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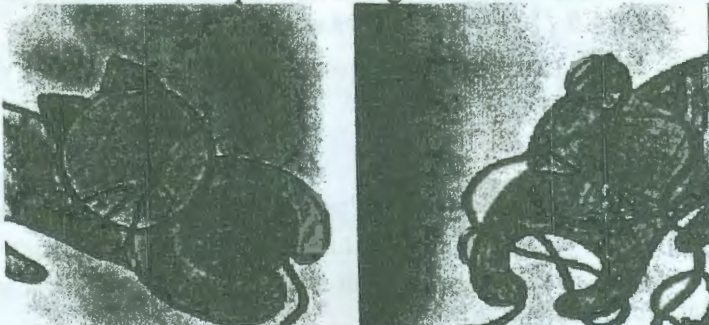
VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous), HYDERABAD
B.E. (CBCS) III-Semester Main Examinations, December-2018

Communication Skills in English-I

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 60

Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B

Q.No.	Stem of the question	M	L	CO	PO
Part-A (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)					
1.	Complete the conversation Anirudh : What do you think of the recent developments in the economy? Jayanthi : ----- Anirudh : Don't you? The inflation has recently reached its highest level in the nation's history. Jayanthi : But it is not surprising for such a bad economy management as ours. A) I don't think there is a problem. We are the best when it is economy management. B) Everything seems to be alright but I don't think I am good at economic comments. C) I think unless they take some precautions, it will really be a hard year for most of us. D) I am so busy with my work that I don't have time to watch news at all and I have no idea what's going on lately. E) I am the last one to ask such a question as I hate economics.	2	3	1	10
2.	During formal conversations to listen well, one has to FOCUS. Expand the acronym "FOCUS".	2	1	1	10
3.	Adverts for the soft drink, Tango, have recently been banned for possibly encouraging playground bullying. Paraphrase 1 Advertising for the fizzy drink, Tango, have been disallowed recently for potentially leading to school bullying. Paraphrase 2 A ban on Tango adverts has been implemented recently, as some felt the content could encourage school bullies.	2	2	1	10
4.	Read the following sentences and create two of your own. He doesn't agree with you. I think he is a wonderful student.	2	2	1	10
5.	Write a sentence based on the picture using the cause and effect framework. 	2	5	1	10

<p>6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate cause and effect words</p> <p>i) _____, the temperature should begin dropping.</p> <p>A) Now that the sun setting B) Now that the sun set C) The sun setting D) Now that the sun has set</p> <p>ii) _____ is important since most professional jobs require writing skills.</p> <p>A) Learn how to write B) Learning how write C) Learning how to write D) Learning how to write it is</p>	<p>2 6 1 10</p>
<p>7. Give the paragraph a title and identify its structure.</p> <p>Since I made honor roll every quarter this year, my mom is going to buy me a new phone for my birthday. I can't decide whether I want to get an iPhone or a Galaxy. They are both really cool phones, and they cost about the same, but they are also different in a lot of ways too, like the Galaxy has a bigger screen. The iPhone's screen isn't small or anything, it's just not as big as the Galaxy's. However, the iPhone connects with my iTunes account. All of my music is already uploaded to iTunes, so all I have to do is sync my phone and then I can listen to all of my music. That'd be cool. But if I got the Galaxy, I could use Google Play to upload my old songs and buy new ones. This would give me a chance to go through my old music collection. That'd be cool too. I'm not sure which one I'm going to get but I'm super pumped about it either way. Maybe if you make honor roll every quarter next year, you can get a new phone too. It's worth a shot.</p>	<p>2 3 1 10</p>
<p>8. What would you do if you awoke one day and discovered that you could not create new memories? You might remember everything that occurred in your life up to the point of an injury, but could not form new memories beyond that. This condition is called "anterograde amnesia," and it is difficult to treat, but doctors and therapists recommend these steps: What could they possibly be? Pretend that you are a therapist and write two to three steps.</p>	<p>2 6 1 10</p>
<p>9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate transitions.</p> <p>i) Employees need to continually expand their job skills ---- they can achieve their full personal potential. A) so that B) in case C) otherwise D) in addition to E) instead of</p> <p>ii) A violation of the law, ---- how slight, is a crime and therefore punishable. A) even though B) no matter C) however D) thereby E) further</p>	<p>2 2 1 10</p>
<p>10. Write a positive effect for each cause. Use your imagination and write a complete sentence.</p> <p>i) There was no sugar in the house ii) A black cat crossed the road Positive Effect: Positive Effect:</p>	<p>2 4 1 10</p>
<p>Part-B (5 × 8 = 40 Marks)</p>	
<p>11. a) After reading the passage, match the following phrases in the columns A to the phrases in column B:</p> <p>New Year's Resolutions</p> <p>A New Year's Resolution is a promise to yourself to improve your life in some way. You can improve your life by starting something new, by trying harder at something, by cutting down on something, or even quitting something. OR we can just keep doing what we are doing now.</p>	<p>4 2 1 10</p>

Quit	Continue
Cut down on	Stop
Keep doing	Reduce
Try harder in/at	Begin
Start	Give more effort in/at

