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## TECHNICAL ENGLISH

(Common to ECE & MECH)

**Time: 3 hours**

**Max.Marks:75**

**Note:** This question paper contains two parts (A and B). Part A carries 25 marks and consists of questions on grammar and you will have to answer all questions in this part. Part B carries 50 marks and consists of questions from 5 units, two comprehension passages besides questions on letter writing, résumé writing and report writing. Though there is internal choice, you will have to answer all questions in part-B.

### PART-A

(25Marks)

1. A) Choose the meanings of the underlined idioms from the given options.

4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

i) Don't beat around the bush for all are observing you.

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| a. not speaking the main point | b. cutting all the forest |
| c. clearing the huge bush      | d. beating the animals    |

ii) Whenever we go out, my father always picks up the tab.

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| a. pays the bill       | b. takes the tab |
| c. collects the papers | d. scolds        |

iii) Do whatever you want, for, the ball is in your court.

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| a. decision is yours    | b. right time    |
| c. the ball is with you | d. play the ball |

iv) My grandmother kicked the bucket last year.

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| a. passed away    | b. accepted            |
| c. hit the bucket | d. attending a funeral |

B) Choose the right answer from the given options.

4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

i) He regularly \_\_\_\_\_ cricket

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. He regularly play cricket.      | b. He has regularly played cricket. |
| c. He will regularly play cricket. | d. He regularly plays cricket.      |

ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ the Taj Mahal

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| a. I had seen the Taj Mahal.  | b. I has seen the Taj Mahal . |
| c. I have seen the Taj Mahal. | d. I will see the Taj Mahal.  |

iii) Jaideep \_\_\_\_\_ cricket yesterday.

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| a. Jaideep plays cricket.                       | b. Jaideep has played cricket yesterday. |
| c. Jaideep would have played cricket yesterday. | d. Jaideep played cricket yesterday.     |

iv) They \_\_\_\_\_ cricket yesterday at this time.

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| a. They are playing cricket yesterday at this time  |
| b. They was playing cricket yesterday at this time  |
| c. They have played cricket yesterday at this time  |
| d. They were playing cricket yesterday at this time |

**C) Correct and rewrite the following sentences.**

**4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M**

- i. One of my friend is coming tomorrow from the USA
- ii. Either you or he do that work
- iii. He is working hard, isn't it?
- iv. Very few peoples like butter.

**D) Choose the correct alternative for the sentences printed in bold. (Voice) 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M**

**i) Vivek has sent an email to the college.**

- a. An email has been sent to the college by Vivek.
- b. An email was sent to the college by Vivek.
- c. An email is being sent by Vivek to the college.
- d. An email will be sent to the college by Vivek.

**ii) Majeed is eating a banana**

- a. a banana is eaten by Majeed.
- b. a banana is been eaten by Majeed.
- c. a banana will be eating by Majeed.
- d. a banana is being eaten by Majeed.

**iii) Kumar kicks the balls.**

- a. a ball is kicked by Kumar
- b. the ball is kicked by Kumar
- c. the balls are kicked by Kumar
- d. the balls is kicked by Kumar.

**iv) Open the door.**

- a. Let the door is opened
- b. Let the door will be opened
- c. Let the door be opened
- d. Let the door was opened

**E) Select the right answer from the given options for the sentence printed in bold. 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M**

**i) Raju said that he came to the temple..**

- a. Raju said, "I was coming to the temple".
- b. Raju said, "I come to the temple."
- c. Raju said, "I have coming to the temple."
- d. Raju said, "I will be coming to the temple."

**ii) Mother said to me, "Did you go to office?"**

- a. mother told me did you go to office.
- b. mother asked me if I had gone to office.
- c. mother asked if went to office.
- d. mother said to me if I had gone to office.

**iii) He said, "I will give this book to your father tomorrow".**

- a. He said that he gives this book to my father the next day.
- b. He said that he would give this book to my father the next day.
- c. He said that he would give that book to my father the next day.
- d. He said that he will give that book to your father the next day.

**iv) Jose told me that Bharath had stolen the book.**

- a. Jose said to me, "Bharath steals the book."
- b. Jose said to me, "Bharath will steal the book."
- c. Jose said to me, "Bharath has stolen the book."
- d. Jose said to me, "Bharath stole the book."

