

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**  
**B.E. I - Semester (Main) Examination, December 2016**

**Subject : Engineering English**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 75**

- Note:** i) Answer all questions in Part -A and any FIVE questions from Part -B.  
 ii) Answers to the questions of Part -A must be in one place and in the same order as they occur in the question paper.  
 iii) Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

**PART – A (25 Marks)**

**I. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form choosing from the options given below:** (½ x 4=2)

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ by the rules of the organisation.  
 (a.) shall abide (b) shall abiding (c) is abiding (d) has abided
2. After they \_\_\_\_\_ areas needing improvement, they commenced their training programme.  
 (a) had identified (b) had been identified (c) indentifying (d) will be identifying
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ for you for the last two hours.  
 (a) are waiting (b) will be waiting (c) be waiting (d) have been waiting
4. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ ill since last week.  
 (a) will be (b) has been (c) is (d) was

**II. Fill in the blanks with question tags.**

(½ x 4=2)

1. They shot the film in Venice, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. They are coming tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. He works very hard, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Ravi never takes time off from work, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**III. For each word underlined choose the best Synonym from the options given:**

(½ x 4=2)

1. The rescue mission was hampered by bad weather.  
 (a) hindered (b) heightened (c) helped (d) facilitated
2. The writer remained humble despite receiving numerous accolades  
 (a) criticism (b) awards (c) accusations (d) comments
3. Soldiers are known for their fortitude.  
 (a) foretell (b) favour (c) courage (d) frank
4. That businessman was known for his philanthropic activities.  
 (a) mean (b) stingy (c) charitable (d) philately

**IV. Choose the closest Antonym for the following:**

(½ x 4=2)

1. Aggravate  
 (a) improve (b) worsen (c) intensity (d) negotiate
2. Elicit  
 (a) draw (b) illegal (c) leagal (d) inform
3. mitigate  
 (a) soften (b) support (c) harden (d) soothe
4. Solace  
 (a) relief (b) decorative (c) discomfort (d) leave

**V. Match the meaning explained in the first column with the one word substitute given in the second column.**

(½ x 4=2)

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|---|----------------|
| 1. a group of islands                   | a. archipelago |
| 2. certain to happen                    | b. stationary  |
| 3. too ready to believe what others say | c. unanimous   |
| 4. physical features of the land        | d. credulous   |
|   | e. topography  |
|   | f. Inevitable  |

**VI. Match the following idioms and their meanings.**

(½ x 4=2)

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| 1. Copycat         | a. to make the decisions                      |
| 2. Call the shots  | b. sudden and unexpected                      |
| 3. Break even      | c. shoot well                                 |
| 4. Out of the blue | d. to have income equal to expenses           |
|                    | e. one who does the something as someone else |

**VII. Convert the following sentences as directed.**

(1 x 2=2)

- They have submitted the assignments. ( Change into passive voice)
- The players said, "Wow! We have won the match."( Change into indirect speech)

**VIII. Rewrite the sentences as directed.**

(1x 2=2)

- She bought a purse. The purse was very expensive  
(Combine the two sentences into a complex sentence)
- She performs well in her duties but she is not regular.  
(Change into a simple sentence)

**IX. Note: Write short notes on each of the following :**

(1 x 4 =4)

- Formal communication
- Sam Pitroda's message to students
- Unity in a paragraph.
- Duality of structure as a feature of human communication.

**PART - B**

- What is the significance of communication in professional life? Describe the process of communication.
- What are communication Barriers? How can they be overcome?
- Write two meaningful sentences each using the following conjunctions.  
(a) Because (b) Or (c) Though (d) Therefore (e) neither - nor
- Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to participate in N.C.C. and N.S.S. activities of his college.
- Use the following pairs of often confused words in your own sentences appropriately.  
(a) affect – effect (b) opposite – apposite  
(c) complement - compliment (d) contagious – contiguous  
(e) childish - childlike
- How did Jallaluddin and Samsuddin influence APJ Abdul Kalam ?
- In what ways is Azim Premji a modest man? Write about the core beliefs of the Giving Pledge and Azim Premji's comments about it.