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## B. Tech.

(SEM. II) EXAMINATION, 2007-08

### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (1) All questions are compulsory.
  - (2) Marks are indicated against each question.

1 Attempt any **two** of the following : **2×8=16**

- (a) Describe the term communication. How is written communication more authentic than oral communication?
- (b) What is a report? What is its significance in the professional field? Give an outline of the layout of a technical report.
- (c) What are the basic features of a proposal? Draft a proposal on any topic of your choice.



2 Attempt all parts :

5×1=5

- (a) Do as directed in the brackets. Attempt any **five**:
- (i) he said i am hungry. (punctuate it)
  - (ii) Send this letter on my address. (correct it)
  - (iii) Each of the participants were given prize.  
(correct it)
  - (iv) Rita excels.....speaking French well. (Insert  
a suitable preposition)
  - (v) He returned from prison where he had been  
visiting his brother. (Insert a suitable  
article)
  - (vi) A person speaking many languages.  
(substitute a single word for this  
expression)
  - (vii) Chicken hearted (Make a sentence with this  
idiom so as to make its meaning clear).
  - (viii) Nearly, almost (show by means of your  
sentences the difference in meaning of this  
group of synonym).
- (b) Rewrite the following sentences making **5×1=5**  
necessary changes as indicated in the brackets:  
Attempt any **five**.
- (i) A car came down the street decked with  
flowers. (Remove possible ambiguity by  
changing the position of faulty modifier)



- (ii) We went to the park. There we met an old man. (Rewrite using appropriate connective)
- (iii) She likes swimming dancing and to sing. (Rewrite after removing awkward construction)
- (iv) He was a jolly old fellow and he loves to eat. (Rewrite after correcting the shift in tense).
- (v) My brother as well as his friends love listening to music. (Rewrite after making sure that the subject agrees with the verb)
- (vi) Everybody should do their best. (Rewrite after making sure that the pronoun agrees with its antecedent).
- (vii) I wrote to my parents today and it was my first letter to them after six months. (Rewrite applying the principle of reduction)
- (viii) Each damaged article is marked in such a way that it cannot be erased. (Rewrite the sentence after removing ambiguity occurring due to the use of underlined pronoun).
- (c) Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following 5 topics :
- (i) Terrorism in a global problem
- (ii) All that glitters is not gold.
- (iii) Style is the man himself.



(d) Write short note on any **one** of the following : 5

- (i) Unity and coherence
- (ii) Chronological method
- (iii) Objective style as contrary to literary composition.

3 Attempt any **two** of the following : 2×8=16

- (a) What is meant by a letter of enquiry? Write a letter of enquiry to a book-seller. (Invent the necessary details yourself).
- (b) What is a letter of complaint? Write a letter of complaint to a supplier who has sent you a consignment of goods, with damaged articles.
- (c) Write a letter of application for a job to the manager of a software company.

4 Attempt atleast **three** questions from each part : 3×5=15

- (a) (i) What is Basham's view point about ancient civilization? Describe the transformation process taking place in the social system of modern India.
- (ii) What are the instruments of Gandhiji's political ideology and how does he wield it? Explain.
- (iii) What is the feature of modern civilization, according to C.E.M. Joad?



- (iv) What is the importance of studies, according to Francis Bacon?
- (v) What advice is given by R.K. Narayan in his "A Bookish Topic"? Explain.
- (b) (i) Why is the story "The Gift of Magi" so popular even today? Explain.  $3 \times 5 = 15$
- (ii) Write a note on the social conditions of India, as presented in the story "The Renunciation" by R N Tagore.
- (iii) Give a character sketch of a Chandu as described in the story "The Barber's Trade Union".
- (iv) Is there any element of hypocrisy reflected in the story "The Eyes Are Not Here".
- (v) Sketch the character of Paul in D H Lawrence's "The Rocking Horse Winner."

5 Attempt any **three** of the following questions :  $3 \times 6 = 18$

- (a) What do you understand by International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)?
- (b) What do you mean by stress? What is the importance of stress in English speech?
- (c) What is phonetic transcription? How does the phonetic transcription help in language learning? Describe.



- (d) What is the importance of listening in language learning? What are the methods to improve your listening comprehension? Describe.
- (e) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Although scientific skill is necessary, it is by no means sufficient. A dictatorship of men of science would very soon become horrible. Skill without wisdom may prove to be purely destructive. For this reason, if for no other, it is of great importance that those who receive a scientific education should not be merely scientific, but should have some understanding of that kind of wisdom which if it can be imparted at all, can only be imparted by the cultural side of education. Science enables us to know the means to any chosen end, but it does not help us to decide upon what ends should be pursued. If you wish to exterminate the human race, it will show you how to do it. If you wish to make the human race so numerous that all are on the verge of starvation, it will show you how to do that. If you wish to secure adequate prosperity for the whole human race, science will tell you what you must do. But it will not tell you whether one of these ends is more desirable than another. Nor will it give you that instinctive understanding of human beings that is necessary if your measures are not to arouse fierce opposition which only ferocious tyranny can quell. It can not teach you patience, it cannot teach you sympathy, it cannot teach



you a sense of human dignity. Those things, in so far they can be taught in formal education, are most likely to emerge from the learning of history and great literature.

- (i) What knowledge does science impart to us?
  - (ii) Why should we study history and great literature?
  - (iii) Does the present system of Indian education take care of the view points explained in the passage?
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