

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/  
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — OCTOBER, 2018**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I**

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

**PART — A**

Marks

I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow :

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| 1. "Because they were so alive," he said, and burst into tears.  |   |
| (a) Who burst into tears ?   | 1 |
| (b) What is 'they' referred to here ?  | 2 |
| (c) Describe the context.  | 4 |
| 2. Spaceships are crossing space among a million worlds. But we'll never join them.<br>This is because of a silly mistake. |   |
| (a) Identify the speaker.  | 1 |
| (b) What was the silly mistake ?   | 2 |
| (c) Explain the context.   | 4 |
| 3. With their shorts and their bright orange tee-shirts, / Their athletes are proud they<br>are sent.                      |   |
| (a) Who wears orange tee-shirts ?  | 1 |
| (b) What are they participating in ?   | 2 |
| (c) Comment on the context.  | 4 |
| 4. The beauty page gave some tips to a young lady to enhance her beauty.   |   |
| (a) To whom were these tips useful ?   | 1 |
| (b) How did she use it ?   | 2 |
| (c) Recall the context.  | 4 |

## PART — B

II 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :

(a) The magician waved his wand and the cards .....  
(punished, vanished, cherished)

(b) The police pointed the ..... of the gun at the thief.  
(muzzle, drizzle, muscle)

(c) Gold is ..... by jewellers.  
(astounded, messaged, assayed)

(d) Gandhiji is the ..... of nonviolence.  
(editor, epitome, quantum)

(e) Delhi is ..... for its polluted air.  
(notorious, desirous, captured)

(5×1 = 5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

(a) Most people feared the king because his punishments were **severe**.  
(simple, harsh, funny)

(b) We can still reach the movie on time if we make **haste**.  
(fast, slow, food)

(c) Ben became **weary** after studying continuously for twelve hours.  
(dressed, healthy, tired)

(d) I became a vegetarian when I understood the **dreadful** treatment farm animals receive.  
(fearful, beautiful, careful)

(4×1 = 4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.

(a) The Prime Minister made a visit to the President.

(b) The grandmother spoke a story to the child.

(2×1 = 2)

4. (a) Write a synonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.  
Benjamin is **brilliant** in maths.

(b) Write the antonym of the bold lettered word in the sentence.  
Shafeeq thinks that this is a **complex** problem.

(2×1 = 2)

III 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

The mother took **a** child to the hospital **though** it was sick. After taking medicines there was **many** improvement. The mother told the doctor that he was the **better** doctor in the whole world.

(4×1 = 4)

2. Fill up in the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.

Mohanlal is a ..... (polyester, popular) actor in Malayalam. He is known for his ..... (elegant, elected) style in portraying characters. He plays both ..... (jovial, journal) and ..... (magenta, majestic) roles with equal grace. Mohanlal enjoys a ..... (steady, study) growth in his acting career.

(5×1 = 5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



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4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

Frank is **study** even at midnight because he **have** an exam tomorrow. Physics **are** a difficult subject for him. Therefore he **need** to spend more time. Frank **finish** studying in two hours and went to sleep.

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

USE OTHER DOOR

SWITCH OFF MOBILES

PAY AND PARK

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### PART — C

- IV Write two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion : Television is the Leading Cause of Violence.

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- V Read the details of Ms. Kamala Nath.

Name : Kamala Nath  
Lives in : Coimbatore  
Education : Diploma in Polymer Technology  
Additional Qualification : Certificate in Plastic Manufacture  
Strengths : Sincere, punctual, motivated  
Achievements : 1<sup>st</sup> in state level quiz competition  
Hobbies : Trekking, swimming

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

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- VI Prepare a resume in response to the advertisement given below in *The Employment News* of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

MMTC Ltd. is India's largest public sector trading body. We are looking for young, vibrant and enterprising candidates for the post of Management Trainees. Candidates aged between 18 and 25 with Diploma in any discipline with good communication skills may send their applications to The HR Manager, MMTC Ltd., Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

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- VII Complete the telephone conversation as directed.

Nandita : Hello Deepthi, ..... (requests help with project)

Deepthi : ..... (Agrees) ..... (Suggests to come to her home)

Nandita : ..... (Expresses thanks) ..... (Promises to come in the evening)

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- VIII Write a paragraph on any one of the following.

(a) Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

OR

(b) Need for regular exercise.

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- IX (a) Ishan is coming back from work. He meets Omar who invites to his home which is nearby. Construct a conversation. There should be a minimum of 6 exchanges.

OR

(b) The Factory Manager of Shakti Metals has decided to issue a memo to all employees to join the shift in time. Prepare the memo.

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- X Chitra is participating in an environment seminar and wishes to make a presentation on disaster management. Prepare three slides using the information given below.

A disaster is a serious disruption that strikes the areas inhabited by man. It involves widespread destruction of human, material, environmental loss etc. Disasters can be classified as natural and man-made. Some of the natural disasters are landslides, hurricanes, wildfire, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. Man-made disasters are disasters caused or induced by human activities. These include hazardous material emergencies like chemical spills and groundwater contamination, radiological emergencies, reservoir induced earthquake, nuclear leakage, terrorism, civil unrest and many more. Man-made disasters are equally dangerous as they pose great threat to both people and property. Disaster management is a very important process to reduce loss of life and property, and to provide rescue, relief, rehabilitation and recovery. It is creation of plans to reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. It does not eliminate the disaster but tries to minimize its effect.

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