

B. Tech I Year Examinations, May/June -2012

ENGLISH

(Common to all Branches)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 75

Answer any five questions

All questions carry equal marks

Answer each question accurately in about 300 words emphasizing the key points.

1. a) "Ladakh is the latest secret treasure to dramatize the paradoxes of civilization and its discontents." Interpret this statement by comparing our cities that are struggling to retain their tradition.
- b) What is the message given by John F. Kennedy to the citizens of America? [8+7]
2. a) Elucidate C.V. Raman's tenacity and application of alternative line of thinking since childhood that made him the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics for 'Raman Effect'.
- b) Is Martin Luther King optimistic or pessimistic in his tone? Find suitable examples in 'I have a dream' to substantiate your answer. [8+7]
3. a) Do you think 'Connoisseur' is a study of kleptomaniac character? Interpret Miss Krishna's intriguing habit of possessing something beautiful.
- b) Give a brief account of the life history of Hargobindh Khorana and his achievements. [8+7]
4. a) In Cuddalore, what were the efforts made by the government to accomplish the task of rescue and rehabilitation during 2004?
- b) What are the two incidents which influenced Amartya to take up his research and analysis in Economics? [8+7]
5. a) Critically analyse the portrayal of the priest and the mystery surrounding Bubbling Well Road.
- b) Do you agree with Sam Pitroda that IT should be exploited to provide basic amenities? Justify your answer from his interpretations in the lesson. [8+7]
6. a) Compare and contrast Hollywood and Indian films as discussed in 'The Odds Against Us'.
- b) Explain the journey of Mother Teresa as a humanitarian that eventually led her to beatification or sainthood. [8+7]

7. a) Write a letter to the sales Manager of S. Chand & Co. Publishers in New Delhi asking for their catalogue on engineering books.

b) A student intends to write GATE examination after graduation. He approaches his professor for guidance. Build a dialogue on this situation. (Make sure that the student and the professor get at least four turns each.) [8+7]

8. a) Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verb given in brackets.

- i) When he arrived (arrive) home yesterday, he looked very tired.
- ii) The secretary works (work) here since 2001.
- iii) Sita completes (complete) the project work by next May.
- iv) John met (meet) me before he left Mumbai.

b) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles/prepositions.

- i) The train will leave at 10 pm.
- ii) Dog bit a man. But the dog died.
- iii) The deadline of this project is Friday.

c) Write one-word substitute for the following.

- i) Study of origin of words.
- ii) One who eats vegetables and flesh omnivore.
- iii) Study of collection of stamps
- iv) One who is obsessed with numbers.

d) Write the meanings of the following idiomatic expressions and use them in sentences of your own.

- i) A hard and fast rule
- ii) The acid test
- iii) Burn the midnight oil
- iv) A tough cookie

[4+3+4+4]
