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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

B.E. II - Semester (AICTE)(Main) Examination, May / June 2019

Subject: English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: Answer all questions from Part-A & any five questions from Part-B.

PART - A (20 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with:

4 x 1/2 = 2

- a) India is playing an one-day cricket match against Australia. (Articles)
b) There is a bridge on the river. (Preposition)
c) Henry had an idea what the answer to the question was. (determiners)
d) That of the information proved to be outdated. (determiners)

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate affixes.

4 x 1/2 = 2

- a) mis + understand
b) in + do
c) child + hood
d) nation + ality

3. a. Give the constituent words of the compound words:

4 x 1/2 = 2

- i) book store
ii) waist coat

b. Give the blends of the following words:

- i) camera + recorder
ii) Science + fiction

4. a) Choose the appropriate transitions to complete the sentences:

4 x 1/2 = 2

i) B we have talked about the dangers of smoking to the students before, I think the information bears being repeated.

- a) In fact b) Although c) Despite d) Nevertheless

ii) After so much reasoning and arguments he _____ left New York on 08 September 1978.

- a) Finally b) Since c) However d) Furthermore

b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Connectives given below

- A) Though B) Which C) Moreover D) Finally

i) _____ I have lived here for years, I don't know the neighbourhood yet.

ii) He would not believe me, _____ worried me too much.

5. a. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word:

4 x 1/2 = 2

- i) When the leadership changed, his position in the organization became precarious.
A) Secure B) exalted C) uncertain D) important

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b. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word:

i) The officer was a very strict person.

- A) pleasant B) open-hearted C) lenient D) indifferent

c. Give a one-word substitute:

i) A person who loves books. librarian

ii) Not legal or not approved of by society. Unlawful

6. Transform the following sentences:

2 x 1 = 2

a) I sent the report yesterday. (convert into Passive)

b) The job has been finished by me. (convert into Active)

7. Transform the following sentences:

2 x 1 = 2

a) "Can you solve this problem?" he asked me. (change into Indirect speech)

b) Vikram requested his friend to lend him an umbrella. (change into Direct speech)

8. Which word best completes the sentences?

2 x 1 = 2

a) The ball went _____ the window.

i) threw ii) through

b) Lakshman invited _____ of his friends to his birthday party.

i) known ii) none iii) none

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: 2 x 1 = 2

i) Trains _____ (arrive) on time here.

ii) The boat _____ (leave) for the bird sanctuary at 6 a.m.

10. Match the following words in Column A with related words in Column B: 2 x 1 = 2

A	B
1. hazardous	a. container
2. receptacle	b. the study of animals
3. castle	c. the study of living beings
4. zoology	d. cheap
	e. dangerous
	f. expensive

PART - B (50 Marks)

11. a) Describe Muni's prosperous days in R.K. Narayan's short story "A Horse and Two Goats". 5

b) Expand the outline and write a paragraph in about 150 words: 5

Devan-clever thief - robs the rich - gives all to the sick and the needy - other thieves jealous - plan to get rid of him - challenge Devan to steal the King's pyjamas - Devan accepts challenge - finds king sleeping - opens a bottle of red ants on the bed - king badly bitten - cries for help - servants rush in - pretends to look for ants - Devan removes King's pyjamas - escapes - other thieves - dumbfounded - accept Devan their leader.

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12. a) Read the lines and explain them briefly in 150 words:

If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster,

And treat those two imposters just the same;

b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on the benefits of technology to human kind. 5

13. a) Read the passage by Martin Luther King Jr. *I have a Dream*. List out the causes of the speaker's dissatisfaction. 5

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the high ways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "For Whites Only."

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters

and righteousness like a mighty stream.

b) Write a letter to the British Council Library, Jubilee Hills enquiring about the membership plans they offer. 5

14. a) What do the two roads symbolize in Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken"? 5

b) Write a report on the Annual Day held at your college.

15. a) Read the following passage from Orwell's "The Sporting Spirit" and express your views on Orwell's attitude towards sports in 150 words:

I am always amazed when I hear people saying that sport creates goodwill between the nations, and that if only common peoples of the world could meet one another at football or cricket, they would have no inclination to meet on the battle field. Even if one didn't know from concrete examples (the 1936 Olympic Games, for instance) that international sporting contests lead to orgies of hatred, one could deduce it from general principles.

b) Write a Statement of Purpose in about 150 words to the admissions committee of a foreign university, seeking admission into a post graduate program. 5

16. a) Answer in about 150 words each:

i) Why does the traveller in "The Road Not Taken" choose the road not taken? 5

OR

ii) "Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality – 1963 is not an end, but a beginning." What justice does Martin Luther King talk about in these lines?

b) Answer in about 150 words each:

i) How does Orwell compare sports with war in his essay, "The Sporting Spirit"? 5

OR

ii) What is the main idea of the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling?

17. a) Arrange the following jumbled sentences to make a meaningful paragraph. Identify the correct order from the options given below.
- A. Speech was the first means of conveying information.
 - B. Thirdly printing helped in dissemination of knowledge in a permanent form. However all these are passive media.
 - C. Then writing as a means introduced a capacity for storing information.
 - D. Therefore computer is hailed as the fourth information revolution.
 - E. Computer is the only medium that cannot only store but analyze information to make decision.
- i) BDCEA ii) AECBD iii) ACBED iv) EABCD.

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- b) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:
This is a story about Columbus. He was an explorer. He is the explorer who came to the Americas from Spain in 1492. This is a story about what might have happened long ago when he was back in Spain.

When Columbus came back from his trip to the Americas, many people praised him. He was made an admiral. That means he was a leader. People said what a great thing he had done. But not everyone liked him. Some were jealous of all the attention he got.

One day Columbus was at a party that a Spanish gentleman gave in his honor. People were saying, "What a great discovery you have made". Several persons were present who were jealous of the great admiral's success. They were proud, conceited fellows, and they very soon began to try to make Columbus uncomfortable.

"You have discovered strange lands beyond the seas," they said, "but what of that? We do not see why there should be so much said about it. Anybody can sail across the ocean, and anybody can coast along the islands on the other side, just as you have done. It is the simplest thing in the world." Columbus made no answer, but after a while he took an egg from a dish and said to the company "Who among you gentlemen, can make this egg stand on end?" One by one those at the table tried the experiment. When the egg had gone entirely around and none had succeeded, all said that it could not be done.

Then Columbus took the egg and struck its small end gently upon the table so as to break the shell a little. After that there was no trouble in making it stand upright. "Gentlemen," said he, "what is easier than to do this which you said was impossible? It is the simplest thing in the world. Anybody can do it - AFTER HE HAS BEEN SHOWN HOW!"

1. Who was Columbus and what did he do?
2. What happened when he returned from his trip to the Americas?
3. Discuss the incident that happened at the party hosted by the Spanish gentlemen.
4. How did Columbus make the egg stand on one end?
5. What is the lesson that the people can learn from this story?
