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B.E. / B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, DEC 2019

Second Semester

HS18251 – TECHNICAL ENGLISH*(Common to all branches)***(Regulation 2018)****Time: Three Hours****Maximum : 100 Marks**Answer **ALL** questions**PART A - (10 X 2 = 20 Marks)**

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| 1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms of verbs: (2x1=2) | 4 | AP |
| a. I _____ (play) cricket since I was 7. | | |
| b. He _____ (send) the mail last week. | | |
| 2. Complete the following sentences using an appropriate discourse marker: (2x1=2) | 4 | AP |
| a. You can't always choose who comes into your life. _____, you can learn lessons they teach you. (whereas, likewise, however) | | |
| b. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. _____, whatever he does, he does it to himself. (therefore, similarly, since) | | |
| 3. Convert the following sentences into passive voice (impersonal if necessary): (2x1=2) | 4 | AP |
| a. The teacher taught the lessons. | | |
| b. I did not teach them. | | |
| 4. Ensure that the subject agrees with the verb in the given sentences: (2x1=2) | 4 | AP |
| a. A book and a journal _____ [is/are] missing from the library. | | |
| b. The engine as well as its components _____ [is/are] missing. | | |
| 5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal verbs given below: (2x1=2) | 4 | AP |
| could, should, might, will | | |
| a. _____ you help me with the household chores? (polite request) | | |
| b. She _____ sell her house because she needs money. (weak possibility) | | |

6. Guess the meaning of the phrasal verbs given: (2x1=2) 4 AP
- I *stood by* my brother when he was cornered.
(to stand beside/to support/to lift)
 - The chief guest *gave away* the prizes in a hurry.
(to distribute, to postpone, to decide)
7. Write the following in reported speech: (2x1=2) 4 AP
- Emerson said “Every artist was first an amateur”.
 - Picasso said, “Every child is an artist; the problem is how to remain so forever”
8. Fill in blanks with the right prepositions: (2x1=2) 4 AP
- I am _____ office.
 - _____ the future, automation will be everywhere.
9. Fill in the blanks with a suitable article: (2x1=2) 4 AP
- _____ good picture is a poem without words.
 - Secrecy is _____ enemy of intimacy.
10. Use the appropriate adjective form in the given blanks (if necessary): (2x1=2) 4 AP
- Petrol is _____ costlier than diesel.
 - A car is _____ sophisticated than a superbike.

PART B - (5 X16 = 80 Marks)

11. (a) Read the following passage and answer questions accordingly: (16) 4 E

The letter Toby had received from Alderman Cute was addressed to a great man in the great district of the town. It must have been the greatest district of the town, because it was commonly called ‘the world’ by its inhabitants. The letter positively seemed heavier in Toby’s hand than another letter. Not because the Alderman had sealed it with a very large coat of arms and no end of wax, but because of the weighty name on the superscription and the ponderous amount of gold and silver with which it was associated.

‘How different from us!’ thought Toby, in all simplicity and earnestness, as he looked at the direction.

With the involuntary homage due to such an exalted character, Toby interposed a corner of his apron between the letter and his fingers.

It was a hard frost, that day. The air was bracing, crisp, and clear. The wintry sun, though powerless for warmth, looked brightly down upon the ice it was too weak to melt, and set a radiant glory there. At other times, Toby might have learned a poor man's lesson from the wintry sun; but he was past that, now.

The Year was Old, that day. The patient Year had lived through the reproaches and misuses of its slanderers, and faithfully performed its work. Spring, summer, autumn, winter. It had labored through the destined round, and now laid down its weary head to die. Shut out from hope, high impulse, active happiness, itself, but active messenger of many joys to others, it made appeal in its decline to have its toiling days and patient hours remembered, and to die in peace. Toby might have read a poor man's allegory in the fading year; but he was past that, now.

And only he? Or has the like appeal been ever made, by seventy years at once upon an English laborer's head, and made in vain!

The streets were full of motion, and the shops were decked out gaily. The New Year, like an Infant Heir to the whole world, was waited for, with welcomes, presents, and rejoicings. There were books and toys for the New Year, glittering trinkets for the New Year, dresses for the New Year, schemes of fortune for the New Year, new inventions to beguile it. Its life was parceled out in almanacs and pocketbooks; the coming of its moons, and stars, and tides, was known beforehand to the moment; all the workings of its seasons in their days and nights, were calculated with as much precision as Mr. Filer could work sums in men and women.

The New Year, the New Year. Everywhere the New Year! The Old Year was already looked upon as dead; and its effects were selling cheap, like some drowned mariner's aboardship. Its patterns were Last Year's, and going at a sacrifice, before its breath was gone. Its treasures were mere dirt, beside the riches of its unborn successor! Toby had no portion, to his thinking, in the New Year or the Old.

‘Put ’em down, Put ’em down! Facts and Figures, Facts and Figures! Good old Times, Good old Times! Put ’em down, Put ’em down!’—his trot went to that measure, and would fit itself to nothing else.

But, even that one, melancholy as it was, brought him, in due time, to the end of his journey. To the mansion of Sir Joseph Bowley, Member of Parliament.

The door was opened by a Porter. Such a Porter! Not of Toby’s order—quite another thing. His place was the ticket though; not Toby’s.

This Porter underwent some hard panting before he could speak; having breathed himself by coming incautiously out of his chair, without first taking time to think about it and compose his mind. When he had found his voice—which it took him a long time to do, for it was a long way off, and hidden under a load of meat—he said in a fat whisper,

‘Who’s it from?’ Toby told him.

