

I/IV B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC-2017**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) She has got a cold and cough.
- b) There is not more scope in the conventional jobs these days.
- c) This is not the doctor who he referred to.
- d) Children under 18 years are not allowed in the movies having A-certificate.
- e) None except the brave deserve the fair.
- f) I have passed the M.A examination in 1981.
- g) Every Chair and every table in the room were in order.
- h) If you will take tea, I shall also take.
- i) We go to college by foot.
- j) He secured only passing marks in Mathematics.
- k) What is the fresh news of today?
- l) The train left at 3 o' clock.

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

Both borrowers and lenders in the sub-prime mortgage market are wishing they had listened to the old saying: Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Last year people with poor credit ratings borrowed \$605 billion in mortgages, a figure that is about 20% of the home-loan market. It includes people who cannot afford to meet the mortgage payments on expensive homes they have bought, and low-income buyers. In some cases, the latter could not even meet the first payment. Lenders include banks like HSBC, which may have lost almost \$7 billion. Both sides can be blamed. Lenders, after the 2-3 percentage point premium they could charge, offered loans, known as 'liar loans' with no down payments and without any income verification to people with bad credit histories. They believed that rising house prices would cover them in the event of default. Borrowers ignored

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the fact that interest rates would rise after an initial period. One result is that default rates on these subprime mortgages reached 14% last year—a record. The problems in this market also threaten to spread to the rest of the mortgage market, which would reduce the flow of credit available to the shrinking numbers of consumers still interested in buying property. So, the housing market will remain weak; borrowers with weak credit histories will find the credit window closed; people with adjustable-rate mortgages will have to spend less so they can meet their increased payments; tighter lending standards and falling home prices will reduce consumers' ability to tap the equity in their homes. But as long as the labour market remains strong, which it has done despite job losses in housing-related industries, and as long as real incomes continue to go up, consumers might complain, but they are unlikely to go on a buyers' strike on a scale that will make this slowdown become a recession. Therefore, we should not be too worried, but, at the same time, we should be a bit cautious and watch closely how things develop.

- i) Sub-prime mortgage loans were offered
 - A) Only to low income families.
 - B) To people who wanted to buy very expensive houses.
 - C) To people with poor credit histories.
- ii) Who believed that rising house prices would cover them in the event of a default?
 - A) Borrowers B) Lenders C) Both
- iii) Borrowers have been caught out
 - A) Because they lied when applying for the loan
 - B) Because house prices have risen.
 - C) Because interest rates rise after a while.
- iv) According to the text, people with adjustable-rate mortgages
 - A) Will not be able to get credit.
 - B) Will have to economize
 - C) Have weak credit histories
- v) The housing market problems.
 - A) Could easily tip the country in recession.
 - B) Are unlikely to tip the country into recession.
 - C) Will cause a buyers' strike
- vi) The writer is
 - A) A bit concerned about the housing market.

- B) Very worried about the housing market.
 - C) Not worried about the housing market.
- b) **Read the following passage and prepare a NOTE.**

Home is the young, who known “nothing of the world and who would be forlorn and sad, if thrown upon it. It is providential, shelter of the weak and inexperienced, who have to learn as yet to cope with the temptations which lies outside of it. It is the place of training of those who are not only ignorant, but have no yet learnt how to learn, and who have to be taught by careful individual trail, how to set about profiting by the lessons of teacher. And it is the school of elementary studies-not of advances, for such studies alone can make master minds. Moreover, it is the shrine of our best affections, the bosom of our fondest recollections, at spell upon out after life, a stay for world weary mind and soul; wherever we are, till the end comes. Such are attributes or offices of home, and like to these, in one or other sense or measure, are the attributes and offices of a college in a university.

(OR)

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

The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of colored light. The shades of color that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sun light than it does like a living being. But, you ask, why are they called humming birds? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings-a motion so rapid, that as they fly, you can hardly see that they have wings. One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. It was about half the size of a very small hen’s egg, and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibers and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum .When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely, and even destroy your sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

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- i) Why does the author say the hummingbird looks like a “bright flash of sunlight”
- ii) Why do you think it is hard to find a hummingbird’s nest?
- iii) What might happen if you try to take the nest of a hummingbird?
- iv) How do you think the author feels about hummingbirds?
- b) Bring out the difference in meaning and its usage to the following words.
 - i. Advice-Advise ii. Affect-Effect iii. Along-A long
 - iv. Altra-Alter v. Assent-Ascent vi. Bare-Bear

UNIT-II

- 4. a) How is listening and understanding from another person’s point of view important for a manager with reference to “The boy who broke the bank.”
 - b) Write a letter to bank for applying educational loan providing all particulars.
- (OR)**
- 5. a) What is teamwork? What are the skills required to work in a team?
 - b) Write a letter to the manager of a T.V show room complaining against the non-functioning of the T.V.set which you have recently purchased.

UNIT-III

- 6. a) What is the structure of Poe’s “Sonnet-To Science”?
 - b) Give one word substitutes to the following
 - i) An expression or statement that has more than one meaning.
 - ii) Fit for eating
 - iii) One who knows everything.
 - iv) One who knows many languages
 - v) A Government by the officials
 - vi) People who work together.
- (OR)**
- 7. a) “Work without hope draws nectar in a sieve, and hope without an object cannot live.” Discuss.
 - b) What is Note-Taking? Explain Note-Taking methods?

