

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE –APRIL -2021.

ENGLISH –II

(Maximum Marks : 100)

[Time : 3 hours]

PART–A

Marks

I. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Who are the main characters in the story ‘The Happy Prince’?
2. What is Gadhiji’s opinion about developing handwriting?
3. Where does the narrator in ‘The Luncheon’ meet the lady for the first time?
4. How does a wise man open his front door?
5. What reason does Thomas Hardy give for both the soldiers joining the army?

(5x2=10)

II Answer in a paragraph of about 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks.

1. (a) Narrate the story of friendship between the Prince and the swallow.

OR

(b) Comment on the images of love in the poem ‘My Grandmother’s House’.

2. (a) Briefly describe the experiences of the Republican Sniper.

OR

(b) Comment on the message of the poem ‘I Shall Not Live in Vain’.

3. (a) Narrate Gadhiji’s recollections of his school teacher.

OR

(b) Describe the futility of war with reference to the poem ‘The Man He Killed’.

4. (a) What is your impression of the lady in the story ‘The Luncheon’

OR

(b) What are the different ways of opening doors as described by Christopher

Darlington Morley?

(4x5=20)

III Choose the right answer from those given.

1. The swallow was going to

(a) England (b) Europe (c) Egypt

2. Who wrote the poem 'My Grandmother's House'?
(a) Emily Dickinson (b) Kamala Das (c) Arundhati Roy
3. A wise man opens his door with
(a) Confidence (b) Assurance (c) Humility
4. Name the restaurant where the lady and the writer met for lunch
(a) Foyot's (b) The Ritz (c) The Hilton
5. According to Gandhiji, he won scholarships because of his
(a) Knowledge (b) Merit (c) Luck
6. A door slammed is a sign of
(a) Weakness (b) Strength (c) Attitude
7. Where does the story 'The Sniper' take place?
(a) London (b) New York (c) Dublin
8. The theme of 'I Shall Not Live in Vain' is
(a) Happiness in life (b) Purpose of life (c) Sorrows in life
9. Oscar Wilde is an author
(a) American (b) English (c) Irish
10. Gandhiji wanted exemption from gymnastics because he wanted to
(a) Play with his friends (b) Go home early (c) Help his father (10x1=10)

PART-B

IV. 1. Use the correct present tense form of the verbs given in brackets.

- (a) Sanchu (be) a studious student.
- (b) Mohan normally (drink) tea. But now he (drink) a cup of coffee.
- (c) Sruthy (work) in the office for the past 12 years.
- (d) Noel (complete) the work just now.
- (e) At present, Mother (fry) chicken in the kitchen. (7x1=7)

2. (a) Use the correct past tense form of the verbs given in brackets.

- (i) Soman (read) the newspaper when I (reach) his office.
- (ii) The train (left) before we (reach) the station. (2x2=4)

(b) Rewrite using appropriate articles wherever necessary.

- (i) He was only child of rich merchant.
- (ii) We expect official enquiry into incident.
- (iii) English is language of people of England. (3x1=3)

3. (a) Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

- (i) He said, "My master is writing letters."
- (ii) "Do not waste water", the teacher said to her students.
- (iii) "Where shall I park my car?" she asked the security guard.
- (iv) He said, "What a brilliant idea!"
- (v) Gopan said "I will be in Chennai tomorrow." (5x1=5)

(b) Change into indirect speech.

- (i) My brother asked me to wait until he came back.
- (ii) He asked us whether we were happy.
- (iii) Ria said that she was building a new house. (3x1=3)

4. (a) Change into passive voice.

- (i) The Indian team won the match.
- (ii) We play football every evening.
- (iii) Manners reveal character.
- (iv) Somebody broke the window.
- (v) Gopal is cleaning the room. (5)

(b) Change into active voice.

- (i) The picture was drawn by my brother.
- (ii) The tree is being cut down by the man.
- (iii) A form will be given to you by the Manager. (3)

PART - C

V Develop the following hints into a story.

A farmer – four sons – often quarreled – farmer's advice proved useless – he placed a bundle of sticks before them – asked each to break it – all tried but failed – he untied the bundle – sticks now easily broken – Moral – United we stand (6)

VI Digital Media Private Limited, Chennai, invites applications from computer graduates/diploma holders for the post of Technician. The candidates should be below 25 years of age and should be familiar with programming languages. Prepare the following to be sent to the HR Manager.

- (i) Job application letter (5)
- (ii) Resume (5)

VII Prepare a précis of the following passage.

An important reason for the ant's success is their ability to talk – not with words, but with taste and smell. Their vocabulary is made up of a mixture of substances they produce in various parts of their bodies and emit via their glands. The so-called pheromones are signals that other ants can smell and taste. The messages they communicate set off a specific kind of behavior: fetching food, for instance, or looking after the brood or feeding the queen. Furthermore, ant-talk is not limited to food. Ants use a hundred different senses to communicate a hundred different messages. With such a sophisticated array of messenger fragrances, ants organize complicated tasks with close-to-perfect efficiency. Every ant is a specialist with a vocation of its own. The queen has one of the biggest workloads – laying eggs around the clock. Despite the presence of the queen, the ant colony is not a monarchy. From morning till night, she produces her daughters, the sterile workers of the colony. Males don't have to do much, and the queen only produces them when reproduction time is approaching. Their main job is to fertilise the winged females. After that, they die. (5)

VIII Expand the idea in the proverb into a paragraph.

1. All that glitters is not gold.

OR

2. Fortune favours the brave.

(1x5=5)

IX Attempt any one of the following.

1. Prepare a note on the passage given below

Harry Potter books are a series of fantasy novels by J.K.Rowling about a boy named Harry Potter. Since the release of the first novel, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' in 1991, these books have gained unprecedented commercial success, world wide popularity, spawning films, video games and assorted merchandise. These books have sold millions of copies and have been translated into 64 languages. Each of the seven books chronicles one year in Harry's life at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, a school of magic in London. He learns to use magic and brew potions. He also learns about many magical, social and emotional obstacles as he struggles through his adolescence. The magical world and its many fantastic elements are depicted in a very realistic manner. One of the principle themes running in these novels is the juxtaposition of the magical and the mundane, as the characters lead normal lives with normal problems, despite their magical surroundings. The books have a number of clues hidden in the narrative, while the characters move through many suspects and exotic locations. But the ending always has a twist.

OR

2. You are the secretary of the Nature Club of your college. Prepare a report of all the activities conducted during the year, especially World Environment Day celebrations to publish in the college magazine.

(1x4=4)
