

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & INFORMATICS

B.E. I Year (Main) (Common to all branches) Examination, May 2012

ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 75

Answer **all** questions from Part-A.  
Answer any **five** questions from Part-B.

**Part A** — (Marks : 1 × 25 = 25)

- I. Replace the underlined word in the following sentences with a suitable SYNONYM from the options given below.
1. She was sceptical about the safety of the newly introduced medicine.  
(a) certain            (b) doubtful            (c) hopeful            (d) sure
  2. Mohan is quite industrious  
(a) indifferent        (b) hard working        (c) lethargic            (d) lazy
- II. Replace the underlined word in the following sentences with a suitable ANTONYM from the options given below.
1. Let us not aggravate the problem  
(a) appreciate        (b) advocate            (c) alleviate            (d) subside
  2. There is a dearth of skilled labour in India  
(a) scarcity            (b) abundance            (c) availability            (d) sufficiency
- III. Write one word substitutes for the following.
1. One who always runs away from danger
  2. Person who has long experience
- IV. Write the meanings of the following idioms
1. To smell a rat
  2. A storm in a tea cup

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V. Write the meanings of the underlined phrasal verbs in the following sentences.

1. He has done away with all his bad habits.
2. We shall see him off tomorrow at the airport.

VI. Answer the following questions by choosing 'True' or 'False' against each sentence.

1. Indra Nooyi figured in the Fortune's list of the Most Powerful Women. - True / False
2. Barack Obama won the Grammy award for the audio version of the book titled 'Wings of Fire.' - True / False
3. Interchangeability is one of the features of human communication - True / False
4. Laboratory reports are not part of technical reports. - True / False
5. Johari Window is a good model for understanding interpersonal communication. - True / False

VII. Convert the following sentences into passive voice.

1. He is writing a letter
2. Sameer has helped her.

VIII. Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

1. The teacher asked the student, "How can you prove that the earth is round?"
2. My mother said to me, "Don't go there."

IX. Fill in the following blanks with a, an or the.

1. This is \_\_\_\_\_ honorary job.
2. She is one of \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Bench.
3. He is \_\_\_\_\_ M.P. of our constituency.

X. Fill in the following blanks with appropriate prepositions.

1. He can be relied \_\_\_\_\_ .
  2. What are you thinking \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  3. I differ \_\_\_\_\_ your on this issue.
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**Part B** — (Marks : 5 × 10 = 50)

Answer any **five** questions.

1. What made Barack Obama a favourite of many Americans?
  2. How did Madhavan utilise his engineering skills in farming?
  3. How did Muthyala Raju achieve the top position in the Civil Services examination?
  4. Explain the process of listening and then write some tips for effective listening.
  5. What are the essential elements of making speeches? Explain.
  6. Prepare your Curriculum Vitae and cover letter in response to an advertisement for a senior position in an American Company.
  7. Draft a report to the CMD of the Proline Computers on the bad working condition of the desk top systems.
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