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B.E (Full Time) DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL / MAY 2019

Computer Science and Engineering

II SEMESTER

HS 6251 – TECHNICAL ENGLISH II

(Regulation 2018 - RUSA)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 100

Answer ALL Questions

PART – A (10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. Choose the correct form of verb that agrees with the subject: (4 x ½ = 2)
a) One hundred dollars ----- (is/are) not a lot of money to some people.
b) Everybody ----- (was/were) asked to remain quiet.
c) Neither the principal nor the teachers ----- (was/were) able to give a satisfactory explanation.
d) A lady with 10 cats ----- (live/lives) in that big house.
2. Use the following words as noun and verb in a sentence: (2 x 1 = 2)
Example: work
Noun - I have a lot of *work* to do today.
Verb - A person must *work* hard to achieve his or her goal.
a) block b) protest
3. Complete the text with the correct form of the word given in brackets: (4 x ½ = 2)
The new circus certainly offers an amazing and impressive range of acts. The knife throwing and flame swallowing acts are ----- (frighten) enough to make anyone in the audience feel ----- (nerve), the clown acts show many funny things. The gymnastics and the breathtaking acrobatics are simply ----- (spectacle). However, the circus is ----- (like) to become really famous because it doesn't use any animals in its acts.
4. Fill in the blanks with a suitable modal verb from the box: (4 x ½ = 2)

Mustn't, may, could, couldn't, must, needn't
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a) You've got plenty of time. You ----- hurry.
b) There's a knock at the door. I'm expecting Joseph. It ----- be him.
c) Thanks for your help. I am sure that I ----- do it without you.
d) ----- you turn down the volume? It's too loud.

5. Complete the following sentences using an appropriate word or phrase: (4 x ½ = 2)
- Now that our supply of fossil fuels is nearly -----, we must find renewable sources of energy.
a) *consumed* b) *exhausted* c) *over* d) *sufficient*
 - My friend has an excellent ----- of French
a) *authority* b) *information* c) *command* d) *know-how*
 - People traveling across deserts may see objects which are not really there. ----- is the appropriate term that is used to refer to this phenomenon?
a) *Mirage* b) *Montage* c) *Vintage* d) *Melange*
 - The search for the missing hikers was by heavy snowfall.
a) *denied* b) *hampered* c) *accelerated* d) *prevented*
6. Correct the errors in the following sentences: (4 x ½ = 2)
- The girl who answered the phone she was polite.
 - The experts discussed about the whole matter.
 - The remake of the film was neither enjoyable and not faithful to the original film.
 - She told her children that she would take them to either the toy store or to the ice cream parlor.
7. Frame questions using the interrogative words given in brackets: (4 x ½ = 2)
- She likes cats because they are very nice. (Why)
 - My friends are leaving now. (When)
 - They study English every Wednesday morning. (What)
 - My sister goes to college by train. (How)
8. Fill in the blanks with the suitable tense forms of the verbs given in brackets: (4 x ½ = 2)
- The pilgrims ----- (arrive) at the airport last night.
 - Every year my father ----- (drive) to New Jersey to visit my grandparents.
 - As soon as Jennifer ----- (hear) the news she wrote to me.
 - My friend still hasn't replied my letter. I ----- (wait) for her reply.
9. Change the following sentences from the passive voice to the active voice. (2 x 1 = 2)
- The patient is being examined by the doctor.
 - The DVD recorder has not been repaired by the technician.
10. Expand the following abbreviations: (2 x 1 = 2)
- EEPROM
 - GIF

PART – B (8 x 8 = 64 marks)

(Answer any eight questions)

11. Study the following table and write a paragraph interpreting the details in not more than 120 words. (8)

Bus Fare in Four States

State	Mofussil - Ordinary (in paise per km)	Express/ Semi Deluxe (in paise per km)	Super Deluxe (in paise per km)	Ultra Deluxe (in paise per km)	Air-conditioned (in paise per km)	Volvo (in paise per km)
Tamil Nadu	58	75	85	100	130	170
Andhra Pradesh	63.70	87	98	116	146	182
Kerala	75	78	85	100	120	145
Karnataka	59	90	112	131	177	190