2) A) Write any three words by using the following prefixes and suffixes. 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- a) -ble      b) -ment      c) ir-      d) un-

A1) Write one-word substitutes for the given descriptions. 2x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=1M

- i) *A person who never drinks alcohol.*  
a. non drinker                      b. anti-alcoholist  
c. teetotaler                         d. telegrapher

- ii) *The one, who is everywhere.*  
a. omnipresent                      b .omnipotent  
c. omniscient                        d . omnieverywhere

B) Choose the “synonyms” for the following words from the given options. 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- i) *Hurdle*  
a. joyful                                b. difficult  
c. easy                                  d. scarring
- ii) *Rigid*  
a. flexible                                b. swift  
c. stubborn                              d. soft
- iii) *Predict*  
a. expec                                 b. infer  
c. dream                                 d. neglect
- iv) *Concord*  
a. demand                              b. agreement  
c. divide                                 d. coconut

Choose the “antonyms” for the following words from the given options. 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- v) *Rigid*  
a. feasible                                b. flexible  
c. easy                                    d. helpful
- vi) *Rebuke*  
a. applaud                                b. criticize  
c. accuse                                 d. blame
- vii) *Pretty*  
a. beautiful                                b. smart  
c. ugly                                      d. prettier
- viii) *Vital*  
a. trivial                                  b. essential  
c. significant                              d. none of the above

C) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the given options. 4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- i) You can read this book \_\_\_\_\_ Monday to Sunday.  
a. from                      b. in                      c. among                      d. between
- ii) My family members have been working \_\_\_\_\_2013.  
a. for                      b. of                      c. since                      d. from
- iii) He died \_\_\_\_\_cancer.  
a. with                      b. off                      c. from                      d. of
- iv) Robert comes to your place \_\_\_\_\_June 12th.  
a. on                      b. in                      c. between                      d. to

Fill in the blanks with suitable articles from the given options.

4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- v) I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ dead elephant.  
a. a                      b. the                      c. an                      d. No article.
- vi) He lives in \_\_\_\_\_ Hyderabad.  
a. the,                      b. a,                      c. an,                      d. no article .
- vii) Kiran is one of \_\_\_\_\_ richest boys in the class.  
a. a                      b. the                      c. an                      d. No article.
- viii) My uncle is \_\_\_\_\_ MLA at present.  
a. a                      b. the                      c. an                      d. No article.

D) Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrasal verbs from the given options.

4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- i) The examination at MLRIT was \_\_\_\_\_ due to heavy rains.  
a. called off                      b. called in                      c. called on                      d. called of.
- ii) I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ my work but my parents forced me not to.  
a. give in                      b. give up                      c. give away                      d. give out.
- iii) You all have to \_\_\_\_\_ the board carefully.  
a. look into                      b. look for                      c. look up                      d. look at.
- iv) She has \_\_\_\_\_ the President recently.  
a. called off                      b. called on                      c. called of                      d. called over.

E) Pick up the suitable pair of words from the options and complete the given sentence.

4x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>=2M

- i) One day when he \_\_\_\_\_ to her and she \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
a. propose, reject                      b. rejected, proposed                      c. proposed, rejected                      d. reject, propose
- ii) I found the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ticket \_\_\_\_\_ expensive.  
a. Money, to                      b. cost, too                      c. economy, to                      d. finance, to
- iii) Rama fell into the river and started \_\_\_\_\_, but Sheeta \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
a. drown, save                      b. drowning, saved                      c. died, protect                      d. save, drown
- iv) The girl has \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.  
a. known, for                      b. known, since                      c. knew, from                      d. know, for

**PART – B**

**(50Marks)**

Answer the following questions in 75 words.

5x4=20M

1. a) How did Indu get ready for the party?

**Or**

b) What are the works of Visvesvaraya for the development of Hyderabad?

2. a) What are the risk factors in the South Asian region?

**Or**

b) What is the relationship between Leala and Sidda?

3. a) How does Toynbee support his statement that Indians do not continue to feel hatred or angered towards someone who hurt them in the past?

**Or**

b) What should the students do for the development of India according to the speaker N.R. Narayana Murthy?

4. a) What is the moral of the story “Three Days to See”?

**Or**

b) “Polymer Bank Notes are different from the Paper Bank Notes” – Explain.

5. a) Discuss the schedule of Keller’s first day of sight.

**Or**

b) What are the security features of Polymer Bank Notes?

**6. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**5M**

I hope there are not many who sneer at the conquest of science as materialistic avenues to the betterment of human conditions. A spiritual civilization is not necessarily one of poverty and disease, man drawn rickshaw and the handcart. It is the thing to say that wisdom is more precious than rubies and the wise man is happy whatever befalls him and quite another to hold that poverty and ill-health are necessary for spiritual advance. While poverty is spiritual when it is voluntary, the mass poverty of a people is a sign of sloth and failure. Our philosophy of life recognizes the production and increases of wealth among the legitimate aims of human endeavor. Pursuit of wealth does not, itself, spell spiritual ruin. It is a means, in itself ethically colourless, neither good nor evil, but a necessary means for the attainment of higher life for the individual and the mass of mankind. What counts is the purpose for which wealth is striven after. So long as we realize that it is a means to a higher end, we can boldly venture out on the path of the conquest of Nature's secrets and their utilization for man's service. There are so many ills that flesh is heir to which need not be met by fatalism and folded hands. Instead of facing suffering and disease by apologetic justification of the ways of God to man, nobler piety demands their reduction and ultimate removal.

