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I B.Tech - I Semester – Regular Examinations – JULY 2021**COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH I**
(Common for CIVIL, EEE, ME, ECE, CSE, IT)

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1. This paper contains questions from 5 units of Syllabus. Each unit carries 14 marks and have an internal choice of Questions.
2. All parts of Question must be answered in one place.

UNIT – I

1. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 7 M

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion, everything would be in a stage of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community it is possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some abstruse problem, has everything coordinated and organised for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious and more useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can be as much a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who

arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them. If you are catching a train, it is always better to be comfortable early than even a fraction of a minute too late. Although being early may mean wasting a little time, this will be less than if you miss the train and have to wait an hour or so for the next one. And you avoid the frustration of arriving at the very moment when the train is drawing out of the station and being unable to get on it. And even a harder situation is to be on the platform in good time for a train and still to see it go off without you. Such an experience befell a certain young girl the first time she was travelling alone. She entered the station twenty minutes before the train was due, since her parents had impressed upon her that it would be unforgivable to miss it and cause the friends with whom she was going to stay to make two journeys to meet her. She gave her luggage to a porter and showed him her ticket. To her horror he said that she was two hours too soon. She felt in her handbag for the piece of paper on which her father had written down all the details of the journey and gave it to the porter. He agreed that a train did come in the station at the time on the paper and that it did stop, but only to take on water, not passengers. The girl asked to see a timetable, feeling sure that her father could not have made such a mistake. The porter went to fetch one and arrived back with the Station Master, who produced it with a flourish and pointed out a microscopic 'o' beside the time of the arrival of the train at his station. The girl, tears streaming down her face, begged to be allowed to slip into the guard's van. But the Station Master was adamant: rules will not be broken. And she had

to watch that train disappear towards her destination while she was left behind.

1. What does the Author feel about feeling punctual?
2. How according to the author the punctuality at times becomes a nuisance for others?
3. What is the contextual meaning to the expression, “to her horror”?
4. In what context the author argues that it is better to arrive early?
5. What are the unforeseen incidents which can hamper one’s punctuality?
6. What is the meaning of the word- Adamant?
7. Give the antonym of ‘civilized’.

- b) Identify the word that best suits the sentence from the options provided:

7 M

A popular character in the nation's top television soap is _____ (1) for something of which she was probably innocent. Having been _____ (2) guilty of a series of fraudulent acts, she contemplates months of incarceration. A good story-line, but wait! Within hours the television station is being _____ (3) with calls of protest. A national newspaper soon _____ (4) up a campaign to have her freed. Thousands of T-shirts are printed with slogans _____ (5) for her release. Offices and factory floors _____ (6) to the sounds of animated debate. It is even mentioned in Parliament. But, Rules are to be _____ (7).

- 1 A jailed B prisoned C sentenced D charged
- 2 A arrested B called C found D discovered
- 3 A bombed B attacked C streamed D inundated
- 4 A opens B starts C puts D establishes
- 5 A demanding B calling C insisting D sounding

6 A echo **B** ring **C** fill **D** deafen

7 A followed **B** violated **C** Narrated **D** exempted

OR

2. a) Paraphrase the text given below.

7 M

Scientists seeking new ways to repair damaged arteries and ailing hearts have coaxed stem cells from a human embryo into forming tiny blood vessels. It's the first time human embryonic stem cells have been nurtured to the point where they will organize into blood vessels that could nourish the body, according to Robert Langer, leader of a laboratory team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. But it isn't likely to be the last, as scientists pursue research into stem cells despite debate over the ethics of using the cells. The new development was reported in the online issue of the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. John Gearhart of the Johns Hopkins School of medicine said that research was a "nice illustration" of how stem cells can serve as a source of various types of cells, in this case for blood vessels. "I think this is terrific", said Gearhart, who was not a part of the research team. "It's another good example of the isolation of an important cell type from human embryonic stem cells. These are the kinds of papers we are going to see a lot of", Gearhart added. Langer said the work showed that endothelial cells could be made from human embryonic stem cells. Endothelial cells line veins, arteries and lymph tissues, they are key to the structures that carry blood throughout the body. He said that if the technique was refined, scientists could eventually be able to make in the laboratory blood vessels that could be used to replace diseased arteries in the body. "There are thousands of operations a year now, where doctors take vessels from one part of the body and transplant them to another", said

Langer. Eventually, he said, such vessels might be made outside the body from embryonic stem cells. Langer said endothelial cells also might be used to restore circulation to the cells damaged by the heart attacks. He said the processed stem cells may be able to re-establish blood flow to heart's failing due to blocked arteries. The research was conducted under a private grant, but Langer said that the cell culture used in one of 61 worldwide that have been approved by the National Institute of Health for federally funded research. The use of embryonic stem cells is controversial because extracting the cells kills a living human embryo. President Bush last summer decided that federal funding would be permitted only for stem cell cultures that already existed and were made from embryos that were to be discarded by fertility clinics. The aim was to prevent further killing for research purposes of other human embryos. Langer said his lab will seek federal money to continue research using the same stem cell cultures, which were obtained from the Rambam Medical Centre in Haifa, Israel. Embryonic stem cells are the ancestral cells of every cell in the body. In a developing embryo, they transform into cells that make up the organs, bone, skin and other tissues. Researchers hope to direct the transformation of such cells to treat ailing heart, liver, brain and other organs. Langer said his team cultured the cells in such a way that they were allowed to develop into the various types of cells that are precursors to mature tissue. From this colony, the researchers extracted cells that were following a lineage that would lead to mature endothelial cells. These were further cultured and some eventually formed primitive vascular structure.

