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B. E / B. TECH.DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2023

First Semester

HS18151 – COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

(Common to all branches)

(Regulation 2018)

TIME:3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

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| CO1 | Read articles and infer meanings from specific contexts from magazines and newspapers. | 5 |
| CO2 | Participate effectively in informal/casual conversations; introduce themselves and their friends and express opinions in English | 6 |
| CO3 | Comprehend conversations and short talks delivered in English. | 5 |
| CO4 | Write short write-ups and personal letters and emails in English. | 6 |
| CO5 | Face job interviews with confidence. | 6 |

PART- A(10x2=20Marks)

(Answer all Questions)

| | CO | RBT LEVEL |
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| 1. Use appropriate prefixes to the root words according to their meanings given. | 1 | 3 |
| a. _____ urban: partially rural and partially urban | | |
| b. _____ read: to read again | | |
| 2. a. Write the adjective form of 'Motion'. b. Write the noun form of 'Solve'. | 1 | 3 |
| 3. Write a 'wh' question for the following responses: a. He is an engineer. b. I met Roshan yesterday. | 1 | 3 |
| 4. Write Yes/No question for the following response. a. Yes, James writes novels. b. No, I wrote the letter. | 1 | 3 |
| 5. Identify whether the underlined words are countable or uncountable nouns: a. We're going to get new <u>furniture</u> for the living room. b. I made a <u>mistake</u> . | 1 | 3 |
| 6. Use appropriate articles in the given blanks (only if necessary): a. _____ man I met yesterday was blind. b. This is _____ best book on Microbiology. | 1 | 3 |
| 7. Identify the type of phrase mentioned in the following sentences. a. He is a person <u>of no importance</u> . b. She speaks <u>like a born orator</u> . | 1 | 3 |

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| 8. Combine the two sentences into one sentence using the given connective. a. John did not work hard. He failed in the examination. (so) b. He left home early. He arrived late. (although) | 1 | 3 |
| 9. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form. Reaching the station, he _____ (find) that he _____ (leave) the keys at home. | 1 | 3 |
| 10. Choose the appropriate modal verbs for the following: a. There was a time when I _____ (may/could) stay up very late. b. _____ (Can/Might) I come with you? | 1 | 3 |

PART- B (5x14=70Marks)

| | Marks | CO | RBT LEVEL |
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| 11. (a) Read the following passage and answer the following questions: | (14) | 1 | 4 |
| As, over the last four hundred years, tea-leaves became available throughout much of Asia and Europe, the ways in which tea was drunk changed. The Chinese considered the quality of the leaves and the ways in which they were cured are essential. People in other cultures added new ingredients besides tea-leaves and hot water. They drank tea with milk, sugar, spices like cinnamon and cardamom, and herbs such as mint or sage. The variations are endless. For example, in Western Sudan, on the edge of the Sahara Desert, sesame oil is added to milky tea on cold mornings. In England, tea, unlike coffee, acquired a reputation as a therapeutic drink that promoted health. Indeed, in European and Arab countries as well as in Persia and Russia, tea was praised for its restorative and health-giving properties. One Dutch physician, Cornelius Blankaart, advised that to maintain health, a minimum of eight to ten cups a day should be drunk and that up to 50 to 100 daily cups could be consumed safely. | | | |
| 1. According to the passage, in which countries did tea leaves become available over the last 400 years? | | | |
| a. Russia & USA | | | |
| b. England & France | | | |
| c. Asia & Europe | | | |
| d. Persia & Russia | | | |
| 2. What were the other ingredients added while making the tea? | | | |

- a. Sugar & Milk
 - b. Herbs (Mint & Sage)
 - c. Spices (Cinnamon & Cardamom)
 - d. All of the above
3. In which place was sesame oil added to milky tea?
- a. On the edge of the Sahara Desert, Western Sudan
 - b. Japanese and Middle Eastern countries
 - c. Southern Arab countries
 - d. None of the above
4. Which countries have praised tea for its restorative and health-giving properties?
- a. Arab & Europe
 - b. Persia & Russia
 - c. Both A & B
 - d. England & France
5. Which physician advised to consume eight to ten cups of tea a day?
- a. Al-zahrawi
 - b. Ibn Sina
 - c. Sushruta
 - d. Cornelius Blankaart
6. Choose the appropriate synonym of the word “reputation” as used in the given passage.
- a. deprecation
 - b. aura
 - c. disrepute
 - d. Prominence
7. Choose the appropriate antonym of the word “variation” as used in the given passage.
- a. constant
 - b. change
 - c. deviation
 - d. contrast

(OR)

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the following questions:

One of the most evocative eras in the history of poetry must surely be that of the Romantic Movement. During the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, a group of poets created a new mood in literary objectives, casting off their predecessors’ styles in favor of a gripping and forceful art that endures with us to this day. Five poets emerged as the main constituents of this movement – William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, George Gordon Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and John Keats. The strength of their works lies, undoubtedly, in the power of their imagination. Indeed, imagination was the most critical attribute of the Romantic poets. Each poet had the ability to portray remarkable images and visions, although differing to a certain degree in their intensity and presentation. Nature, mythology and emotion were of great importance and used to explore the feelings of the poet himself.

