

I/IV B.Tech. (Supple). DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL/MAY- 2016**First Semester****BT/CSE/ECE/EEE****BASIC ENGLISH FOR ENGINEERS****Time: Three Hours****Maximum marks:60****Answer Question No.1 Compulsory****12X1=12 M****Answer ONE question from each Unit****4X12=48 M**

1. Correct and rewrite the following sentences.
 - a. The sceneries of Kashmir are very good.
 - b. Last night I went to bed lately.
 - c. The air is essential for life.
 - d. My brother has been living here from 2001
 - e. You can neither earn or learn.
 - f. The ship was drowned.
 - g. It's raining here.
 - h. I am thinking to change my job.
 - i. This is the first time I am here
 - j. Would you follow me wherever I would go?
 - k. It is getting winter.
 - l. I don't like nowadays fashions.

UNIT-I

2. a. Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

One of the main reasons of corruption in elections today is the lure of power which haunts the politicians so much that they feel no qualms of conscience in adopting any underhand method to come out successful. The Watergate Scandal in the U.S.A. is an eloquent example to testify to the fact how even the top level politicians can stoop to the lowest level in order to maintain themselves in power. Who does not remember how Adolf Hitler rode roughshod over all canons of electoral propriety to capture power? In India also the record of the various political parties is not clean. Corruption thrives in elections because those in the field play on the psychology of the electorate. The voters are swayed by the tall promises of the candidates to whose machinations they fall an easy prey. They are also susceptible to fall an easy prey to the adulations of the politicians due to

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their illiteracy. Besides, in the representative democracies today and particularly in big countries the constituencies are quite extensive obviating the possibility of corrupt practices being discovered. Anticorruption laws are honoured more in their breach than in their observance. Even the code of conduct to be observed by the parties fighting the elections becomes a dead letter in as much as it is jettisoned out of existence and thrown unscrupulously over board by the unfair politicians whose only aim is to maintain themselves in the saddle.

- a. The politicians indulge in corruption in elections now-a-days because_____
- b. How does corruption thrive in elections?
- c. Why according to the writer do the voters fall an easy prey to the machinations of the politicians?
- d. Why according to the writer, do the corrupt practices indulged in elections go unnoticed?
- e. What happens to the anti-corruption laws?
- f. 'To maintain themselves in the saddle' means.
- g. write synonym of the word 'electoral'.

- b. Read the following passage and prepare a NOTE.

Jawaharlal Nehru was born on November 14, 1889 in Allahabad, central India. His father Motilal Nehru was a prominent advocate and early leader of the Indian independence movement. The younger Nehru graduated from Cambridge University, and returned to India in 1912. Over the next thirty years, he rose to become the top political leader of the Indian national Congress Party and its struggle for independence from Britain. He was jailed seven times.

After independence he served as India first Prime Minister from 1947 until he died in May, 1964. He was also great internationalist, and one of the founders of the non-aligned movement. Nehru was a renowned orator. He could give many extemporaneous speeches in a single day. His most famous speech is the "Tryst With Destiny" address to the Constituent Assembly of India in New Delhi on the night of August 14th and 15th, 1947.

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3. a. Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

What needs to be set right is our approach to work. It is a common sight in our country of employees reporting for duty on time and at the same time doing

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little work. If an assessment is made of time they spent in gossiping, drinking tea, eating “pan” and smoking cigarettes, it will be shocking to know that the time devoted to actual work is negligible. The problem is the standard which the leadership in administration sets for the staff. Forget the ministers because they mix politics and administration. What do top bureaucrats do? What do the below down officials do? The administration set up remains weak mainly because the employees do not have the right example to follow and they are more concerned about being in the good books of the bosses than doing work.

- a. The employees in our country_____
 - b. According to the writer, the administration in India?
 - c. The word ‘assessment’ means?
 - d. What is the leadership in administration?
 - e. The central idea of passage?
 - f. The administration set up remains_____
- b. Bring out the difference in meaning and its usage in sentences to the following words.
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| 1. Scene -- Seen | 2. Waist - Waste | 3. Hoard - Horde |
| 4. Vocation - Vacation | 5. Device-Devise | 6. Causal-Casual |

UNIT-II

4. a. Explain the role of the communication skills in your professional life. (From English and soft skills)
- b. Write a letter to principal, complaining over the poor facilities in your Chemistry laboratory.

