

SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN
ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE
(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II
MODEL QUESTION PAPER

(Time: 3 hours)

(Maximum Marks: 100)

PART A

- I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow:
He smiled and milked steadily, two strong streams rushing into the pail, frothing and fragrant.
- a. Who is the 'he' mentioned here? 1
 - b. What is the incident referred to? 2
 - c. When did he realize that his father loved him? What impact did it have on him? 4
- II "I remember no more until I found myself in a hospital at Boulogne. There I lay in a broken condition for some weeks and only a month ago did I return."
- a. Who is the narrator of the story? 1
 - b. Why was the narrator admitted to a hospital? 2
 - c. What are the three extraordinary things about the story? 4
- III "Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all that the greatest of men have had"
- a. Who wrote the poem "Equipment"? 1
 - b. "You've all that.... had." What do we have? 2
 - c. How is this poem inspirational? 4
- IV Reading at that time needed not only brainwork but also physical strength.
- a. From where did the word "paper" come? 1
 - b. Reading in ancient times needed both brainwork and physical strength. Why? 2
 - c. Why is the invention of paper considered revolutionary? 4

PART B

- V a. This Nobel prize winner was a slow learner at school.
- 1. Change the sentence into negative.
 - 2. Find the subject of the sentence.
- (2 x 1 = 2)
- b. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the missing gaps.
- 1. The _____ of the cars are to be checked regularly. (breaks, brakes)
 - 2. As the years _____ George became more like his father. (passed, past)
- (2 x 1 = 2)

- c. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.
- This is Swetha. She won the first prize for the quiz. (2 x 1 = 2)
 - I had a pet dog. It was an alsatian. (2 x 1 = 2)
- d. You want to appreciate the boy in "Somebody's Mother". Write two sentences praising the boy. (2 x 1 = 2)
- e. "We begged him to begin." How would the men at Dabney's house request the narrator to begin the story? Write two sentences with request structures. (2 x 1 = 2)
- f. Given below are dictionary entries of the word 'great'. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

great adj.

- very large
- well above average, exceptional
- very important, distinguished

greatly adv.

greatness n.

- What is the adverb of the word 'great'?
 - 'She is a person of great courage.' Here the meaning of 'great' is _____
 - Use 'greatness' in a sentence of your own.
 - To which part of speech does 'greatly' belong? (4 x 1 = 4)
- g. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English).
- / bri:ð /
 - / ʃ ɔ : t ə /
 - / l ɪ v ə /
 - / n ɔ : s / (3 x 1 = 4)
- VI a. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box given below.

Chore, sob, stammer, instances, spouses, handicap

- In 60% of the households surveyed, both _____ went out to work.
 - I find writing reports a real _____
 - There have been several _____ of violence in the city.
 - His shyness was a _____ in his job. (4 x 1 = 4)
- b. Pick out the word that is different from the others in meaning.
- sturdy plump obese lean
 - crowd mob throng sob
 - mend fix refund patch up
 - anxious eager keen mean (4 x 1 = 4)

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

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. First of all, I **extent** (1) my sincere gratitude to our chief **gest**(2). He has **recieved** (3) many awards while a student at the **polyteknic** (4).
(4 x 1 = 4)

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

The wheel is perhaps **man** greatest invention. 1. _____
Early man used big round sticks to move loads before the wheel **invented**. 2. _____
But it **is** a slow process. 3. _____
The three power sources used in the middle ages **was** all exploited 4. _____
by means of wheels.
(4 x 1 = 4)

e. Use the passive voice.

1. Ten houses _____ here last year. (build)
 2. Maize _____ in the rainy season by farmers. (sow)
 3. The job _____ by the end of next month. (complete)
 4. She _____ with the Padmashri early this year. (honour)
- (4 x 1 = 4)

f. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph.

Asha: Hi Deepa! How are you?

Deepa: Hi Asha! I'm fine.

Asha: Where are you going?

Deepa: I am going to the SNV Stores for shopping.

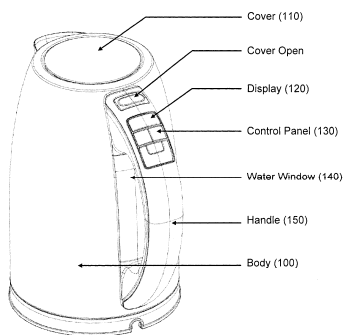
Asha: Don't go there, it is too expensive over there.

Deepa: How thoughtful of you!

Asha greeted Deepa and they exchanged pleasantries. Asha asked her _____ (1). Deepa replied _____ (2) for shopping. Asha warned her _____ (3) as it was too expensive over there. Deepa was so pleased to hear that and said _____ (4).
(4 x 1 = 4)

PART C

VII Describe the kettle shown below in about 50 words:



(Describe its use, parts, shape, size etc.)

VIII You are the purchase manager of NVF Limited. You ordered a new copy machine for your office. when it is installed, you find that the copy machine is defective. Send an email to the service centre telling them about the exact nature of the complaint.

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IX Read the process given below about making an omelette and rewrite it in the format given in the help box. Use appropriate linkers.

Beat eggs with 2 tablespoons of milk in a bowl with an egg beater. Season with salt and pepper. Heat a medium frying pan over medium flame. Add butter and spread it evenly. Pour the beaten egg into the pan. Tilt it so the egg covers the base. Cover the pan and heat till the egg is cooked. Turn it over once done. Serve with coriander leaves as topping.

Begin like this: Eggs and 2 tablespoons of milk are beaten in a bowl with an egg beater. It is seasoned with salt and pepper.

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X Write a letter to the Principal of your institution asking him to grant you leave for two days.

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XI The schedule of the daily activity of Mr.Ram, the Technical Advisor of GBZ Company is given below. Study it carefully and write a report.

9 am : Punching, register updating; **10 am**: Conducts a plan meeting; **11 am**: Checks products for delivery; **12 Noon**: Advise and clarify doubts; **1.30 pm**: Resumes work; **2 pm**: Checks payments and receipts on bank; **3 pm**: Visits factory outlets; **5 pm**: Day review meeting

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XII Imagine you are the secretary of the nature club of your college. On world environment day, you conduct a seminar on the different environmental issues and solutions. You are asked to welcome the gathering. Prepare a welcome speech to be delivered on the occasion.

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