

SECOND SEMESTER DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/
TECHNOLOGY/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — MARCH, 2016

ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II

(Common to all Diploma Programmes)

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

PART — A

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| I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow : | |
| 1. "Son, I thank you. Nobody ever did a nicer thing." | |
| (a) Identify the speaker. | 1 |
| (b) Why does he thank him ? | 2 |
| (c) What prompted the son to do such a nice thing ? | 4 |
| 2. "I at last saw him. He was in a taxi driving east along piccadilly." | |
| (a) Who is the speaker ? | 1 |
| (b) Whom did he see ? | 2 |
| (c) Describe the context. | 4 |
| 3. "With this equipment they all began,
So start for the top and say "I can." | |
| (a) Who is 'they' here ? | 1 |
| (b) What is the 'equipment' referred to here ? | 2 |
| (c) What advice does the poet give ? | 4 |
| 4. "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." | |
| (a) Whose words are these ? | 1 |
| (b) What did he fail in ? | 2 |
| (c) Describe how his invention changed history. | 4 |

PART — B

- II 1. The discovery of fire was as important as the discovery of electricity.
- (a) Change this statement into a question.
- (b) Find the subject of the sentence. (2×1=2)
2. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the missing gaps.
- (a) John knows how to a horse. (drive, ride)
- (b) The should carefully fill in the form. (applicant, application) (2×1=2)

3. Combine the sentences using suitable relative clauses.
- (a) Anand is the place. Amul was established here.
- (b) GPS is a device. It is used to find our location. (2×1=2)
4. Your friend has trouble repairing his computer. Write two sentences offering her help. (2×1=2)
5. "You can triumph and come to skill,
You can be great if only you will"
Write two sentences advising your younger brother to succeed in the exams. (2×1=2)

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 - (ii) 'Hawkin is a bright personality.' Here the meaning of 'bright' is
 - (iii) Use 'brightness' in a sentence of your own.
 - (iv) To which part of speech does 'brightly' belong ? (4×1=4)
7. Write down the following words in their orthographic form (English).
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- (c) / θɪŋk / (d) / breɪn / (4×1=4)

III 1. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the box given below.

trials	hastily	triumphs	longed	thronged	ushered
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- (a) I packed my bag since the bus was about to come.
- (b) The waiter us to a table.
- (c) People in large numbers to see the circus.
- (d) Truth alone (4×1=4)

2. Pick out the word that is different from the others in meaning.

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- VII Write a letter to your class tutor requesting her to permit you to participate in the Energy Conference to present a paper on Energy Conservation. 5
- VIII The routine of an officer in the Airport Operations section is given below. Study it carefully and prepare a report.

9 am : Reviews daily activities such as airport facilities, repair and maintenance, and security. **10 am** : Monitors jobs in progress ; **11 am** : Attends pre-bid conferences ; monitors jobs in progress. **12 Noon** : Checks the inventory of parts and equipment. **1.30 pm** : Drafts correspondence and responds to enquiries from various agencies. **2.30 pm** : Coordinates with Air Traffic Control Tower personnel for maintenance or safety precautions. **3.30 pm** : Checks office work such as the processing of payroll, payments etc. **4.30 pm** : Day review meeting with subordinate staff. 5

- IX You are the secretary of the debate club in your college. You organized a debate on the changing reading habits of the new generation. Prepare a Vote of Thanks to be delivered on the occasion. 5