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II/IV B.Tech (Regular/Supplementary) DEGREE EXAMINATION

August, 2021
Fourth Semester
Time: Three Hours

Common to CE, CSE, EIE and ME

Technical English

Maximum: 50 Marks

Answer Question No. 1 Compulsorily.

(10X1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ANY ONE question from each Unit.

(4X10=40 Marks)

1. a) Fill in the blank with appropriate verb form given in brackets.
In the mornings we usually ----- (go) to gym CO1
- b) Fill in the blank with appropriate verb form given in brackets.
Last year I ----- (spend) my holidays in Singapore. CO1
- c) Fill in the blank with appropriate verb form given in brackets.
When (you, be) ----- back? CO2
- d) Write 'one-word substitute' for the following:
A person who believes in God. *believer* CO2
- e) Write 'one-word substitute' for the following:
The short remaining part of a cigarette. *filter* CO1
- f) Write 'one-word substitute' for the following:
A tendency to favour one's relatives. *bias* CO3
- g) Write the meaning of the following corporate vocabulary.
Eminent CO3
- h) Write the meaning of the following corporate vocabulary.
Laudable CO3
- i) State whether the following statement is true or false.
Email writing is informal and no grammatical rules are required to be observed while composing it. CO4
- j) State whether the following statement is true or false.
Since an urgent email requires immediate attention, we must choose to write the entire text in capital letters. CO4

Unit - I

2. a) Provide appropriate transitional words/phrases so as to make the following paragraphs coherent. CO1
However, In addition, Overall, Moreover, Furthermore, For example

If I have to choose one thing that is important in my life, it is my notebook computer. It is an Acer notebook running Windows 7. It's a fairly cheap notebook that I bought about four years ago. It's black and thin and has rounded edges that are soft and smooth when you pick it up. It's also light enough for me to carry in my backpack. 1 _____, it can do nearly everything I need it to do. 2 _____, I can create documents, design new pages on my website, make recordings and download TV shows. 3 _____ many files I have saved for my work, it contains a lot of photos and music. 4 _____, it's not a perfect computer. It crashed a few years ago and since then it's been much slower. 5 _____, it has downloaded some programs that I hate. I don't know how to get rid of them. 6 _____ though, this computer is pretty reliable, convenient and allows me to work anywhere I go. Put the transitions in the appropriate places.

3M

- b) Write a formal letter of invitation to the MLA of your constituency requesting him/her to be the chief guest on the inaugural function of the newly formed cooperative society of your locality. Assume yourself to be the secretary of the cooperative society. Invent necessary details. CO1

7M

(OR)

3. a) Choose the alternative that best expresses the meaning of the given idiom. CO1
1. To spill the beans
a. To misbehave b. To great obstructions c. To keep secrets
d. To reveal secret information
2. To talk through one's hat
a. To speak fluently b. To talk nonsense c. To talk wisely
d. To speak randomly
3. To talk one's head off
a. To shout loudly b. To talk in whispers c. To talk to oneself
d. To talk excessively
- b) Assuming yourself to be a student who aspires to join the communication skills advancement programme offered by Oxbridge Institute of English and Communication Skills, New Delhi. Draft an email seeking the relevant information such as the duration of the programme, course fee, batch timings, quality of the material used and the type of audio - visual aids to be employed by the institute in the programme. Invent the other necessary details. CO1

