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**VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous), HYDERABAD
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English-I

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 60

*Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B
Answer all of Part A in one place before attempting Part-B*

Part-A (20 Marks)

1. Rewrite the following sentences by making the necessary corrections. [4]
 - a) Ram reached the railway station but the train left.
 - b) Drive slowly or you may not meet with an accident.
 - c) The news from the Parliament are disappointing.
 - d) We watched TV when it started to rain.
2. Identify the parts of speech in the following sentences. [2]
 - a) She danced gracefully.
 - b) I long for your return.
3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition or article. [2]
 - a) This is _____ honorary job.
 - b) I differ _____ you on this issue.
4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word given in bracket. [2x1=2]
 - a) He had an head injury which left him in a _____ for a few months.(comma, coma)
 - b) She _____ her hair dark red after she became an international singer. (died, dyed)
5. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: [4x1=4]

Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat has accumulated to the extent that it may have an adverse effect on health, leading to reduced life expectancy and/or increased health problems. Body mass index (BMI), a measurement which compares weight and height, defines people as overweight (pre-obese) when their BMI is between 25 kg/m² and 30 kg/m², and obese when it is greater than 30 kg/m².

Obesity increases the likelihood of various diseases, particularly heart disease, type 2 diabetes, breathing difficulties during sleep, certain types of cancer, and osteoarthritis. Obesity is most commonly caused by a combination of excessive dietary calories, lack of physical activity, and genetic susceptibility, although a few cases are caused primarily by genes, endocrine disorders, medications or psychiatric illness. Evidence to support the view that some obese people eat little yet gain weight due to a slow metabolism is limited; on average obese people have a greater energy expenditure than their thin counterparts due to the energy required to maintain an increased body mass.

The primary treatment for obesity is dieting and physical exercise. To supplement this, or in case of failure, anti-obesity drugs may be taken to reduce appetite or inhibit fat absorption. In severe cases, surgery is performed or an intragastric balloon is placed to reduce stomach volume and/or bowel length, leading to earlier satiation and reduced ability to absorb nutrients from food.

Obesity is a leading preventable cause of death worldwide, with increasing prevalence in adults and children, and authorities view it as one of the most serious public health problems of the 21st century. Obesity is stigmatized in much of the modern world (particularly in the Western world), though it was widely perceived as a symbol of wealth and fertility at other times in history, and still is in some parts of the world.

 - i) The statistics in the paragraph state that.
 - a) although obesity is prevalent, it is not considered as a serious illness.
 - b) obesity is considered as a serious illness. c) obesity is not a serious health issue
 - c) obesity is not a serious health issue d) none
 - ii) Obese people
 - a) may suffer from severe illnesses. b) may suffer from mild ailments.

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c) do not suffer from severe illnesses d) lucky

iii) Modern medicine

a) can cure obesity b) cannot cure it at all c) has no cure for obesity d) none

iv) The best treatment for obesity is

a) related to an individual's lifestyle b) medical c) fasting d) None

6. Fill in the blanks choosing an appropriate alternative [2]

i) Mohan is quite industrious and is thus very rich. ()

a) indifferent b) hard working c) lethargic d) lazy

ii) There is a dearth of skilled labour in India, Hence training is required. ()

a) scarcity b) abundance c) availability d) sufficiency

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate cohesive devices: [2]

i) He couldn't study for the examination (as/ however/hence) he failed.

ii) I liked his lecture, _____ (as/ but/ so) I did not like his attitude.

8. Punctuate the following sentences: [2]

i) the nurse says the patient is tiresome.

ii) the shopkeeper declares the boy is a thief.

Part-B (5 × 8 = 40 Marks)

(All sub-questions carry equal marks)

9. a) Explain the importance of gestures and facial expressions in oral communication.

b) Mention three different types of Listening and explain each with examples.

10. a) Explain the role, importance and functions of communication for an Engineer.

b) Is the narrator somewhat cautious about not revealing too much about himself in 'The Eyes are not here'? Why?

11. a) Is the title of the poem 'The Road not taken' justified? If yes say why, if not say why not?

b) Construct a dialogue between you and the bank manager, on opening a bank account.

12. a) What are the barriers to effective communication? Suggest measures to overcome them.

b) How do nonverbal aspects enhance spoken communication?

13. a) Write a paragraph on "The status of English in India". Use connectives and punctuations appropriately.

b) Draw the flow chart of the processes of communication and explain in brief.

14. a) What is Active listening and Passive listening? How does listening help in communicating better?

b) Explain the non-verbal forms of communication that are necessary to make a speech effective.

15. Answer any *two* of the following

a) Analyze the importance of reading from a student's point of view.

b) Justify the title of the story 'The eyes are not here'.

c) What are the elements of a good speech?