- b) Complete the following paragraph with suitable verb forms.

7 M

Anna came up with the idea of Mummy Mitts while she _____1____ (push) her daughter’s pram. It was a cold day and so she _____2____ (wear) gloves. Every time her mobile _____3____ (ring) or she _____4____ (need) to attend to her daughter, she _____5____ (have) to take off the gloves and find somewhere to put them. Then the idea _____6____ (hit) her. Why not _____7____ (attach) the gloves to the handle of the pram? That was the beginning of Mummy Mitts.

UNIT – II

3. a) Write a paragraph about the career you are considering. Explain why you are choosing that career path, and how you plan to accomplish your goals. 7 M
- b) Write one word substitutes for the following: 7 M
1. A person who talks much.
 2. A person who offers his services without taking money.
 3. A place where birds are kept.
 4. A government by the king.
 5. A state of blood deficiency.
 6. Study of Religion.
 7. Believer in God

OR

4. a) You have been invited to attend an interview for studying a course in a college. Unfortunately because of a previous appointment you cannot come at the time they wish. 7 M

Write a letter to the admissions tutor and explain your position. Apologise and offer to come on another day or same time later on the same day. Ask also how long the interview will be and whether there will be any tests during it.

- b) You have arranged an online webinar with the staff of your college. Unfortunately because of the change in plan you 7 M

cannot conduct the webinar now. Write an email to your college Principal.

- Explaining why the webinar couldn't be conducted
- Apologising for the change of plan
- Suggesting an alternative day and time when the webinar would be held.

UNIT-III

5. a) Summarize the text given below in 70-80 words.

7 M

Water contamination is a serious form of pollution, and one that can be challenging to rectify. There seem to be two main causes involved, and a variety of damaging effects on people and the biosphere, which we will discuss here.

Probably the main factor is the issue of emissions from cars, factories and other human activities. These emissions contain damaging pollutant particles which can contaminate rainwater run-off and thus enter the water cycle, by transferring through the water table into aquifers, streams and rivers. Filtration and processing are not really viable options for such large volumes of water, and so the water table remains tainted with these elements over long periods, as we see in Eastern Europe today. In situations where soil erosion and logging have already damaged the local environment, the accumulation can be very serious. The other major cause is accidental or deliberate dumping of waste products in places outside of controlled landfills or waste processing centres. Even small amounts of abandoned waste can enter water supplies through the ground, often undetected.

The effects on animal life can be severe, especially for species which are already endangered by such threats as poaching, habitat loss and food chain disruption.

Contaminated water can lead to dwindling numbers or even potential extinction, as may indeed happen to the Asian tiger populations. The impact on human society can also be distressing, including the poisoning of drinking water, famine or drought due to lack of safe irrigation, and long-term loss of land as we see, for example, after the Bhopal poisoning catastrophe in India. Such effects tend to have an especially grave impact on the very poorest in society, with the least resources to counter the environmental effects.

Overall, we see that emissions and dumping are the main origins of the problem, and that the effects on both humans and animals are exacerbated by the existing environmental, criminal or social problems. (316 words)

- b) Identify the correct verbs forms in these sentences. 7 M
1. I couldn't do/ make the home work last night.
 2. She is going to make/ have a party for her birthday.
 3. When do you take/ do your next exam?
 4. We must take/ make a decision soon.
 5. They did/made a lot of noise during the party.
 6. He is doing/making research in chemistry.
 7. I was walking/striding along the road.

OR

6. a) Construct a short paragraph from the following text in not more than 100 words. 7 M

Children appear to enjoy playing video games, and while there are undoubted benefits, various negative effects stem from this too. Let us consider the main issues, and then outline possible remedies.

Perhaps the major physical problem is the sedentary lifestyle which these games encourage, meaning that youngsters may incline to obesity or inadequate development. Added to this is the strain on eyesight

resulting from excessive use of screens and consoles, meaning that children may suffer symptoms of poor vision. There are also concerns about impairment of reflexes due to the repetitive nature of the hand muscles when playing these games, and about the poor diet of convenience food which often accompanies this lifestyle.

The most alarming psychological impact of such activities is possibly the risk of addiction, meaning that children become obsessed with the games and are unable to socialise with family or peers. This undermines their interpersonal skills and makes them underperform both academically and socially.