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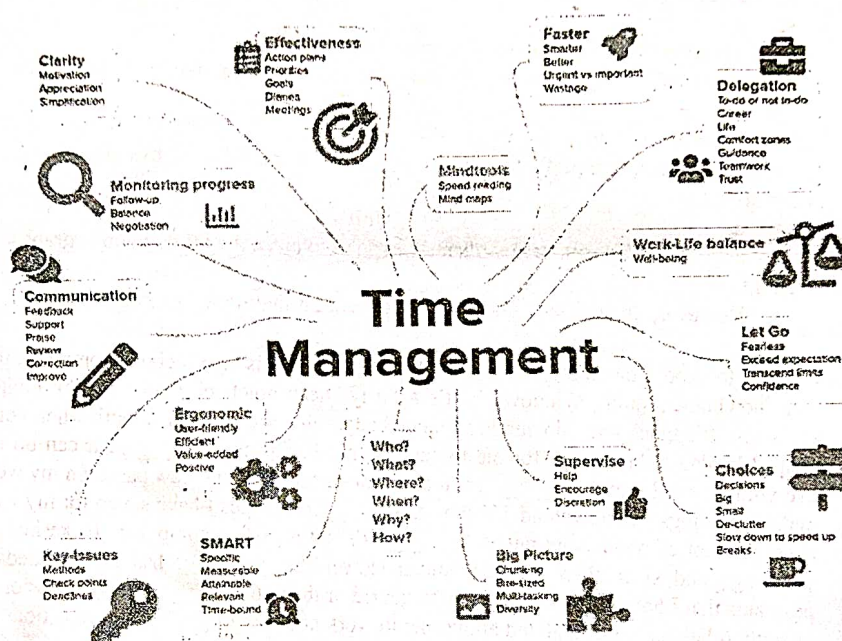
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Unit – II

4. a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. CO2
- The speaker of the house ----- (finish) her term in May next year.
 - The sociologist ---- (examine) the effects that racial discrimination has on society.
 - The explorer --- (explain) the latest discovery regarding pyramids in Egypt in his research. 3M
- b) Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are Amrutha, a reporter of The National Herald. Write a report in 100-125 words on how the ban is being ignored and what damage the indiscriminate use of plastic bags is causing to the environment. CO2 7M
- (OR)
5. a) Answer the following analogies. CO2
- falling : gravitation :: collapse : _____
 - violence : activity :: melancholy : _____
 - scribble : write :: stammer : _____
- a. Balloon b. Electricity c. Pressure d. Destruction 3M
- a. Evening b. Cruelty c. Mood d. Silence
- a. walk b. play c. dance d. speak
- b) Write a dialogue between a father and son. Here the son seeks permission for going on a motorcycle excursion with his friends from Bombay to Goa and the father is not willing to allow him. CO2 7M

Unit – III

6. a) Provide full form of the following abbreviations. CO3
- e.g. i) UGC ii) ATM iii) HIV 3M
- b) Infer the following diagram and write your analysis CO3 7M



- (OR)
7. a) Describe, giving necessary details, the following locations visited by you: CO3
- A vegetable market in your township 3M
- b) 1. Write a memo to your office supervisor explaining him/her why you are coming late to the office. CO3
2. Write a circular informing your employees about the revised working hours of the company. 7M

Unit – IV

8. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions. CO4
- Man is a symbol-making animal. The proudest and the most dangerous product of this symbol-making habit is language. In the first place, language is the main cohesive force within a given ethnic group, but at the same time it acts as a repellent force between different groups. There exist around three to four thousand human languages, and this seems to be one of the main reasons why disruptive forces have always dominated the forces of cohesion in our species as a whole. The stammering barbarian whose foreign tongue sounds like gibberish was never considered by the ancient Greeks to be fully human, and the same divisive forces are at work to this day between inhabitants of neighboring Alpine British upper and lower classes with their different accents.
- In the second place, quite apart from the diversity of vocabulary, the abstractive, concept-forming, categorizing power of language enables man to formulate conflicting doctrines and belief systems.

3M

1. What role does language play in a group?
 2. How are belief systems formulated?
 3. What was the attitude of the Greeks towards the barbarians?
 4. What role does language play between groups?
 5. Summarize the above passage in 25 words.
 6. Give a suitable title to the passage.
- b) Assuming that you have the required qualifications and skills for the post advertised, draft job application letter.

CO4

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(OR)

9. a) Make the sentences more emphatic by rewriting them, beginning with the word(s) in brackets.

CO4

1. They've done something unforgivable. (What)

2. I came by bus because my car has broken down. (The reason)

3M

3. A second chance is the only thing I want. (All)

- b) Imagine that you are a B.Tech graduate from IIT, Bombay. With reference to the advertisement given in The Hindu, apply for the post of an Assistant Professor at a university, A.P. Now draft your resume for the above post.

CO4

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