

Faculty of Engineering
B.E. I Semester (AICTE) (Backlog) Examination, November 2021
Subject : English

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: (i) First question is compulsory and answer any three questions from the remaining six questions.

(ii) Answer to each question must be written at one place only and in the same order as they occur in the question paper.

(iii) Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

1 a Correct the following sentences.

(4x4=16Marks)

- i. Rich should help poor.
- ii. I prefer reading books than watching television

b Choose the correct alternative to fill in the blank.

- i. Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary. _____, it can also help you improve your grammar. (Furthermore / therefore / instead)
- ii. The event was cancelled _____ the fact that not many tickets were sold. (because / due to / so)

c. Convert the passage into Passive.

Our school is organizing a contest. The teachers will choose the best project about the environment. The students must include pictures and drawings in their projects.

d. Convert the sentences into reported speech.

- i. She said, "What are you going to do at the weekend?"
- ii. My friend said to me, "Would you mind lending me a pencil?"

e. Write the correct form of the verb supplied.

- i. At this time tomorrow morning, they (begin) working.
- ii. In 2021, they (work) here for 20 years

f. Give gender- neutral nouns for the following nouns.

- i. Fireman
- ii. Mankind
- iii. Mother/Father
- iv. Wife/Husband

g. Give the equivalents of the following.

- i. biographical + picture=
- ii. advertisement +entertainment=
- iii. visually challenged=
- iv. Between jobs=

(3x18=54Marks)

2 (a) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

As the American notices the horse statue, he gets fascinated by it and starts a discussion with Muni. He offers Muni cigarettes and carries on with the funny conversation where the two of them do not understand each other – Muni speaking in Tamil and the American in English.

- (i) Why does the American pick up a conversation with Muni?
- (ii) How does language barrier in the conversation between the American and Muni provide humour?
- (iii) Give the meaning of 'fascinated'
- (iv) Muni speaks in Malayalam. (True / False)

(b) Write a paragraph in about 200 words from the given hints, provide a suitable title Friends --- role in our lives. --- affect our lives -- choose -- very carefully. First, - behaviors. - -. After that, - activities. - together. - --- habits - etc.-. For example---- - - very important to choose a friend.

- 3 (a) "If you can fill the **unforgiving minute**/With sixty seconds' worth of distance run," expand these lines relating it to the poem "If" in 150 words.
- (b) Explain the following processes of word formation in English, with adequate examples
- i. Affixing
 - ii. Blending.
- 4 (a) Read the lines taken from 'I Have a Dream' and answer the questions:
- But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.*
- (i) Give the antonym of "discrimination"
 - (ii) Explain the phrase "*the Negro still is not free*".
 - (iii) Give the meaning of "crippled".
 - (iv) How did the Emancipation Proclamation fail after hundred years?
- (b) Write a letter to M/s. Oxford Publishing House, Delhi complaining that the books sent by them were not those you had ordered for. Ask for replacement. You are Vijay from Tarnaka, Hyderabad.
- 5 (a) Read the lines and answer the questions that follow.
- Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*
- (a) What does the poet point out in the expression 'as just as fair'?
 - (b) Give the synonym of 'better claim' as used by the poet.
 - (c) What do you infer from the line 'because it was grassy and wanted wear'?
 - (d) Give the one-word substitute of the phrase 'damaged and shabby as a result of much use'.
- (b) What is the importance of a report? Describe the structure of a report.
- 6 (a) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.
- If you wanted to add to the vast fund of ill-will existing in the world at this moment, you could hardly do it better than by a series of football matches between Jews and Arabs, Germans and Czechs, Indians and British, Russians and Poles, and Italians and Jugoslavs, each match to be watched by a mixed audience of 100,000 spectators. I do not, of course, suggest that sport is one of the main causes of international rivalry.*

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- (a) What will happen if a series of football matches is conducted between Indians and British?
- (b) Give the meaning of 'rivalry'.
- (c) Pick out the one-word substitute for the phrase 'a person who watches at a show, game, or other event'.
- (d) The author suggests that sport is one of the main causes of international rivalry. (True / False).

(b) What care should be taken in drafting an SoP, Mention some dos and don'ts in 150 words.

7 (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

I. The 16th century was an age of great _____ exploration.

- i. cosmic ii. land iii. mental iv. common man

II. Magellan lost the favor of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____.

- i. entanglement ii. discussion iii. negotiation iv. problem

III. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction.

- i. north and south ii. crosswise iii. easterly iv. south east

IV. One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent.

- i. coastline ii. mountain range iii. physical features iv. islands

V Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____.

- i. coast ii. inland iii. body of land with water on three sides iv. border

Answer not available

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VI The passage was found near 50 degrees S of _____.

i. Greenwich ii. The equator iii. Spain iv. Portugal

VII In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the International Date Line.

i. imaginary circle passing through the poles ii. imaginary line parallel to the equator
iii. area iv. land mass

(b) Rearrange the following sentences to make a meaningful paragraph

A. So basically, we should communicate when the time is right, to the right recipient, sending the right message using the right channel with utmost care because ultimately the success of our message depends on the result we achieve after the communication.

B. Nowadays, workforce is mostly multicultural, i.e. teams have players with different cultural backgrounds and this makes the scenario all the more difficult for selection of communication channels and contents.

C. Experts suggest that humour should be strictly avoided.

D. Because humour is like a perfume and you never know when and who it will hurt. But one should be cautious that the image is not damaged even if our recipients do not get our humour.

E. Globalization and liberalization of economy has created another challenge for professionals.

F. Besides those inherent in the phenomenon of communication to decide when to communicate, what to communicate and who to communicate.

G. Communication etiquette differs from culture to culture and therefore in order to make our communication effective, we will have to understand the cultural background of our recipients and be sensitive to that.

i. DBECAFG ii. CDBEFGA iii. CBDEGCA iv. ACEGBDF

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