1. Which is considered to be the most evocative era in the history of poetry?
 - a. Pastoralism
 - b. Metaphysical poets
 - c. Elizabethan & Shakespearean Era
 - d. Romantic Movement
2. In which century did a group of poets create a new mood in literature?
 - a. 15th & 16th century
 - b. Late 18th century
 - c. Late 18th & early 19th century
 - d. None of the above
3. How many poets were the main constituents of the Romantic Movement?
 - a. Six poets
 - b. Five Poets
 - c. A group of 7 poets
 - d. Three poets
4. What is considered to be one of the most critical attributes of romantic poets?
 - a. Descriptive imagery
 - b. Choice of meter

- c. Imagination
- d. Emotions & Intentions

5. What elements were important for poets to explore their feelings?

- a. Nature
- b. Mythology
- c. Emotions
- d. All of the above

6. Choose the appropriate synonym of the word “portray” as used in the given passage.

- a. confuse
- b. depict
- c. distort
- d. falsify

7. Choose the appropriate antonym of the word “gripping” as used in the given passage.

- a. captivating
- b. enthralling
- c. interesting
- d. unexciting

12. (a) Rewrite the jumbled sentences in sequential order so that they follow one another in a logical and coherent manner. **(14) 3 4**

1. Without it, you are filtering out quality jobs and predetermining manual work as your vocation.
2. In conclusion, although technology has hurt people, turning away from it is not feasible today without making drastic sacrifices.
3. If you want to stay in touch with friends and know about events in your area, it is essential to have a phone.
4. Moreover, Email is an indispensable element of nearly every job.
5. Although life has become more complicated and this is a negative development, shutting yourself off from technology would only serve to isolate people from the world.
6. You can use Facebook Messenger to chat with individuals or make group plans.

7. Instead, people ought to seek ways to compartmentalise technology in order to live happier, more satisfying lives.

(OR)

(b) Rewrite the jumbled sentences in sequential order so that they follow one another in a logical and coherent manner. **(14) 3 4**

1. If this means experimenting on animals so that we can fight and find cures for diseases, then this takes priority over animal suffering.
2. However, I do not believe these arguments stand up to scrutiny; To begin, it has been shown on numerous occasions by secret filming in laboratories via animal rights groups that animals feel as much pain as humans do, and they suffer when they are kept in cages for long periods.
3. Therefore, again, having to kill animals for food is not an adequate argument
4. Furthermore, it is believed by some that animals do not feel pain or loss as humans do, so if we have to kill animals for food or other uses, then this is morally acceptable.
5. In addition, a substantial amount of animal research is done for cosmetics, not to find cures for diseases, so this is unnecessary.
6. Finally, it has also been proven that humans can get all the nutrients and vitamins that they need from green vegetables and fruit.
7. Firstly, people think that humans are the most important beings on the planet, and everything must be done to ensure human survival.

13. (a) Taglines indicate the philosophy of the company without mentioning specific products. **(14) 4 6**

Write seven taglines for a publishing firm which publishes books like encyclopedia.

(OR)

(b) Slogans are attention-grabbing statements designed to grab your audience’s attention and promote your services or products. **(14) 4 6**

Write seven slogans to promote the solar-powered smart watch which you have designed.

14. (a) Assume that you bought an audio speaker from a reputed company. Within **(14) 4 6**

a week of its purchase, you find that it gives you trouble. Write a letter of complaint to the company asking for replacement of the audio speaker.

(OR)

- (b) Assume that you are the Purchase Manager of ABC Group of Institutions, Chennai. Write a letter to the seller of the service provider, calling for quotation with necessary details for the purchase of LCD projectors for your institution. (14) 4 6
15. (a) What is your opinion on the argument that face-to-face interaction is better than indirect forms of communication? Write your opinion with supporting points in not less than 150 words. (14) 4 6

(OR)

- (b) Law should be equal for everyone. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Write your opinion with supporting points in not less than 150 words. (14) 4 6

PART- C(1x10=10Marks)
(Q.No.16 is compulsory)

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| 16. Write your inference of the quote "Education can never stop! The more we read, the more we learn. The more we learn, the fuller life seems." in a 150-word paragraph. | (10) | 4 | 6 |