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5. a. What do you need to keep in mind when you are writing an essay?
- b. Write a letter to a store manager ordering your fore semester academic books.

UNIT-III

6. a. What is the central theme of the poem ‘Sonnet to Science’ (From the Siren’s Song)
- b. Give one word substitutes to the following
 - a. One who has no money.
 - b. A Government by a king or queen.
 - c. People living at the same time.
 - d. A study of birds.
 - e. To write under a different name.
 - f. That which cannot be satisfied.

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7. a. What is the narrator's opinion about Ozymandias? (From the siren's songs)
b. Write a paragraph on any ONE of the following.
1. Environment 2. Importance of English Language.

UNIT-IV

8. a. Write an essay on "the effects of Science & Technology"
b. Explain the following IDIOMS and its USAGE.
1. Cut it out!
2. To get the ball rolling
3. Give someone a hand
4. Up to the minute
5. In the nick of time
6. Hit the hay

(OR)

9. a. What is the role of print media in shaping modern society?
b. What are the various factors which affect one's behaviour in teamwork?
(Form English and soft-skills)



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- a) It is so rainy in this region that it rain very frequently even in winters.
- b) The government wants to keep the plan to themselves.
- c) Everybody or anybody are able to answer these questions.
- d) If the recession continues, the industry would not grow.
- e) The good leader leads the country to prosperity.
- f) Could you lend me any of your books to day ?
- g) During her visit to Mumbai, she stayed in her friend's home.
- h) Honest man is noblest work of the God.
- i) Look it rains.
- j) My parents wanted that I study.
- k) I look forward to see you.
- l) If I will have time, I will go home.

UNIT - I**2. a) Read the following passage and answer the following questions.**

Winter is cold in some places. Many plants do not grow during winter. Some plants die. Snow and ice may cover the ground. It can be hard for animals to find food during winter. Animals get through this time in many ways. Birds and butterflies can fly. Many of them do not stick around for the winter. They leave. They go to a place with nice weather. Then they come home in the spring. We call this migration. Migrating is a good way to avoid the cold. Another good way to avoid the cold is to sleep through it. Many animals hide during the winter. Their bodies slow down. They save their energy. They do not eat. They live off of their fat. They do this until food returns. We call this hibernation. Snakes, frogs, and bears hibernate. Some animals store food in their homes. They do not sleep all winter, but they do much less. They live on what they saved in the summer and fall. This is what squirrels, beavers, and reccoons do.

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Skunks do this too. Other animals tough it out. They do not leave. They do not hide. They must survive. Sometimes nature helps them out. Some animals grow thicker coats in the winter. Other animals change colour. The arctic fox is brown in the summer. His coat turns white in the winter. Winter may be pretty. It is nice to see snow on the trees. But it is dangerous too. People are also at risk. You can get frost bitten or worse. How do you beat the winter ? Do you wear a thick coat ? Do you stay inside ? Or do you live somewhere warm ?

- i) Which of these animals migrates during the winter ?
 - a) foxes
 - b) snakes
 - c) bears
 - d) butterflies
- ii) Which of these animals survives winter by eating stored food ?
 - a) bears
 - b) raccoons
 - c) frogs
 - d) birds
- iii) Why does the arctic fox's coat change white during winter ?
 - a) The white coat is prettier and attracts mates.
 - b) White absorbs the sun and is warmer.
 - c) The white coat helps him blend with the snow.
 - d) His body saves energy by reducing hair colour.
- iv) Which does not hibernate ?
 - a) skunks
 - b) frogs
 - c) snakes
 - d) bears
- v) Why is winter a difficult season in some places ?
 - a) There is less food
 - b) It is colder
 - c) Snow and ice cover the ground
 - d) All of these
- vi) What does it mean to migrate ?
 - a) To grow a thicker coat.
 - b) To move somewhere warmer for a season.
 - c) To enter a long sleep and survive off of body fat.
 - d) To change colours.

b) Read the passage and prepare a NOTE.

