

**FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — APRIL, 2017**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I**

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

[Time : 3 hours]

(Maximum marks : 100)

**PART — A**

**Marks**

Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :

I “If you don’t know how to fix it, please stop breaking it !”

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| (a) Who is the speaker ?            | 1 |
| (b) Whom does she call “you” here ? | 2 |
| (c) Describe the context.           | 4 |

II All hope of pleasing his father was gone. He had had his chance and he had failed.

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| (a) Who is ‘he’ in the above line ?        | 1 |
| (b) Why did he want to please his father ? | 2 |
| (c) How did he fail ?                      | 4 |

III “I have no time for foreigners who act too clever.”

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| (a) Who is the speaker ?         | 1 |
| (b) Who are the foreigners ?     | 2 |
| (c) What did the foreigners do ? | 4 |

IV His purpose was to defend such areas as are generally attacked during scholastic punishments.

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| (a) Who is being referred to here ? | 1 |
| (b) How did he defend himself ?     | 2 |
| (c) Explain the context.            | 4 |

## PART — B

V 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :

- (a) Town planning should ensure an efficient ..... system.  
(endangered, sewage, subtle)
- (b) Stars are ..... during daytime.  
(vanish, shining, invisible)
- (c) The company agreed to give ₹ 1000 ..... to all employees.  
(corporal, apiece, girdle)
- (d) The Government decided to set up an atomic plant in an ..... place.  
(isolated, general, populated)
- (e) The old lady looked very weak and .....  
(enhanced, haggard, ingenious)

(5 × 1 = 5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context :

- (a) John found it difficult to keep up with his father who was walking at a **brisk** pace.  
(quick, safe, poisonous)
- (b) Even though Harry had a good job and family, he **yearned** for more.  
(desired, silent, destroyed)
- (c) After the final exam, students felt as though an **enormous** burden has been lifted from their minds.  
(huge, tiring, tall)
- (d) Most people feared the ruler as his punishments were **severe**.  
(happy, mild, cruel)

(4 × 1 = 4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences :

- (a) Mother asked Remya to pass the table
- (b) Do you take a plan to visit the zoo.

(2 × 1 = 2)

4. (a) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence :

Some mischievous boys were throwing stones at dogs.

- (b) Fill up the blank with an antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence :

Rohan thought he had **sufficient** money but it was ..... (2 × 1 = 2)



- VI 1. The following passage has some errors. They are given in bold letters. Rewrite the passage by replacing them with the correct words :

These days, **much** people do not see **a** moral angle of their actions. **He** believe that their actions have only social or economic consequences. **As** this thinking is not correct.

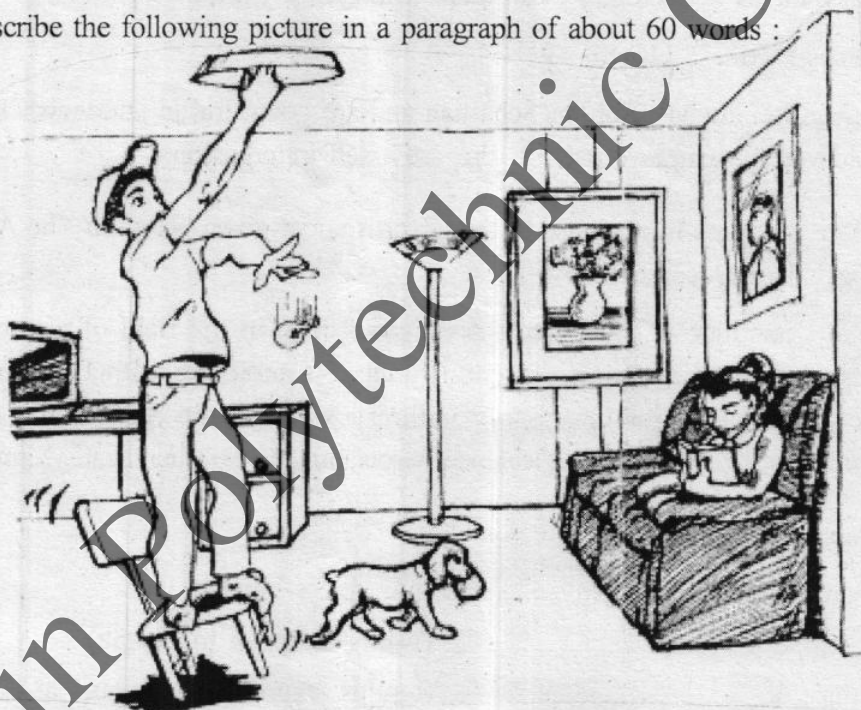
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2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets :

