

B.E./B.TECH. Degree Examination, December 2020

First Semester

HS16151-Technical English -I

(Regulation 2016)

Time: Three hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Answer **ALL** questions**PART A - (8 X 2 = 16 marks)**

1. **Use the suitable compound noun from the list of words to complete the following sentences:** (2x1=2)
(high, main, line, switch, off, line, load, frame, picture, transmission)
How can a bird sit on a _____, without getting affected by the _____?
2. **Complete the following sentences using a verb form that agrees with the subject** (2x1=2)
 - a. A box of sweets _____ (is/are) distributed among the prisoners.
 - b. One of my friends _____ (help/helps) me with documentation
3. **Add appropriate prefixes to get the meaning given:** (2x1=2)
_____ entity: unknown, b. _____ use : not in use
4. **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:** (2x1=2)
 - a. My class is ----- the ground floor
 - b. The ball missed the goal _____ inches
5. **Rewrite using suitable cause and effect expression:** (2x1=2)
 - a. over use of cell phones : less interpersonal skills
 - b. less interpersonal skills : no employment
6. **Write a single sentence definition for any TWO of the following terms:** (2x1=2)
 - a. database, b. software, c. fuse, d. screwdriver
7. **Rewrite in reported form:** (2x1=2)
 - a. He told me, “Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life.”
 - b. She said, “I am good, but not an angel. I do sin, but I am not the devil.”
8. **Frame ‘Wh’ questions , for the responses using the hints given in brackets** (2x1=2)
 - a. Because I've got to get up early. (why sleep early)
 - b. I like quiet songs. (what/music)

PART B - (4 X16 = 64 marks)

09. (a) Read and Respond: (8)

The professor said he had been teaching for many years, ever since he graduated from college, and had a large number of boys under him in one of the governmental institutions. He turned out students who could pass examinations, which was what the government and the parents wanted.

Of course, there were exceptional boys who were given special opportunities, granted scholarships, and so on, but the vast majority were indifferent, dull, lazy, and somewhat mischievous. There were those who made something of themselves in whatever field they entered, but only very few had the creative flame. During all the years, he had taught, the exceptional boys had been very rare; now and then, there would be one who perhaps had the quality of genius, but it generally happened that he too was soon smothered by his environment. As a teacher, he had visited many parts of the world to study this question of the exceptional boy, and everywhere it was the same.

He was now withdrawing from the teaching profession, for after all these years he was rather saddened by the whole thing. However, boys were educated; overall, they turned out to be a stupid lot. Some were clever or assertive and attained high positions, but behind the screen of their prestige and domination, they were as petty and anxiety-ridden as the rest. Source: JK

Choose the best answer: (4x1=4)

1. The parents want their kids

- (a) just to pass their examination
- (b) to be one among the exceptional boys
- (c) to pass their examination and also gain intelligence

2 The teacher was sad because

- (a) he was distressed by the apathy of the students, parents and government,
- (b) he could not do anything for those who could not learn,
- (c) because he could not find an exceptional boy anywhere in the world

3 Some were clever or assertive and attained high positions... The underlined word means

- (a) self-assured,
- (b) timid,
- (c) proud

4 The paragraph is about

- (a) a teacher who is disturbed and dejected because of deteriorated educational system
- (b) the apathy and worsened educational system
- (c) the different sects of students and their behaviour

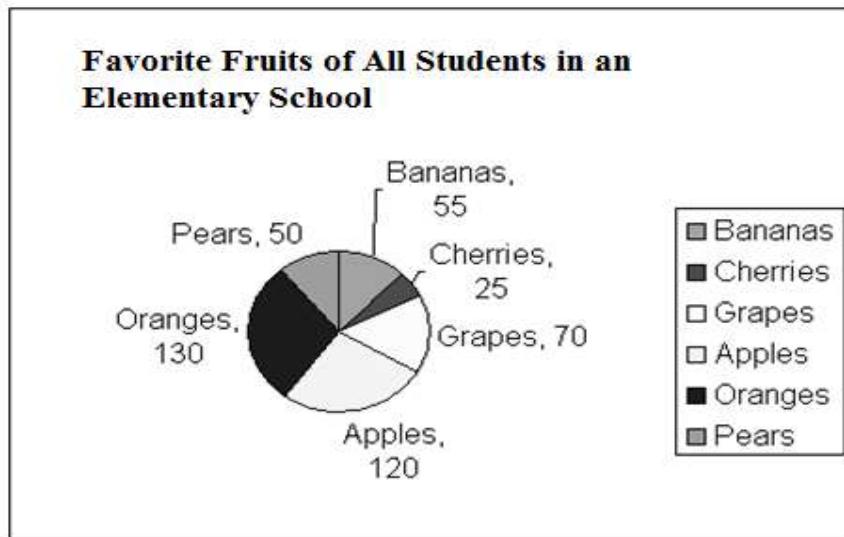
Write True or False**(4x1=4)**

- a Only the outstanding boys were provided exceptional opportunities, granted scholarships etc.
- b Educated boys were daft and foolish.
- c. Even the exceptional boy who showed some intelligence was overpowered by the things that happened around him.
- d. Some individuals, though in power, were petty and disturbed which were concealed by their status and authority.

(ii) Write notes on the above passage.

(8)**(OR)**

(b) Write a paragraph based on the details found in the pie chart.

(16)

10. (a) Write a set of eight recommendations to lead an eco-friendly life (8x2=16)

(16)**(OR)**

(b) Write a set of eight instructions on safety measures to be followed during

(16)

COVID. (8x2=16)

11. (a) Write a letter to your friend advising her to choose engineering as her specialization for her graduation course highlighting the exhilarating and exciting prospects of acquiring knowledge related to science and technology. (16)

(OR)

- (b) What is your favorite month of the year? Write a Letter to your friend on this, telling him the reasons for it to be your favorite month in about 100 words. (16)

12. (a) **Rearrange the jumbled sentences:** (8x2=16) (16)

- i It was originally created during World War II and produced in Army green.
- ii As a result it became known as duct tape.
- iii When the war ended and the tape became a household staple item.
- iv And it was often used on air conditioning ducts.
- v The standard colour was changed to silver to match the ducts.
- vi I am sure you all have used a Duct tape.
- vii The waterproof nature of the tape earned it the name “duck tape”.
- viii Now you might wonder why it is now called ‘duct’ and not ‘duck’ tape

(OR)

- (b) **Rearrange the jumbled sentences:** (8x2=16) (16)

- i. No wonder the sales shot up.
- ii. The salespersons then offered to replace the shirts if the ink didn't wash out.
- iii. The ballpoint pen was developed and improved by many different inventors, including Patrick J. Frawley Jr. who created the original Papermate pen.
- iv. I am sure you all use a ballpoint pen.
- v. To market the Papermate, Frawley instructed his salespersons to barge into retail store buyers' offices and scribble on their shirts with his pen.
- vi. When the ink did wash out, the buyers were impressed.
- vii. Have you ever wondered who invented it?
- viii. The fierce competition to develop a high-quality, low-cost pen gave rise to some interesting marketing tactics.