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VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous), HYDERABAD
B.E. (CBCS) I-Semester (Main) Examinations, December-2016

English-I

(Common to all Branches)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

- Note: i) Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B
ii) Answers to questions of Part-A must be at one place and in the same order as they occur in the question paper

Part-A (30 Marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions. [4]
- Yoga nowadays has become synonymous with asanas. *Asana* is only one aspect of yoga. Even the approach to asana has become merely physical – or, at best, spiritual or psychological concepts are thrown in, in a disconnected way. *Asana* is looked at as a posture rather than in its original meaning of “a state of being”. One experiences and evokes many qualities and aspects from within. Stability and firmness, comfort and ease are emphasized by Patanjali in the yoga sutras. However, many push too hard. There are many simple movements and actions to start off with. However, the human mind can be twisted into thinking that the more complicated the asana, the better the benefits. This lack of awareness combined with greed makes the *asana* a harmful exercise. It is obvious that a sedentary person will hurt himself if he did the shirsasana or the head stand. You should look for a course that emphasizes awareness rather than achievement.
- i) What is the theme of the passage?
ii) What are the qualities emphasized in yoga?
iii) Why have people framed a wrong notion about yoga?
iv) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.
2. Fill in the following blanks by adding appropriate suffixes to the words given in the brackets. [3]
- i) The article on forensic research was an excellent piece of _____ (investigate) journalism.
ii) Mr. Das’s contribution to the huge turnover of the company is highly _____ (commend).
iii) In order to succeed in today’s competitive world, one should _____ (priority) one’s goals.
3. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate word given in the brackets. [2]
- i) Raman was in for trouble with his _____ (confident/ confidant) after the recent altercation.
ii) Mrinalini was surprised at the quick _____ (ascent/assent) of her building plan.
4. Choose the appropriate antonym for each of the underlined words. [2]
- i) The palace with its traditional activities and grandeur was very vibrant.
a) gorgeous b) roaring c) radiant d) spiritless
ii) The pristine water of the stream has great medicinal values.
a) fresh b) improvised c) stale d) unspoilt
5. Find a misused homonym in each of the following sentences given below and rewrite them correctly. [2]
- i) There is always a mane lead by the senior performers.
ii) The old woman requested Tom to get her a pale of water.
6. Fill in the following blanks by choosing appropriate words from the box. [4]

incidence frequency astonishingly acknowledged

One of the most brutal features of gender inequality takes the form of physical violence against women. The of such violence is remarkably high, not only in poorer and less developed economies but also in wealthy and modern societies. Indeed the of battering women even in the richest and most developed economies is..... high. Turning to India, it must be..... first that the frequency of assaults on women is high in the country.