Part-2:

Complete the following phrases using the phrases in column 'A' of the above table:

- I've decided to _____
- I'm going to _____
- I intend to _____
- I'm planning to _____
- I'm planning to _____
- I'm thinking of _____

- b) You are a part of corporate communication team in your company. The working time period is revised as 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Using the following phrases, write an email with a minimum of 70 words and a maximum of 100 words to the employees in your company informing them about the change. by 30 minutes to avoid traffic - effect from next week - lunch duration-revised working time - reduced by 10 minutes-free breakfast-office will start earlier-till the end of rainy season-will be in effect. 4 2 1 10
12. a) Paraphrase the following sentences 4 3 1 10
- i) Some people think that parents should teach their children how to be good members of society.
 - ii) Some people believe that car emissions have a massive impact on the environment.
- b) Write your opinion on any one of the following topics. Use simple present tense 4 5 1 10
- i) Trust is the most important part of any relationship.
 - ii) Friendships are as important to happiness as romantic relationships.
 - iii) Arguing is healthy and brings people together.
13. a) Draw a mind map classifying the types of students. 4 4 1 10
- b) Study the picture given below and write a paragraph based on what you see. 4 6 1 10



14. a) Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting these two animals. Do not write more than 50-75 words.



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- b) Some key phrases for introducing problems and giving solutions
 Problem: One of the main reasons for..... Solution: To tackle this issue.....
 Problem: Another problem to consider is.... Solution: One possible solution is....
 Problem: One main cause for..... Solution: The way forward could be to.....
 Write a paragraph using the 'problem and solution framework' on the topic –
Fast food and lack of exercise

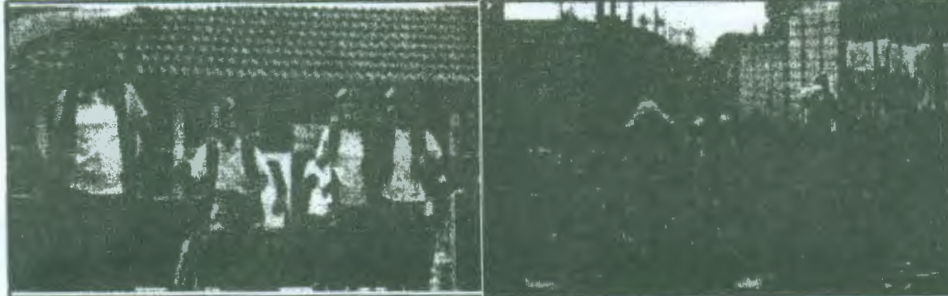
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15. a) According to World of Chemicals, firecrackers release pollutants such as sulphur dioxide, lead, magnesium and nitrate that cause various respiratory ailments. How would you celebrate Deepavali without adding to the pollution? Write your solutions to this problem in not more than 50 -75 words.

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- b) Study the picture below and write a paragraph in not more than 50-75 words

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16. a) Correct this Letter

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Dear mam,

Today I wake up at 5.30 AM. After that I was cleaned the house. I was cleaned the dishes. I go to the milk shop. I had a tiffen and tea. After that I was washed clothes. I spend some time with my neighbours. I prepared the rice and curry. I had lunch with my mother. I slept at 1.00 Pm and I woke up at 3.00pm. I prepared a tea. I was cleaned the dishes and house. I heat the water for bathing. I prepared idly better.

- b) The following expressions can be used to introduce hypothetical situations:
 - supposing, if only, what if. They are followed by a past tense to indicate that the condition they introduce is unreal:
 Supposing an elephant and a mouse _____ in love? (= but we know this is unlikely or impossible)
 What if we _____ the room purple? (= that would be very surprising)
 If only _____ more money. (= but I haven't).
 Supposing _____ that man my money! (I didn't, so I've still got my money now.)

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17. Answer any <i>two</i> of the following:					
a)	Draw a mind map using the cause and effect framework. Take a topic from your Engineering syllabus.	4	5	1	10
b)	The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also created problems that did not exist before. What are the most serious problems associated with the internet and what solutions can you suggest? Do not write more than three solutions. (50-75 word Limit)	4	6	1	10
c)	Read the problem statement and write down your solutions to the problem. Use the prompts given in the task. Problem – Endangered Wildlife Solution #1: Should the government pass laws or policies that provide greater protections for preserving and protecting wildlife? If so, what types of laws? Should it go after corporations that endanger wildlife. If so, how? Solution #2: Should corporations take a lead in protecting wildlife? If so, how? Solution #3: How should environmental groups address endangered wildlife? What are some of the things they can do to push the government and corporations to protect the environment? If so, how?	4	6	1	10

M: Marks; L: Bloom’s Taxonomy Level; CO: Course Outcome; PO: Programme Outcome

S. No.	Criteria for questions	Percentage
1	Fundamental knowledge (Level-1 & 2)	25%
2	Knowledge on application and analysis (Level-3 & 4)	69%
3	*Critical thinking and ability to design (Level-5 & 6) (*wherever applicable)	6%

