

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — OCTOBER, 2018**

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

Marks

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

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| 1. | “Because they were so alive,” he said, and burst into tears. | |
| | (a) Who burst into tears ? | 1 |
| | (b) What is ‘they’ referred to here ? | 2 |
| | (c) Describe the context. | 4 |
| 2. | Spaceships are crossing space among a million worlds. But we’ll never join them.
This is because of a silly mistake. | |
| | (a) Identify the speaker. | 1 |
| | (b) What was the silly mistake ? | 2 |
| | (c) Explain the context. | 4 |
| 3. | With their shorts and their bright orange tee-shirts, / Their athletes are proud they are sent. | |
| | (a) Who wears orange tee-shirts ? | 1 |
| | (b) What are they participating in ? | 2 |
| | (c) Comment on the context. | 4 |
| 4. | The beauty page gave some tips to a young lady to enhance her beauty. | |
| | (a) To whom were these tips useful ? | 1 |
| | (b) How did she use it ? | 2 |
| | (c) Recall the context. | 4 |

PART — B

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

- (a) The magician waved his wand and the cards
(punished, vanished, cherished)
- (b) The police pointed the of the gun at the thief.
(muzzle, drizzle, muscle)
- (c) Gold is by jewellers.
(astounded, messaged, assayed)
- (d) Gandhiji is the of nonviolence.
(editor, epitome, quantum)
- (e) Delhi is for its polluted air.
(notorious, desirous, captured)

(5×1 = 5)

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

- (a) Most people feared the king because his punishments were **severe**.
(simple, harsh, funny)
- (b) We can still reach the movie on time if we make **haste**.
(fast, slow, food)
- (c) Ben became **weary** after studying continuously for twelve hours.
(dressed, healthy, tired)
- (d) I became a vegetarian when I understood the **dreadful** treatment farm animals receive.
(fearful, beautiful, careful)

(4×1 = 4)

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

- (a) The Prime Minister made a visit to the President.
- (b) The grandmother spoke a story to the child.

(2×1 = 2)

4. (a) Write a synonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.
Benjamin is **brilliant** in maths.

- (b) Write the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.
Shafeeq thinks that this is a **complex** problem.

(2×1 = 2)

III 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

The mother took **a** child to the hospital **though** it was sick. After taking medicines there was **many** improvement. The mother told the doctor that he was the **better** doctor in the whole world.

(4×1 = 4)

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

Mohanlal is a (polyester, popular) actor in Malayalam. He is known for his (elegant, elected) style in portraying characters. He plays both (jovial, journal) and (magenta, majestic) roles with equal grace. Mohanlal enjoys a (steady, study) growth in his acting career.

(5×1 = 5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



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4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

Frank is **study** even at midnight because he **have** an exam tomorrow. Physics **are** a difficult subject for him. Therefore he **need** to spend more time. Frank **finish** studying in two hours and went to sleep.

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

USE OTHER DOOR

SWITCH OFF MOBILES

PAY AND PARK

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PART — C

- IV Write two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion : Television is the Leading Cause of Violence.

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- V Read the details of Ms. Kamala Nath.

Name : Kamala Nath
 Lives in : Coimbatore
 Education : Diploma in Polymer Technology
 Additional Qualification : Certificate in Plastic Manufacture
 Strengths : Sincere, punctual, motivated
 Achievements : 1st in state level quiz competition
 Hobbies : Trekking, swimming

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

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