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VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (AUTONOMOUS), HYDERABAD
B.E. (CBCS) II-Semester Advanced Supplementary Examinations, July-2019

English Language and Communication-II

(Common to all branches)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 60

- Note: 1. Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B*
 2. Answer to questions of Part-A must be at one place and in the same order as they occur in the question paper.
 3. Rewrite the correct answer for Part-A. Letters and numbers will not be considered as an answer.

Part-A (20 Marks)

1. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.** [4]
 a) The quality of the mangoes _____ come down in the last five years. (have, has)
 b) The pupils along with their teacher _____ present in the seminar hall yesterday. (was, were)
 c) Neither Sushma nor her friends _____ submitted the project till date. (has, have)
 d) Each and every middle class person _____ to take a medical insurance policy. (want, wants)
2. **Write the idioms for the following statements** [2]
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| 1) | Burn the midnight oil | a) | Regret over past |
| 2) | Cry over spilt milk | b) | Shed tears |
| | | c) | Work hard |
| | | d) | To present a counter argument |
3. **Bring out the differences between the two words in sentences.** [2]
 a) site cite
 b) already all ready
4. **Choose the appropriate word and fill the blanks** [2]
 _____ **out, on , across, about, up , out, off.**
 a) She came _____ an old friend of hers in the evening.
 b) Kumar is self-employed now. He is going to set _____ his own office.
5. **Read each statement and indicate whether they are true or false:** [4]
 a) It is the speaker's responsibility to make his/her message clear and simple.
 b) A competent speaker gives equal importance while selecting a channel to convey his ideas.
 c) Sometimes, our listening skills can become poor due to health reasons.
 d) Written communication is generally considered as a permanent record.
6. **Give the one-word for each of the statements** [2]
 a) A person appointed by two parties to solve a dispute
 1. arbitrator
 2. anarchist
 3. philanthropist
 4. atheist
 b) One who can write with both hands with ease
 1. altruist
 2. ambidextrous
 3. ascetic
 4. virtuoso

7. **Collocate the following sentences** [2]
- I) My uncle was a smoker, and so few people were surprised when he suddenly became ill and was admitted to hospital.
- a) serial
b) heavy
c) big
- II) Even as they were just talking, all hell broke _____ and people started screaming and shouting in the auditorium.
- a) free
b) loose
c) over

8. **Change the sentences as instructed:** [2]
- a) Who broke this news first? (Change to **passive** voice)
b) The million dollar mansion has been bought by the business tycoon. (Change to **active** voice)

Part-B (5 × 8 = 40 Marks)

9. a) What is the significance of JOHARI window and explain its relevance to our lives? [4]
- b) Persuasion is a powerful tool to convince an audience. What persuasion techniques would you use to persuade your classmates to decrease water wastage in their daily lives? [4]
10. What rules should we follow to make our power point presentations effective and convincing to an audience? [4]
- a) Without teamwork, no organisation or team can function efficiently. Describe the different stages of team building as outlined by Bruce Tuckman? [4]
11. William Wordsworth's poem "The World is too Much with Us" is a bitter commentary about growing materialistic life in our present society. To what extent do you agree? [4]
- a) What are Shiva Ayyadurai's central arguments regarding the invention of the 'e-mail'? [4]
- 12.a) **Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :** [4]
- When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people though the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals. We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave. (No. of words: 192)
- b) Write a letter to the Principal of your college, requesting him to permit you and your team members to attend a technical conference related to Robotics to be held in Chennai including details such as the significance of the conference, skills development, your team's power point presentation, etc. [4]

- 13.a) Write an email to your class teacher thanking her for helping you improve your communication skills in the first year through various language learning activities in the labs. [4]
- b) Write a letter of application to the HR, Cognizant Technologies Limited, Hyderabad-500095 for the post of a Software Trainee Engineer, highlighting your professional strengths and your achievements till date. [4]
14. All human beings desire to improve themselves and become better in their lives. Discuss the steps you intend to take to increase the Open Quadrant of the Johari window. [4]
- a) you intend to take to increase the Open Quadrant of the Johari window.
- b) Discuss any 5 important qualities to be an effective team player in an organisation. [4]
15. Answer any *two* of the following:
- a) Write a short note on Shiva Ayyadurai. (100 words) [4]
- b) List the dos and donts one must keep in mind when writing an email? (100 words) [4]
- c) Do you think we have no time to enjoy Nature in today's fast paced technology driven world? Why? (100 words) [4]