**Questions**

**i) What opens materialistic means to the betterment of human conditions?**

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| 1) Industrialization                     | 2) Conquest of Science        |
| 3) Scientific ways of doing work         | 4) Conquest of weak countries |
| 5) Earning of wealth by hook or by crook |                               |

**ii) Poverty is not an important factor for....**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Peace in the world    | 2) Moral decay                  |
| 3) Spiritual advancement | 4) Self-less service of mankind |
| 5) Wisdom                |                                 |

**iii) What is preferable to rubies and other precious stones?**

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1) Health | 2) Reputation            |
| 3) Wisdom | 4) Spiritual advancement |
| 5) Power  |                          |

**iv) Poverty may be spiritual only when it is....**

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| 1) Imposed                                     | 2) Voluntary                        |
| 3) Divinely ordained                           | 4) Sanctioned by the powers that be |
| 5) Appreciated by the society in which we live |                                     |

**v) What is the crass poverty of our people a sign of?**

- 1) Unequal distribution of wealth
- 2) Exploitation of the weak by the strong for their selfish ends
- 3) Non-exploitation of the natural resources
- 4) Half-hearted implementation of five-year plans
- 5) Laziness of failure

**7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**5M**

On August 15, 1947, India was granted independence from British colonial dominance. This was an event of international significance. From this day onwards, the Indian Union assumed a role in world politics that was appropriate enough to modify the thinking of nations. Concepts like non-alignment, tolerance, non-violence and peaceful co-existence were introduced by India into the international vocabulary.

"Our dreams concern India", said the first Prime Minister of the country, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, on the eve of achieving freedom, "but they also concern the whole world, for the world has become one."

Mahatma Gandhi chose Nehru to become the first PM of independent India. With his vision of unity of the nation, he became the architect of modern India. It was to be a federal state based on secularism—the commitment to an Indian identity which was above all races, castes and religions. It was a vision of extraordinary dimensions.

Both Nehru as well as his daughter and successor, Smt. Indira Gandhi, were well aware that only a firm anchorage in the Indian identity could unite the nation and enable it to make an impact on the world. In these days of mutual interdependence, the western powers and America cannot afford to ignore what is happening in this region. It is possible that the fate of the Asian democracies would one day be decided on the banks of the Ganges, If India fails to remain a democracy, this would trigger the fall of the whole of South and South-East Asia. That is why the Indian Prime Minister has to play a role which goes well beyond duties related to internal affairs only. It is of international political significance.

**Questions**

1. Select the word from the given options which is nearly opposite to the meaning of the word 'dominance' in this passage.  
(a) government                      (b) rule                      (c) subordination                      (d) importance
2. Which of the following concepts has India introduced into the international vocabulary?  
(a) Mutual interdependence and democracy.                      (b) Non-alignment and tolerance.  
(c) Non-violence and peaceful co-existence.                      (d) None of the above
3. Which word in this passage is used to describe the phrase "to live together with mutual tolerance"?  
(a) non-alignment                      (b) coexistence                      (c) secularism                      (d) anchorage.
4. Which among the following expressions best describes the meaning of the word 'Trigger' used in the passage?  
(a) to set in action                      (b) to become uncontrollable  
(c) to become inactive                      (d) aggravate
5. Select from the answer choices the word which is synonym of the word 'Dimensions' used in this passage.  
(a) support                      (b) size                      (c) importance                      (d) height

**Note: - The candidate should not reveal his/her identity in whatever the form in answering the following items.**

- 8. a)** Write a letter to the local MLA complaining about the bad drainage system in your colony.

**Or**

**5M**

- b)** Write a letter to the director of MLRIT, Hyderabad, applying for the post of Placement officer..

- 9. a)** Write a functional résumé for the post of Asst. Engineer in Maruthi Motors, New Delhi.

**Or**

**10M**

- b)** Write a standard résumé, applying for the post of Assistant Engineer in Reliance Telecommunications, Mumbai..

- 10. a)** Write a formal report to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the problems of faced by farmers of Telangana/ Andhra Pradesh. You should discuss the issues and make specific recommendations.

**(In 150 words)**

**Or**

**5M**

- b)** Write a report on floods in Chennai.