UNIT-IV

- 8. a) Write an essay on the benefits of Yoga.
 - b) Explain the following IDIOMS and its usage.
 - i. A Dime A Dozen ii. Against The Clock iii. A Slap on the Wrist
 - iv. Drink like a fish v. Fixed In Your Ways vi. Get Over It
- (OR)**
- 9. a) Write an essay on ‘E-Commerce’.
 - b) Write a paragraph on ‘Population of India-an asset.



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1. Correct and rewrite the following sentences.

- a) Whenever he meets me he talk about his illness.
- b) Two deers were killed by the poachers.
- c) Neither of them are an expert of the subject.
- d) The Prime Minister announces the project if the parliament approves it.
- e) The people of America are more liberal than a people of Europe.
- f) You cannot buy anything with such a less amount of money.
- g) A dog ran on the middle of the road.
- h) I am going to hospital to see a friend who has undergone the operation.
- i) More you read less you understand.
- j) On a way home, I saw old beggar accompanied by child.
- k) I can to swim.
- l) I must see the dentist yesterday.

UNIT - I

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

Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. Chess is based on an even older game from India. The chess we play today is from Europe. Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces. The other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more rules, but those are the basics. Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is kind of like

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a workout for the mind. You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast-paced. Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. At first they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006 a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess sure has come a long way. Don't you think so ?

- (i) What is the author's purpose in writing the second paragraph ?
- a) To explain the rules of chess b) To compare different types of games
c) To talk about game pieces d) To persuade people to play chess
- (ii) Which is not a reason that chess is a good workout for the mind according to the text ?
- a) Good chess players think about what will happen next.
b) Good chess players take a lot of risks.
c) Good chess players take their time.
d) Good chess players use their brains.
- (iii) How long have people been playing chess ?
- a) Over 100 years b) Over 500 years
c) Over 1000 years d) Over 5000 years
- (iv) Where did the game that chess is based on come from ?
- a) Europe b) America
c) India d) All of these
- (v) Which best describes the main idea in the fourth paragraph ?
- a) This paragraph argues that players should think less.
b) This paragraph explains how blitz chess is played.
c) This paragraph explains time clocks work.
d) This paragraph describes many different ways to play chess.
- (vi) How does a game of chess end according to the text ?
- a) One player takes all of the other player's pieces.
b) One player makes it to the end of the board.
c) One player becomes king.
d) One player loses his or her king.
- b) Read the passage and prepare a NOTE.

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his

mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns. Now, is discipline necessary at all ? Please listen carefully. Don't immediately say YES or NO. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like and think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline. The keen athlete is disciplining himself the whole time, isn't he ? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline and punctuality is not an imposition but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics.

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

Earth's atmosphere is the layers of gases that surround our planet. A climate is the usual condition of the atmosphere in a certain area. The climate of a certain area can change a little from day to day. A climate is what the weather is usually. There are quite a few different climates found in the world. Scientists have identified 11 different climates on Earth. They are named either for the region where they occur or for the weather found there. The polar regions of Earth are the areas near the North Pole and the South Pole. They have two extremely cold climates, called ice caps and tundra. The regions near the equator are warm and tropical. They have three separate climates, known as monsoon, wet and savannah/grasslands. The subtropical regions are between the tropical regions and the Polar Regions. They have six different climates; these are called dry summer, dry winter, humid, marine west coast, Mediterranean and wet. Why are the warmest climates found near the equator ? Earth is shaped like a sphere. The equator is the line that is at equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole. The sun shines directly on the equator when Earth is facing the sun. The surface of the Earth curves as it moves away from the equator. Those curved areas receive less direct sunlight. The poles, at the top and bottom of Earth, receive the least direct sunlight of all. The poles don't get enough warmth from the sun. That's why they have a layer of ice all year.

- i) What is a climate ?
 - ii) What is the climate of the region where you live ?
 - iii) Why is it coldest in the Polar Regions ?
 - iv) How does the shape of Earth affect the climate ?
 - v) Are you more likely to have a warm climate in Canada or in Mexico ?
 - vi) Write antonym for the word 'surface' ?
- b) Bring out the difference in meaning and its usage in sentences to the following words.
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| i) Council --- counsel | ii) die --- dye | iii) fair --- fare |
| iv) lessen --- lesson | v) miner --- minor | vi) quiet --- quite |

UNIT - II

4. a) Explain the role of LSRW Skills in your day to day life with reference to the text *English and Soft Skills*.
b) Write a letter to Commissioner of police complaining against Ragging in your College.
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5. a) Explain the importance of assertive skills with reference to 'The Verger'.
b) Write a letter to the Deputy Manager of social welfare department requesting for releasing of scholarship.

UNIT - III

6. a) How according to Shakespeare do men and women play seven roles according to their age. (From *the Siren's Song*).
b) Give one word substitutes to the following.
i) An unknown person.
ii) Animals living on land and in water.
iii) Fear of bathing.
iv) Government by the Gods.
v) Morning Prayer.
vi) One who wants to see others unhappy.
- (OR)
7. a) The speaker describes a meeting with someone who has traveled to a place where ancient civilizations once existed. Discuss (From *the Siren's Song*).
b) Write a paragraph on any one of the following :
i) Influence of western culture.
ii) Impact of social networks.

UNIT - IV

8. a) Write an essay on 'Importance of English Language'.
b) Explain the following IDIOMS and its USAGE.
i) Be above board
ii) Break a leg
iii) Donkey work
iv) Fool's paradise
v) In the doghouse
vi) My hands are full
- (OR)
9. a) What is the role of Print media in shaping public opinion ?
b) The speaker describes a meeting with someone who has traveled to a place where ancient civilizations once existed. Discuss (From *The Siren's Song*).