The hyena is an .....(inefficient, aggressive) hunter. Wild animals such as zebras and deers are the hyena's ..... (friends, enemies). Hyenas have ..... (fierce, force) jaws. They have a powerful set of teeth which is a ..... (terror, terrifying) prospect. They boast of ..... (cunning, easy) hunting tactics.

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3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph of about 60 words :



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4. Rewrite the following passage by correcting the errors :

Amitabh Bachchan **has** one of the greatest actors of this country **is** produced. His fluency, gift of timing and his command over the language **were** unparalleled. Even now, he **continued** to be a popular actor. He **will be declared** as the "Actor of the Millenium" by the BBC Poll.

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5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean :

QUEUE PLEASE

NO ADMISSION

DON'T WALK ON GRASS

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## PART — C

- VII Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion :

**Uniform is necessary in colleges**

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- VIII Read the details of Ms. Shruthi Sebastian.

Name : Shruthi Sebastian

Lives in : Delhi

Education : Completed B. Tech in Computer Engineering

Additional qualification : MBA in Systems Management

Strengths : Hardworking, ambitious, reliable

Achievements : Secretary - Computer Club, Best Dancer in Arts Fest

Hobbies : Music, Dance

Imaging you are Ms. Shruthi Sebastian and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself ? Prepare a self introduction.

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- IX Prepare a resume in response to the advertisement given below in The Anand Samachar of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Signal Clearance Association, a prestigious firm in the field of electrical engineering requires Management Trainees. Candidates with Diploma in Electrical/Electronics may apply within a week to the Senior Manager, Recruitment Section, Signal Clearance Association, VI/B, Churchgate, Mumbai.

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- X Complete the dialogue as directed :

Rohan : Hello, ..... (introduces himself)

..... (wants to speak to Seema)

Seema : ..... (replies, expresses happiness at the call)

Rohan : I just called to know ..... (asks about fancy dress competition in her school)

Seema : It is ..... (gives date, time and venue).

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- XI Write a paragraph on any one of the following :

(a) Rainwater Harvesting

(b) Youth and their Fight Against Drugs.

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- XII (a) Your friend is confused about courses for higher studies. Write a conversation with a minimum of 6 exchanges, giving him/her proper advice.

OR



- (b) The Welfare Manager of Cosmopolitan Electronics Company wants to issue a memo regarding comprehensive insurance packages to all employees. They have to submit their medical report card, family details and recent photo. Prepare the memo.

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- XIII - You need to make a presentation on Sparrows. Prepare three slides based on the information given below :

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. They can be found almost everywhere where there are humans. There are many different species of sparrows. They are only about four to six inches in length. People appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their small, yet well built nests using twigs, grass and plant fibres in low places - usually on the ground, low trees or in bushes. Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots and hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female sparrows care for the young. Newly hatched sparrows are fed insects and worms. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds and use their feet to scratch them. Sparrows bath in dust, water or snow. Unfortunately, sparrows have now become a disappearing species. Their numbers are declining across the natural range. Scientists and experts say that severe changes in the urban ecosystem in recent times have had a tremendous impact on the population of sparrows. Mobile tower radiation and excessive use of chemical fertilizers are aggravating the problem.

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