

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/  
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, APRIL – 2024**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION I**

[Maximum Marks : 100]

[Time : 3 hours]

**PART – A**

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

1. “Did you have to worry about these little things when you were my age?”
  - (a) Who is the speaker? (1)
  - (b) What does ‘little things’ mean here? (2)
  - (c) Are the issues mentioned here really ‘little’? (4)
  
2. “I thought they were foreigners. And they talked funnily and looked Italian.”
  - (a) Who were the foreigners? (1)
  - (b) Why does the speaker say so? (2)
  - (c) What was the impact of this mistake? (4)
  
3. “I was told that Hitler had kept him under wraps.”
  - (a) Who was kept under wraps? (1)
  - (b) What does ‘under wraps’ mean here? (2)
  - (c) How did the man under wraps help Owens? (4)
  
4. “The editorial did not come under his eye, but instead it was greeted by one of those ingenious and specious puzzle problems.”
  - (a) Who is the ‘he’ referred to here? (1)
  - (b) What was the editorial about? (2)
  - (c) How did the newspaper help alert a strike? (4)

**PART – B**

**II. 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets:**

Environmental pollution is one of the major threats we face today. Air pollution, water pollution and sound pollution have adverse..... on the life of all living beings. .... gases like carbon monoxide and Sulphur dioxide emitted by vehicles and factories cause severe health issues. The chemicals and fertilizers that the industries discharge into the rivers, seas and canals.....water. Awareness on the need to protect our environment should be given to everybody. The use of.....substances can reduce environmental pollution to a great extent. We must act rather than think, for if not, we are heading to a final..... .  
(biodegradable, effects, toxic, catastrophe, contaminate)

**(5x1=5)**

**2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.**

- (a) Prolonged lack of rain causes severe **drought**.  
(dry weather, flood, mountain)
- (b) The beauty of the dress was **augmented** by its colour.  
(included, picked, increased)
- (c) She looked **elated** to be selected as the school captain.  
(happy, anxious, careful)
- (d) There was an **awkward** silence when he arrived.  
(clear, uneasy, enhance) (4x1=4)

**3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.**

- (a) Both teams **have** precautions against injury.
- (b) The government **made** an order issuing pension to farmers. (2x1=2)

**4. (a) Write down a synonym of the word given in bold letters.**

It is not a good practice to spread **fake** news.

- (b) Write the antonym of the word given in bold letters.

He likes **old** movies, his friend likes..... (2x1=2)

**III. 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors.**

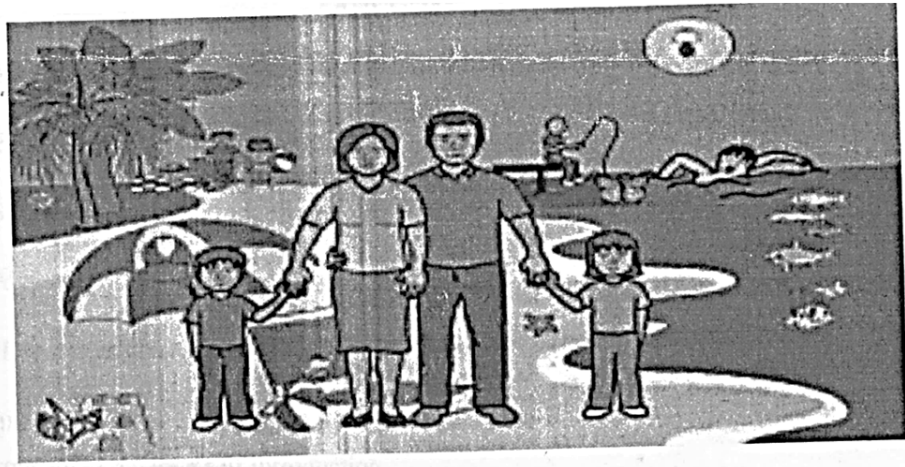
Agriculture **have** our principle source of income. Farmers **use** ancient and outdated methods for agriculture till recently. At present, they **was used** new and advanced methods **developing** through scientific research. (4x1=4)

**2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.**

Veena is an .....(elegant, informative) dancer. She has staged dance .....(performances, experiences) all over the country. She has to ..... (her, hers) credit many ..... (coveted, covered) awards. She is a very .....(compassionate, wrinkled) human being too. (5x1=5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph.

(5)



4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

I usually.....(stay) with my friend Aparna during my visits to Bunol but since she is away on vacation I ..... (stay) at another friend Aju's. My kids and Aju's ..... (play) games on their tabs. Gauri, my younger one, usually ..... (wear) cute dresses but today she .....(wear) old worn out shorts and an old top.

(5)

5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

No smoking

Don't walk on grass

No entry

(3)

### PART – C

IV. Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion.

Should physical education be made compulsory in schools?

(4)

V. Given below are the details of Ajay Gupta

Name : Ajay Gupta  
Lives in : Kochi  
Education : Completed diploma in automobile engineering  
Strengths : Hardworking, Strong communication skills, Optimistic  
Achievements : NCC cadet, have participated in various sports and athletic events.  
Hobbies : Vehicle model designing, photography, travelling.

Imagine that you are Ajay Gupta and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self introduction.

(5)

VI. Prepare a cover letter in response to the advertisement given below in *The Hindu* of June 15, 2019.

Infosys Ltd is looking for smart, young and experienced people for the post of Management

Trainees. Candidates with degree/diploma in any discipline and good communication skills may apply within a week of this notification to the HR Manager, Infosys Ltd, Bengaluru. (5)

**VII. Complete the telephone conversation as directed.**

- Radha : Hi Deepa,.....(congratulating for her first rank in B.com)  
Deepa : .....(accepting congratulations).....(invites to attend party)  
Radha : .....(denying invitation due to another appointment)  
Deepa : .....(expressing regret). Another time. (5)

**VIII. Write a paragraph on any one of the following.**

- (a) The use and abuse of social media.  
(b) Need for safe waste disposal. (6)

**IX.** (a) The General Manager of Safe tech Consultation has sent a memo to the maintenance section of Safe tech Consultation requesting them to repair computers in the purchase wing. Prepare the memo.

**OR**

- (b) Your friend Smitha wishes to visit you at your new house. Give her directions to reach the location in a conversation with a minimum of 6 exchanges. (6)

**X. Prepare three slides about the different capabilities of Helicopters using the information given below.**

Helicopters are very different from airplanes. They can do three things that airplanes cannot do. First, when airplanes move upward, they also move forward, but helicopters can move straight up without moving ahead. Secondly, Helicopters can use their rotors to hover in the air which is impossible for planes. Because helicopters can perform actions that airplanes cannot, they are used for different tasks. (6)

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