



FIRST SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/  
TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — OCTOBER/  
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ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – I

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

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| I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :                       |       |
| 1. “No”, he prayed, “don’t let them come. Make them stay away, please!”                    |       |
| (a) Who is the speaker ?   | 1     |
| (b) What is he praying for ?   | 2     |
| (c) Describe the context.  | 4     |
| 2. I screamed, “Cameron, for God’s sake, they’re from space. Why did you send them away ?” |       |
| (a) Who are from space ?   | 1     |
| (b) How does he know they are from space ?   | 2     |
| (c) Why is he worried about sending them away ?  | 4     |
| 3. At last year’s Jungle Olympics,<br>The Ants were completely outclassed.                 |       |
| (a) What is the title of the poem ?  | 1     |
| (b) Why were the ants completely outclassed ?  | 2     |
| (c) What is the message of the poem ?  | 4     |
| 4. When she walked, the rustling sound was an exact imitation of real silk.                |       |
| (a) Who is the ‘she’ referred to here ?  | 1     |
| (b) What caused the rustling sound ?   | 2     |
| (c) Describe the context.  | 4     |



PART — B

- II 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :
- (a) Vehicles emit carbon monoxide and ..... the air.  
(recycle, contaminate, catastrophic)
  - (b) Dr. Abdul Kalam had a positive ..... on the youth of India  
(realize, impact, vanish)
  - (c) Princess Diana had a fair .....  
(complexion, comparison, isolation)
  - (d) To transact using ..... currencies is illegal. (shake, fake, glare)
  - (e) Raghu could not find out the answers to the questions because they had only a ..... difference. (ingenious, subtle, dishevelled) (5 × 1 = 5)
2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.
- (a) You will be **censured** if you are not disciplined.  
(rewarded, punished, calculated)
  - (b) Viper is a **venomous** snake which can kill a person in minutes.  
(safe, poisonous, silent)
  - (c) Internet is used nowadays to **disseminate** knowledge to everyone around the world. (spread, destroy, hold)
  - (d) The beauty of the actress was **augmented** by the wonderful dress she wore. (included, picked, increased) (4 × 1 = 4)
3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.
- (a) The government **made** an order issuing pension to farmers.
  - (b) We should **pass** precautions while travelling on a wet road (2 × 1 = 2)
4. (a) Write down a synonym of the underlined word in the sentence  
If you are in a hurry, you are likely to make **blunders**
- (b) Fill up the blank with the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence  
Everybody likes **success** but all are afraid of ..... (2 × 1 = 2)

III 1. The following passage has some errors. They are given in bold letters. Rewrite the passage by replacing them with the correct words.

Kerala has **any** rivers and **many** rainfall compared to other states. However, it is **a** only state which does not properly use its water sources. **No one** who comes to this state is surprised that we experience drought. 4

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets.
- Science is an ..... (interesting, interested) subject. Since ..... (that, it) is based on logic, it needs evidence for its theories. Scientists find answers to questions by ..... (research, retract) and ..... (he, these) findings lead to ..... (technological, credible) development. 5

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph of about 60 words.



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4. Rewrite the following passage by correcting the errors.

Don Bradman has a great cricketer. He **playing** the game well and his records were a challenge even now. Even today he **was** considered the role model and is continue to be so even in the future.

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

MAINTAIN SILENCE

GO SLOW

NO ENTRY

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PART C

- IV 1. Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion.

**Student politics should be banned.**

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2. Read the details of Mr. Richard Varghese.

Name : Richard Varghese  
 Lives in : Chennai  
 Education : Diploma in Electronics  
 Additional qualification : Bosch Certification in PCB manufacture  
 Strengths : Sincere, hardworking, ambitious  
 Achievements : NCC cadet, participated in RD Parade  
 Hobbies : Reading books, playing cricket

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

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3. Prepare a resume in response to the advertisement given below in *The Employment News* of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Infosys Ltd. requires Management Trainees. Candidates with degree/ diploma in any subject may apply within a week of this notification to The Manager (HR), Infosys Corporate Office, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru. 5

4. Complete the dialogue as directed :

Maneesh : Hello Joemon! ..... (Suggests playing badminton in the evening)

Joemon : Not a bad idea. But, ..... (denies request)  
..... (asks whether they can play during the weekend)

Maneesh : That would be nice. Heard that you got selected to the college quiz team. .... (congratulates him)

Joemon : Thank you, Maneesh, ..... (Advises him to also apply for joining the college team) 5

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following :

(a) The influence of role models in moulding youth.

(b) Need for safe waste disposal. 6

6. (a) Your father wishes to visit you at the hostel. Give him directions to reach the place in a conversation with a minimum of 6 exchanges. 6

OR

(b) Imagine that you are the HR Manager of ACT Company. Your employees have taken part in a one-day strike against the management. Prepare a memo to be given to the employees stating that one day's salary will be deducted from their pay. 6

7. You need to make a presentation on the various methods of reducing traffic in busy roads. Prepare three slides based on the information given below.

You can cut down on your time spent with your car idling in slow traffic by driving when there are less vehicles on the road. Try to schedule trips to the bank and works such as grocery shopping during afternoon hours when there is less rush. Carpooling is a great way to get to and from work. You won't always have to drive and each person can take turns driving. This saves the wear-and-tear caused to your vehicle and reduces your car maintenance costs. Before you go on any trip, plan out your route so that you can avoid any traffic jams. There are numerous apps available on your smart phone that will tell you whether there is any traffic congestion. Depending more on public transport facilities can help you reach your destination on time. This will in turn reduces the amount of traffic on the roads. 6