

**FIRST SEMESTER B.E. (ECE, COE, ICE, MPA, ME, IT & BT)  
B.E. MID SEM. EXAMINATION, SEPT-2016  
ENGLISH I FC 005**

Time: 1:30 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 25

Attempt ALL questions

Q1 Answer in brief the following questions in about 60 words each:

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(a) Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection.

or

It is interesting to describe a launch vehicle anthropomorphically.

(b) In between on that piece of ground that had no name, lay Toba Tek Singh.

or

When she was a child, she wept when she saw her father; when she'd grown up, tears still flowed from her eyes.

(c) She has adopted his surname but refuses, for propriety's sake, to utter his first.

or

That he would be reading a book the moment he died.

Q2 Answer the following questions in your own words in 90-100 words each:

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(a) Describe the scene at the Wagah Border

or

Give an account of the lunatic asylum in 'Toba Tek Singh'.

(b) Bring out the significance of "three lives by thirty" with reference to Chapter One of The Namesake

or

Describe the importance of the train accident in Ashoke's life.

(c) What is the meaning and significance of the lines:

"If you want to leave your footprints  
On the sands of time  
Do not drag your feet"

or

Describe Rameshwaram and Jallaluddin. In what ways did they influence Kalam?

Q3 Summarize the following passage and write a paragraph, in around 80 words. Provide a suitable title.

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As we congratulate Sakshi Malik, the bronze medallist at Rio Olympics, we should devote some time to introspect on what her success means to Indian society and sporting culture. Her state Haryana celebrates its champions with awards and accolades. However Sakshi's achievement goes beyond the borders of Haryana. Sakshi is India's champion now, just like Dipa Karmakar is, just like PV Sindhu or Abhinav Bindra or several other athletes who have defied the odds to do well. They have done so despite officialdom and the many factors which pull them down rather than push them forward. The bureaucracy in Indian sports is infamous for its apathy, its lack of application and its focus more on administrators rather than on sportspersons. Sakshi and Dipa are examples of the fact that champions make themselves. It must be asked that if they could get this far, largely on their

own steam, how much better they would have done had they had the proper inputs in the form of scientific training, nutrition and encouragement.  
(The Hindustan Times, August 19th, 2016)

Q4 Make sentences with any two of the following pairs of words to bring out the difference in the meaning: 4

sever, severe

amiable, amicable

preserve, persevere

deceased, diseased

or

Make sentences with any four of the following words:

oppress, propitiate, emulate, obsolescence, impasse, vulnerable, taut

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Q5 Punctuate the following passage:

he did not hear his brothers and sisters laughing on the rooftop or see the tiny dusty cluttered room in which his grandfather read read all the russians and then reread them his grandfather had said they will never fail you

or

Rewrite the words spelt incorrectly: (any four)

Disboleif, arguement, , retriye, prefered, circuitry, indiscretion

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