The coffee plant, an evergreen shrub or small tree of African origin, begins to produce fruit 3 or 4 years after being planted. The fruit is hand-gathered when it is fully ripe and a reddish purple in colour. The ripened fruits of the coffee shrubs are processed where they are produced to separate the coffee seeds from their covering and from the pulp. Two different techniques are in use: a wet process and a dry process. The wet process First the fresh fruit is pulped by a pulping machine. Some pulp still clings to the coffee, however, and this residue is removed by fermentation in tanks. The few remaining traces of pulp are then removed by washing. The coffee seeds are then dried to a moisture content of about 12 per cent either by exposure to the sun or by hot-air driers. If dried in

the sun, they must be turned by hand several times a day for even drying. The dry process in the dry process the fruits are immediately placed to dry either in the sun or in hot-air driers. Considerably more time and equipment is needed for drying than in the wet process. When the fruits have been dried to a water content of about 12 per cent the seeds are mechanically freed from their coverings.

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3. a) Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

Before the United States was a country, it was a group of English colonies. Until 1763, England didn't really bother the American colonists. The people handled their business the way they wanted. However, England had a lot of war debts to pay. Some of the money was owed because England had defended the colonies in the French and Indian War. Citizens who were living in England wanted taxes to be lowered. The king decided to take more control over the colonies to get the money to pay off the debts. He started a new tax for the colonies. After being left to make their own decisions for so long, some of the colonists did not want to give up control. They did not want to pay high taxes. They did not want to follow rules that didn't make sense to them. Colonists were not given a chance to participate in government decisions in England. The colonists were divided. Loyalists wanted the colonies to stay part of England. Patriots wanted America to be established as an independent nation. The Patriots decided that it was time to send a letter to the king. They wanted to make an official declaration, or statement, of independence. Thomas Jefferson wrote the group's ideas into a letter to King George III. Jefferson explained why the colonists believed they no longer had to listen to his authority. By signing the Declaration of Independence, the men were risking their lives if the colonies lost the war. They signed it anyway. Fighting in the American Revolutionary War had already begun when Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. After the war was over, there was still work to do. The job of uniting 13 separate colonies into one nation had to be done. It was a difficult process with lots of compromises. In 1781 the Constitution was written to describe the rights and responsibilities of the new government and its people.

- i) What country did the American colonies belong to before the American Revolutionary War ?
- ii) Why did King George III decided to take more control over the colonies than he had before ?
- iii) Did all the colonists think that it was time to be independent from England ? Explain.
- iv) Do you think you would have been willing to risk death by signing the declaration of independence ?
- v) What are some rights and responsibilities you think citizens should have ?
- vi) Write meaning of the word 'Colonists'.

b) Bring out the difference in meaning and its usage in sentences to the following words.

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| i) Complement - Compliment | ii) Eminent - Imminent |
| iii) Envelop - Envelope | iv) Formally - Formerly |
| v) Hoard - Horde | vi) Later - Latter |

UNIT - II

4. a) Explain the role of writing skills in your day to day life with reference to the Gateman's Gift. (From English and Soft Skills).
b) Write a letter to Bank manager complaining about delay in issuing a check.

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5. a) What do you need to keep in mind in oral communication especially when you're speaking ?
b) Write a letter to a store manager ordering your Academic books.

UNIT - III

6. a) The poem laments and rejects scientific dogmatism because it is too unimaginative and does no good to poets. Discuss (From The Siren's Song).
b) Give one word substitutes to the following.

- i) At the same time.
- ii) Award given after death.
- iii) Borrow ideas and steal others words is called.
- iv) Care taker of a public building.
- v) Doctor who treats children.
- vi) Equal in rank.

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7. a) Coleridge's "Work without Hope" is a sonnet relating nature to the emotions of the speaker. Discuss (From The Siren's Song).
b) Write a paragraph on any one of the following :
i) Describe a Person who has Influenced Your Life.
ii) Describe some tasks that you have accomplished over the past two years that have no connection to academic studies.

UNIT - IV

8. a) Write an essay on 'Importance of Communication Skills'.
b) Explain the following IDIOMS and its USAGE.

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| i) back and forth | ii) to get rid of |
| iii) to keep away | iv) on the ball |
| v) at the drop of a hat | vi) see eye to eye |

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9. a) What is the role of electronic media in shaping public opinion ?
b) Write the dynamics mentioned in the passage which can affect some one's personality?

