

**I B.TECH – EXAMINATIONS, JUNE - 2011**  
**ENGINEERING MECHANICS**  
**(COMMON TO AE & MMT)**

Time: 3hours

Max.Marks:80

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