12. Write an advertisement for the following situations: (2 x 4 = 8)
- a) You are the Personnel Manager of Hotel Blue Star, Chennai. The Hotel needs young women receptionists. Write an advertisement to be published in the local English newspaper.
- b) You are the Sales Manager of Eco-Star Company that sells electric motor cycles with several unique features. Design an advertisement for electric motor cycles to be published in the local newspaper.
13. Write an argumentative essay on the topic given below in not more than 200 words: (8)
Topic: *Is the death penalty an effective deterrent to criminals?*
14. Write an argumentative essay on the topic given below in not more than 200 words: (8)
Topic: *Should parents have an active role in education of their children?*

15. Read the passage and answer the following questions: (8)

Economists, ethicists, business experts persuade us that honesty is the best policy. But their evidence is weak. We hope to find data that would support their theories and thus, perhaps, encourage higher standards of business behaviour. To our surprise, their pet theories failed to stand up. Treachery, we found can pay. There is no compelling economic reason to tell the truth or keep one's word. Punishment for the treacherous in the real world is neither swift nor sure.

Honesty is, in fact, primarily a moral choice. Business people do tell themselves that, in the long run, they will do well by doing good. But there is little factual or logical basis for this conviction. Without values, without a basic preference of right over wrong, trust based on such delusion would crumble in the face of temptation. Most of us choose virtue because we want to believe in ourselves and because others respect and believe us.

And due to this, we should be happy. We can be proud of a system in which people are honest because they want to be, not because they have to be. Materially too, trust based on morality

provides great advantages. It allows us to join in great and exciting enterprises that we could never undertake if we relied on economic incentives alone.

Economists tell us that trust is enforced in the market place through relation and reputation. If you violate trust your victim is apt to seek revenge and others are likely to stop doing business with you, at least under favourable terms. A man or woman with a reputation for fair dealing will prosper. Therefore, profit maximizers are honest. This sounds plausible enough until you look for concrete examples. Cases that apparently demonstrate the awful consequences of trust turn out to be few and weak, while evidence that treachery can pay seems compelling.

- 1) What do economists and ethicists, according to the passage, want us to believe?
a) Businessmen should always be honest b) Businessmen cannot always be honest
c) Businessmen turn dishonest at times d) Businessmen are honest only at times
- 2) What did the author find out about the theory that 'honesty is the best policy'?
a) It is correct on many occasions b) It is a useless theory
c) It is correct for all business
d) It is a theory which seems to be correct only occasionally
- 3) Why are businessmen, according to the author, honest in their dealings?
a) Businessmen are God fearing b) Businessmen choose to be honest
c) Businessmen are honest by nature d) All businessmen are caught if they are dishonest
- 4) What is the reason for being honest in business?
a) It gives no immediate benefits b) It gives long term benefits
c) It makes a person self-seeking d) It earns the disrespect of others
- 5) Why does the author say that one can be proud of the present situation?
a) People are self-respecting b) People are self-seekers
c) People are unselfish d) People are honest without compulsion
- 6) What is the material advantage which the author sees in being honest?
a) It permits one to undertake activities which may not be economically attractive.
b) It permits one to be honest for the sake of honesty alone.
c) It permits one to make a lot of profit in various areas.
d) It permits one to form various trusts to make profits.
- 7) Why do businessmen, according to economists, remain honest?
a) Dishonest businessmen can make more money
b) Dishonest businessmen make money in the long run
c) Dishonest businessmen cannot stay in business for long.
d) Dishonest businessmen are flogged in the market place.
- 8) Which of the following is 'false' according to the passage?
a) Economists believe that all businessmen are dishonest
b) Generally people are honest so as to earn self-respect