following conditional sentences. If you had invited him, _____	(2)	R, U, An & Ap	CO2
6.	Complete the following conditional sentences. Farmers will not suffer _____.	(2)	R, U, An & Ap	CO2
7.	Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject. Daniel, as well as his friends, _____ (is/are) in the stadium.	(2)		

8.	Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject. A group of students _____ (is/are) approaching us.	(2)		
9.	Choose the correct word that has the same relationship as the pair on the left. book : knowledge :: sun : _____ a. hot b. weather c. light d. water	(2)	R, U, AP	CO3
10.	Choose the correct word that has the same relationship as the pair on the left. fruit : juice :: stone : _____ a. Sculpture b. sheet c. islands d. coal	(2)	R, U, AP	CO3
PART - B (5 X 16 = 80 Marks)				
11.	<p>Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:</p> <p>Farmers have progressed in many other parts of the world yet they are languishing in this country. Despite decades of industrial development, about 600 million Indians, or roughly half the population, depend on growing crops or rearing animals to earn a living . The country still relies on imports of essential items, such as pulses and cooking oil. Almost half of the average Indian household's expenditure is on food, an important factor behind inflation. Food security at the micro level remains elusive. The global development experience, especially of the BRICS countries, reveals that one percentage point growth in agriculture is at least two or three times more effective in reducing poverty than the same degree of growth emanation from the non-agriculture sector.</p> <p>Of late, the woes of the farmer have exacerbated. Untimely rain damaged winter crops in northern India. The heat wave killed more than 2000 people – mostly working in the fields. Suicides by farmers, owing to the low price of their produce, are almost a recurrent tragedy. There is general concern over the monsoon; patchy or inadequate rainfall can spell disaster. Low productivity is a chronic problem because of the shrinking size of the cultivated plots. Two-grain harvest a year are fairly routine. But the yields are low by global standards. The policy message for reforming agricultures is very clear. The areas which merit urgent incentive and institutions. We need to rationalize and prune input subsidies. The savings, thus generated, should be invested in agriculture – Research and development at rural roads, rural education, irrigation and water works.</p> <p>Higher levels of investment in agriculture both by the public and</p>	(16)	U,AN	CO3

	<p>private sector can yield much better results. Policy makers must be bold to Bite the bullet and drastically cut subsidies which will open the avenue for increasing the size of the public investment. One way to contain the subsidy bill is to provide subsidies directly to farmers. Private investment is the engine of agriculture growth. Again, it responds to incentives. Much of the adverse impact on incentives comes from strangulating the domestic market under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA) 1955. This law allows the state to restrict movement of agro-products across state boundaries. Furthermore, the law bans the storage of large quantities of any of the 90 commodities, including onions and wheat. The intention is to deter 'hoarding', but it has adversely effected investment in cold storages and warehouses. Therefore, a substantial quantity of crops rots before they reach the dining table.</p> <p>A) Choose the right answer for the given questions: (7x1=7)</p> <p>1) Which of the following sectors is sluggish in our country compared to the others?</p> <p>a) Industrial sector b) Agricultural sector c) Private sector d) Technological sector</p> <p>2) According to the passage which of the following is an important factor behind inflation?</p> <p>a) Progress of middle class b) Expenditure on food by household c) Low agricultural productivity d) irrational fertilizer subsidy</p> <p>3) How is Essential Commodities Act (ECA) 1955 counterproductive for the farmers?</p> <p>A) This demotivates investments in the cold storages and warehouses b) Free movement of goods in the entire country is regulated c) This encourages hoarding of non-essential commodities a) Only (A) B) Only (B) c) Only (A) and (B) d) all (A), (B), and (C)</p> <p>4) Which of the following is a cause of low production in India?</p> <p>a) Lack of agricultural land b) Lesser technological expertise c) Lack of HYV seeds d) Lack of irrigation facility</p> <p>5) What has been suggested by the author for reforming agriculture?</p> <p>A) Rationalizing subsidies b) Providing subsidies directly to the farmer's bank accounts c) Scrapping ECA 1955. d) all of the</p>			
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	<p>above</p> <p>6) What areas do not merit concentrated attention in regulation agriculture?</p> <p>a) Institution b) Investment</p> <p>c) Incentive d) Subsidies</p> <p>7) Which of the following is a matter of annoyance for farmers in northern India?</p> <p>a) Loss of fertility b) Much damage caused due to unseasonal rainfall</p> <p>c) Soil erosion d) drastic cut in subsidies</p> <p>B) Choose the right meaning for the given word/phrase:</p> <p>(5x1=5)</p> <p>1) The line 'Of late, the woes of the farmers have exacerbated' means?</p> <p>a) The misery of farmers have intensified in recent times</p> <p>b) The worry of farmers have been in standstill in recent times</p> <p>c) The problems of farmers have improved in present times</p> <p>d) The issue of farmers have sorted in these days.</p> <p>2) What does the phrase 'bite the bullet' in the passage mean?</p> <p>a) Accept criticism b) Force yourself to do something difficult</p> <p>c) Confront someone who oppose you d) Volunteer to help others</p> <p>3) When someone is 'hoarding something' , it means</p> <p>A) Signpost b) Billboard</p> <p>c) Accumulate food or other items d) Grab food or other items</p> <p>4) The word 'languishing' in the first paragraph means</p> <p>A) Suffering b) Working</p> <p>c) Flourishing d) Farming</p> <p>5) When you 'strangulate the domestic market'. It means you</p> <p>a) Help the domestic market grow b) Tax the domestic market</p> <p>c) Obstruct the domestic market d) Transport the domestic market to other states</p> <p>C) Say True or False: (4x1=4)</p> <p>1) Farmers in India are doing well in their profession</p> <p>2) The highest expenses spent by a common man in India is for his food.</p> <p>3) Essential commodities Act has helped a lot address the problems faced by farmers.</p> <p>4) Private investments would help in the growth of agricultural growth.</p>			
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12.a	As the secretary of Prime attires Ltd draft the minutes of the monthly executive committee meeting. The following items were on the agenda: A new storeroom should be built for the company. Improving the sales.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
	OR			
12.b	Assume that you attended a meeting of your college environmental club. Write the minutes of the meeting. Give details of the date, time, venue, members who attended, topics discussed, and the resolutions adopted in your minutes.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
13.a	Write an email of complaint to the manager of a bank about the problems you face in using your ATM card.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
	OR			
13.b	Write an email to your brother advising him to concentrate on gaining knowledge during online classes.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
14.a	Write a set of eight recommendations to eradicate poverty.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
	OR			
14.b	Write a set of eight recommendations to maintain your bicycle.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
15.a	Write a report on a fire accident that occurred in your company. Write suitable recommendations so that such incidents do not occur in future.	(16)	U,AP	CO2
	OR			
15.b	Your college administration wants some insights on how to increase the effectiveness of recycling waste on campus. As a student advisor you have been asked to conduct a survey on students and present the findings in a report. Write a report that you would submit to the Dean.	(16)	U,AP	CO2