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SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — MARCH, 2016

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

[*Time* : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

Marks

I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :

1. "Son, I thank you. Nobody ever did a nicer thing."

   (a) Identify the speaker.   1

   (b) Why does he thank him ?   2

   (c) What prompted the son to do such a nice thing ?   4

2. "I at last saw him. He was in a taxi driving east along piccadilly."

   (a) Who is the speaker ?   1

   (b) Whom did he see ?   2

   (c) Describe the context.   4

3. "With this equipment they all began,
    So start for the top and say "I can.""

   (a) Who is 'they' here ?   1

   (b) What is the 'equipment' referred to here ?   2

   (c) What advice does the poet give ?   4

4. "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

   (a) Whose words are these ?   1

   (b) What did he fail in ?   2

   (c) Describe how his invention changed history.   4

PART — B

II 1. The discovery of fire was as important as the discovery of electricity.

   (a) Change this stagement into a question.

   (b) Find the subject of the sentence.   (2×1=2)

2. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the missing gaps.

   (a) John knows how to .... a horse. (drive, ride)

   (b) The .... should carefully fill in the form. (applicant, application)

                                                                                       (2×1=2)

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3. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.

    (a)   Anand is the place. Amul was established here.

    (b)   GPS is a device. It is used to find our location.   (2×1=2)

4. Your friend has trouble repairing his computer. Write two sentences offering her help.   (2×1=2)

5. "You can triumph and come to skill,
   You can be great if only you will ......"
   Write two sentences advising your younger brother to succeed in the exams.   (2×1=2)

6.

> **bright** adj.
> 1. giving out or reflecting much light, shining
> 2. intelligent and quick-witted
> 3. the action of giving, distributing
>
> **brightly** adv.
> **brightness** n.

    (i)   What is the adverb of the word 'bright' ?

    (ii) 'Hawkin is a bright personality.' Here the meaning of 'bright' is ....

    (iii) Use 'brightness' in a sentence of your own.

    (iv) To which part of speech does 'brightly' belong ?   (4×1=4)

7. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English).

    (a) / skuːl /   (b) / brʌðə /

    (c) / θɪŋk /   (d) / breɪn /   (4×1=4)

III 1. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box given below.

trials	hastily	triumphs	longed	thronged	ushered

    (a) I .... packed my bag since the bus was about to come.

    (b) The waiter .... us to a table.

    (c) People .... in large numbers to see the circus.

    (d) Truth alone ....   (4×1=4)

2. Pick out the word that is different from the others in meaning.

    (a) hybrid   combination   mixture   nature

    (b) detect   narrate   tell   recite

    (c) visible   vague   clear   evident

    (d) suggest   offer   prefer   propose   (4×1=4)

3. The following sentence has 4 spelling errors. Correct and rewrite the passage.

   Dear friends, **tommorow** (1)   we are going to **inaugrate** (2)
   the new **bilding** (3) in our **collage** (4).   (4×1=4)

4. Each line contains an error. Correct the error and write them down.

   The internet **was** used today across the world.   1. ....
   Any **informations** we require can be.   2. ....
   Access without any difficulty   3. ....
   We just **needs** to type in and search   4. ....   (4×1=4)

5. Use the passive voice.

   (a)   The house .... a month ago. (paint)

   (b)   Newspapers .... usually in the morning. (read)

   (c)   Results .... at the end of this year. (announce)

   (d)   Prem .... a dog yesterday. (bite)   (4×1=4)

6. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph.

   Vijay : Hi ! Have you seen the new movie ?

   Vikas : I haven't seen it. It must be very interesting.

   Vijay : The action is great. How sad you haven't seen !

   Vikas : Thank you, I will definitely watch it.

   Vijay met Vikas, greeted him and asked him .... (1). Vikas replied
   that .... (2) and hoped that it must be very interesting. Vijay replied
   that the action was great and that .... (3). Vikas thanked him and
   said that .... (4)   (4×1=4)

PART — C

IV   Describe the person whom you admire the most. Give attention to his/her physical
     appearance, character and so on.   5

V   You had purchased a laptop computer through an online marketing site. You find
     that the product is not of the specifications you had asked for. Send an email to
     the customer care requesting for a replacement.   5

VI   Read the process given below about fixing the car battery and rewrite it in the
     format given in the help box. Use appropriate linkers.

     Disconnect the negative battery cable using a wrench. Separate the positive cable
     similarly. Remove the battery hold-down clamp. Place parts and fasteners in a safe
     place. Take out the battery. Install the new battery and secure with retainer. wipe
     down the new battery with a soft cloth.

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     │ Begin like this : First, the negative battery cable is disconnected using a wrench. │
     │ Then, the positive cable is also similarly separated ....   │
     └───┘   5

Marks

VII Write a letter to your class tutor requesting her to permit you to participate in the Energy Conference to present a paper on Energy Conservation. 5

VIII The routine of an officer in the Airport Operations section is given below. Study it carefully and prepare a report.

> **9 am** : Reviews daily activities such as airport facilities, repair and maintenance, and security. **10 am** : Monitors jobs in progress ; **11 am** : Attends pre-bid conferences ; monitors jobs in progress. **12 Noon** : Checks the inventory of parts and equipment. **1.30 pm** : Drafts correspondence and responds to enquiries from various agencies. **2.30 pm** : Coordinates with Air Traffic Control Tower personnel for maintenance or safety precautions. **3.30 pm** : Checks office work such as the processing of payroll, payments etc. **4.30 pm** : Day review meeting with suboridnate staff.

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IX You are the secretary of the debate club in your college. You organized a debate on the changing reading habits of the new generation. Prepare a Vote of Thanks to be delivered on the occasion. 5

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