‘You’re to take it in, yourself,’ said the Porter, pointing to a room at the end of a long passage, opening from the hall. ‘Everything goes straight in, on this day of the year. You’re not a bit too soon; for the carriage is at the door now, and they have only come to town for a couple of hours, a’ purpose.’

Answer the following accordingly:

I. Choose the correct answer: [8x2=16]

1. Based on the information in the passage, Toby likely views his duties with
 - A) industriousness and enthusiasm.
 - B) annoyance and frustration.
 - C) fear and anxiety.
 - D) amusement and exhilaration.
2. Toby most likely feels that the difference between himself and the recipient of the letter is due to
 - A) education.
 - B) wealth.

- C) religion.
D) parenting.
3. In the first paragraph, the phrase “positively seemed heavier” is used to indicate that
- A) the letter was thicker than most others.
 - B) the sender used too much wax for the seal.
 - C) the letter appeared extremely important to Toby.
 - D) the envelope was made of high-quality gold paper.
4. The author uses which of the following devices when describing the year in the fifth paragraph?
- A) Allegory
 - B) Personification
 - C) Simile
 - D) Onomatopoeia
5. Which of the following best describes the scenes that Toby encounters on his journey?
- A) A bleak winter wasteland with hardly any human activity
 - B) A busy city landscape coming to life in the budding springtime
 - C) Streets and shops bustling despite the intense cold
 - D) Stormy roads through which Toby can barely see
6. The passage indicates that the porter is out of breath because he
- A) is an elderly and ailing gentleman.
 - B) is frightened of Toby and the news that he brings.
 - C) rose too quickly to answer the door.
 - D) overextends himself and is always busy.
7. Over the course of the passage, Toby reveals that he views himself as
- A) decidedly separate from the world of Sir Joseph Bowley, including even his servants.
 - B) on par in status with the porter of Sir Joseph Bowley, though not the lord himself.

C) blissfully ignorant of any class distinctions that separate him from Sir Joseph Bowley.

D) superior in character if not in status to Sir Joseph Bowley, his porter, and his household.

8. Which lines in the passage provide the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

A) Paragraph 5, Sentence 4 (“It had . . . die”)

B) Paragraph 7, Sentence 1 (“The streets . . . gaily”)

C) Paragraph 11, Sentence 2 (“To the . . . Parliament”)

D) Paragraph 12, Sentence 3 (“Not of . . . thing”)

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| (b) | (i) | Write a checklist on ‘Things to do before the practical exam’. | (8) | 4 | E |
| | (ii) | Provide a technical description of a cellphone in the appropriate format. | (8) | 4 | E |

12. (a) Respond to the advertisement:

Sewo R&D Company is looking for engineering graduates who are interested in creating or taking up projects related to science and engineering. Eligible candidates can apply directly to “HR Manager, Sewo R&D Co. 141, Utopia Complex, IT Lane, Chennai; e-mail: hrmanager@sewo.co.in

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| (i) | Write a suitable cover letter in the appropriate format for the ad given above | (8) | 4 | C |
| (ii) | Write an appropriate resume to enclose with the cover letter. | (8) | 4 | C |

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| (b) | (i) | Write an e-mail in the appropriate format for the ad given above in 12 (a). | (8) | 4 | C |
| | (ii) | Write an appropriate resume to attach with the e-mail. | (8) | 4 | C |

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| 13. | (a) | (i) | Write a set of eight instructions on “Save water for our future”. | (8) | 4 | C |
| | | (ii) | Write a set of eight recommendation on “Making the college a plastic free zone”. | (8) | 4 | C |

(OR)

- (b) (i) Interpret the given data in a paragraph of 150 words. Use discourse markers, comparative words as necessary. (8) 4 C

EXTENT OF FOREST ENCROACHMENT	
Circle	Area (In acres)
Shimoga	81,501.65
Chikmagalur	30,641.48
Canara	28,345.16
Bangalore	15,046.77
Gulbarga	9,584.53
Dharwad	8,558.72
Kodagu	7,358.89
Mangalore	5,862.60
Mysore	5,070.95
Chamarajanagar	4,524.09
Belgaum	4,405.04
Hassan	2,695.74
Bellary	815.14
Field Director, Project Tiger, Mysore	28.00
Total	2,04,442.16

- (ii) As a president of student council, you are organizing a two-day workshop on “Innovation and Engineering”. Design a brochure on the same. Your brochure should answer questions like what, when, why, for who etc., (8) 4 C
14. (a) (i) You have not received the ATM card for the SB account you recently opened in your bank. Despite raising several requests, there has been no response. Write a complaint letter to the bank manager on this matter in the right format. (8) 4 C
- (ii) As the president of ‘Association for Engineers’, you conducted a meeting with the office bearers regarding the initiatives you have planned for this year. Write the minutes of the meeting in the appropriate format with necessary sections and relevant content on the scenario given. (8) 4 C
- (OR)**
- (b) (i) You recently bought a book on science and technology. You have read it in a week. Write a review of the book in 150 words. (8) 4 C
- (ii) Describe the process of making an online purchase in the appropriate structure. Use impersonal passive voice. (8) 4 C

15. (a) You want to create a UPSC exam study circle, at your college to cater to the needs of Civil service aspirants. Write a proposal on this matter to the Principal. Your project proposal should include: (16) 4 C

- i. Introduction (background, need for the project)
- ii. Proposed project
- iii. Methodology
- iv. Budget
- v. Advantages and disadvantages
- vi. Conclusion

(OR)

(b) Your college organized an industrial visit to Indian Space Research Organisation. You explored the research cell, the library, their gallery etc., As the class representative, write a report on your visit and include the departments you visited and your learning experience in the appropriate format. (16) 4 C