B.Tech 2nd Semester Exam., 2018

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours *Full Marks* : 70

Instructions :

(i) The marks are indicated in the right-hand margin.

(ii) There are ***NINE*** *questions in this paper.*

(iii) Attempt ***FIVE*** *questions in all.*

(iv) Question No. ***1*** *is compulsory.*

1. Answer any *seven* of the following : 2×7=14

(a) Fill in the blanks with suitable tense forms of the verbs given in brackets : ½×4=2

Larkin Stephen is one of the most brilliant theoretical physicists. He ____ (be) also a popular writer. His first book, *A Brief History of Time* ____ (publish) in 1988 and ____ (become) an international bestseller. In it, he ____ (explain) about the birth and death of the universe to the layperson.

(b) Choose the correct form of verb that agrees with the subject : ½×4=2

(i) The Minister, together with his wife, ____ (greets, greet) the press cordially.

(ii) The players, as well as the captain, ____ (want, wants) to win.

(iii) Neither the teacher nor the students ____ (seem, seems) to understand this assignment.

(iv) One of my teachers ____ (have, has) written a letter of recommendation for me.

(c) Make the passive of the following : 1+1=2

(i) Lord of Wales loves all.

(ii) David painted the wall beautifully.

(d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : ½×4=2

(i) Shweta studies in ____ European University.

(ii) This is ____ boy who killed ____ snake.

(iii) Venika eats ____ egg everyday.

(e) Make sentences with the phrases given below : 1+1=2

(i) Far and near

(ii) Call off

(f) Give homonyms of the following : ½×4=2

(i) Berth

(ii) Site

(iii) Bite

(iv) Fare

(g) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 1+1=2

(i) Amogh gets up _____ five o'clock in the morning.

(ii) I ran after him and caught him _____ the arm.

(h) Give the superlatives of the adjectives given below : ½×4=2

(i) Good

(ii) Pretty

(iii) Bold

(iv) Beautiful

(i) Rewrite the sentences into reported speech : 1+1=2

(i) Anne says, "She loves me."

(ii) "Finish the work in an hour," said my teacher.

(j) Write opposite of the following : 1+1=2

(i) Romantic

(ii) Knowledge

2. Write in not more than *250* words on any *one* of the following : 14

(a) The use and abuse of Internet

(b) Advertisement that has impelled me to buy things

3. Write a note on any *one* of the following : 14

(a) Demonetization

(b) Cybercrime

4. Give eight recommendations for how to save water. 14

5. Electronic waste is a major problem in most of the countries since it has become a major cause for different diseases. Write an essay not exceeding *300* words on health effects of electronic wastes. 14

6. Write notes on any *two* of the following : 7×2=14

(a) Auxiliary verb

(b) Bilabial nasal

(c) Stress

7. Write a covering letter, forwarding your CV to the Head of a firm, for any entry-level position. 14

8. For non-English speakers everywhere, English has become a common tongue. Support this statement from your own experience. 14

9. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern about the increase in the number of suicides among the teenagers or youths. 14

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