Turning to possible solutions, perhaps the immediate step would be to promote a more active lifestyle through exercise regimes or sports programmes which would help to detoxify the lifestyles of children affected. This could be done through sponsorship of sports, or participation in competitive events such as races or matches, hopefully ameliorating the physical effects of excessive games use. Potential remedies for the danger of mental addiction may be, firstly, an initiative to raise awareness of the risks of the situation, for example through health warnings on games packaging or through high-profile spokespersons spreading such a message. For example, if sports champions or figureheads speak out about these dangers, the message may well get through to children.

To sum up, the risks posed by excessive gaming are connected to an unhealthy lifestyle and the possibility of dependency on the activity. Possible answers might involve stronger education about the dangers and the health benefits of more active pursuits.

b) Select the correct word to complete the sentence.

7 M

1. I wish I could assure / ensure the Donalds that their

- puppy would be safe in the back yard.
2. Can you ensure / insure the package for the value of the contents?
 3. Adhavith ensured / assured me that my presentation was appropriate.
 4. You have my insurance / assurance that I will be on time.
 5. Please insure / assure me that you will drive safely.
 6. Following the work plan will ensure / insure that the project is completed on time.
 7. Can you assure/insure that he will pass the exam?

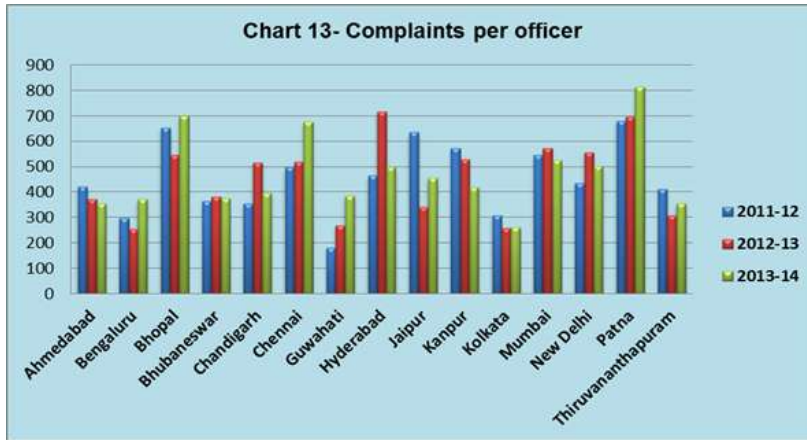
UNIT – IV

7. a) Write a short paragraph on the “Covid Safety measures taken in your college while attending External exams”. 7 M
- b) Identify the word that best completes the following sentences. 7 M

1. Virat has a difficult time accepting compliments / complements.
2. My new living arrangement works very good / well.
3. There are less / fewer people exercising at the gym now that the weather is so nice.
4. If you are tired, you should lie / lay down and take a nap.
5. Its / It's been a year since we went on our last vacation.
6. Pawan is the younger / youngest of the twins.
7. Geetha is the taller/tallest of all the girls in the class.

OR

8. a)



7 M

Interpret the data in 200 – 250 words.

b) Correct the following sentences with suitable articles.

7 M

1. We live **in** village.
2. She is **fastest** runner.
3. **The Paris** is big city.
4. **The gold** is yellow.
5. We should not **make noise**.
6. I have **an urgent business**.
7. He is **an University** Professor

UNIT – V

9. a) Write an essay in about 250-300 words on the given topic.
What is the future of an engineering education?

7 M

b) Identify the right word from the options provided to frame meaningful sentences.

7 M

1. *Might / Can / Would* you mind lifting your feet for a moment while I Hoover?
2. *May / Could / Would* you be so kind as to give me some advice?
3. *Shall / Will / Can* I carry that rather heavy-looking case for you?
4. *Will / Could / Can* you possibly come back a little later?
5. *May / Would / Might* you be willing to refund the money we have already paid you?

6. Do you think you *will / may / could* stand a little further away?

7. *Will/Would/Could* you come tomorrow?

OR

10. a) Write an essay of about 200-250 words on the topic: 7 M
Universities should accept equal number of male and female students for each subject.

To what extent do you agree and disagree.

b) Identify the correct answer from the options provided that best complete the sentences. 7 M

1 Only ____ people in their chosen profession are invited to attend this prestigious event.

A prominent **B** infamous **C** fading **D** eminent

2 My mother has a peculiar ____ for making people feel at home.

A talent **B** present **C** gift **D** flair

3 Marta has developed a ____ of experience over the past few years.

A feeling **B** wealth **C** range **D** sense

4 You must have _____ success and failure in your life.

A known **B** made **C** tasted **D** sounded

5 The _____ to speak while not being listened to should not be underestimated.

A aptitude **B** ability **C** technique **D** skill

6 Just because he's getting on for seventy doesn't mean he's

_____ **A** lost it **B** past it **C** up to it **D** over the hill

7. He is very hardworking. He is _____

A Industrious **B** industry **C** lazy **D** Unpunctual