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**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/  
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE — OCTOBER, 2019**

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I**

[Time : 3 hours

(Maximum marks : 100)

**PART — A**

(Maximum marks : 10)

Marks

I Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow:

1. "Coming here today, I have no hidden agenda."
  - (a) Identify the speaker. 1
  - (b) Which place is mentioned as 'here' ? 2
  - (c) Explain the context. 4
2. "I'm the sheriff, if that's what you mean, so spit it out. What's your trouble ?"
  - (a) Who speaks these words ? 1
  - (b) To whom are these words addressed ? 2
  - (c) State the context. 4
3. When I finally got up to leave, we both knew that a real friendship had been formed.
  - (a) Who is the speaker ? 1
  - (b) Comment on the "real friendship" mentioned here. 2
  - (c) Describe the context. 4
4. As has been said, there was an excellent editorial against corporal punishment in that morning's issue, and no doubt it had its effect.
  - (a) Which is the "morning issue" referred to here ? 1
  - (b) What did the "excellent editorial" deal with ? 2
  - (c) Recall the context. 4



PART — B

II 1. Fill up using the appropriate words given in brackets :

- (a) Jewellers ..... gold to test its purity.  
(essay, assay, empathy)
- (b) Crossword puzzles are really .....
- (ingenious, ingenuous, illegitimate)
- (c) In ....., athletes use a blunt sword to hit an opponent.  
(Archery, Fencing, Javelin)
- (d) If pollution is not controlled, we will fast be heading to a final .....
- (contamination, configuration, catastrophe)
- (e) Sachin Tendulkar is a ..... in the history of world cricket.  
(native, stalwart, alien)

(5 × 1 = 5)

2. Read the following sentences and find out the meaning of the words in bold letters from the context.

- (a) The Polar Bear is listed as a **threatened** species.  
(endangered, encrypted, engendered)
- (b) John lives in a **secluded** village away from the town.  
(amiable, isolated, rickety)
- (c) He has a lean muscular frame, and a strikingly handsome **shaped** face.  
(silhouetted, chiseled, secluded)
- (d) The old lady has a **tired** look on her face.  
(haggard, corporal, jerk)

(4 × 1 = 4)

3. Correct the errors in collocation and rewrite the sentences.

- (a) Don't pass an appointment with the doctor.
- (b) The patient gave a visit to the doctor.

(2 × 1 = 2)

4. (a) Write down a synonym of the word given in bold letters.

Contaminated water is **hazardous** to aquatic life.

(b) Write the antonym of the word given in bold letters.

He is a **veteran** football player.

(2 × 1 = 2)

III 1. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors given in bold letters.

Mr. Smith is **the** student of **a** Cambridge University. He is brilliant, and has only **a little** friends. But **these** friends are helpful.

(4 × 1 = 4)



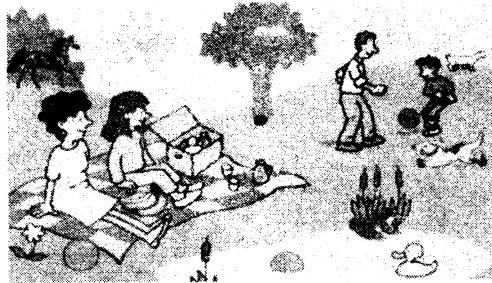
Marks

2. Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from the help box given.

Kathakali is a ..... (popular, clever) art form of Kerala. (The, A) ..... artists have to put in a lot of ..... (hard, hardly) work to perform on stage. Lack of training ..... (affects, effects) their performance. It is noted for its use of ..... (elegant, wrinkled) costume.

(5 × 1 = 5)

3. Describe the following picture in a paragraph. (60 words)



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4. Rewrite the following passage correcting the errors.

In the preliminary round of the spelling test held yesterday, Asha **perform** well. She **like** to go for shopping with her mother. Therefore, she hopes that her mother **buy** a present for her. At present, she **was** concentrating on the finals. It **is** held next Sunday.

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5. Given below are three notices. Write down what they mean.

RESTRICTED AREA

SOUND HORN

DO NOT SPIT HERE

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### PART — C

- IV Write down two points in agreement and two points in disagreement with the topic for group discussion.

Keeping Animals in Zoo

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- V Read the details of Mr. Sachin Dutt.

Name : Sachin Dutt  
Lives in : New Delhi  
Education : Completed his B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering  
Additional Qualification : Certificate Course in SAS  
Strengths : Hardworking, Innovative, Punctual and Dedicated  
Achievements : Secretary (Computer Association)  
Hobbies : Reading, Drawing

Imagine that you are Sachin Dutt and are going for an interview. How would you introduce yourself? Prepare a self introduction.

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- VI Prepare a cover letter in response to the advertisement given below in *The Hindu* of June 20, 2016.

Technocraft Online Solutions is a leading Software Developer. We are looking for smart, young and experienced people for the post of Marketing Executives. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 with Degree/Diploma in any discipline, and should have good communication skills and pleasant manners. Apply within 10 days to the HR Manager, Technocraft Online Solutions, Hyderabad.

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- VII Complete the telephone conversation as directed.

Neetha : Hallo ..... (wants to speak to Smitha)  
Smitha : Hai Neetha, What's up ?  
Neetha : ..... (asks if she can come home tomorrow evening for her brother's birthday celebration)  
Smitha : ..... (politely refuses request)  
Neetha : Oh ! ..... (feels sorry)  
Smitha : ..... (Expresses thanks for the invitation)

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- VIII Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following :

(a) Environmental Pollution

OR

(b) Importance of Education

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- IX (a) Your friend has received an Overseas Scholarship. Congratulate him on his achievement. Construct a Conversation. There should be a minimum of six exchanges.

OR

(b) The CEO of Compeco World Pvt. Ltd. has decided to issue a memo to all the employees of the Data Processing Wing seeking their suggestions on a new computer network software proposed to be installed by the company. Prepare the memo.

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- X Amar wants to present a paper on **Climate Change and Indian Agriculture** in an International Seminar. Prepare three slides based on the information given below.

Climate change is any significant long-term change in the expected patterns of average weather of a region over a significant period of time. In recent times, the rate of climate change is at a much faster pace on account of emission of greenhouse gases caused by industrialisation, urbanisation, deforestation etc. India's agriculture has been dependent on monsoon. But the changes in monsoon trends along with increase in temperature levels severely affect Indian agriculture. The major impact of climate change is on rain fed or un-irrigated crops which are cultivated on nearly 60 percent of cropland. Increased droughts and floods are likely to affect the productivity rate of most crops. Immense variations in temperature also result in a drastic decrease in the production of crop yields. Any change in the climatic parameters will have a direct impact on the quantity of food produced and this will ultimately affect the food security of the country. Coping with the impact of climate change on agriculture will require careful management of resources like soil, water and biodiversity.

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