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Second Semester

Civil Engineering

HS 3251 — PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH – II

(Common to : All Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations – 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Choose the correct word from the options given in Column B for the meanings given in column A (4 × ½ = 2)

Column A

Column B

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|-----|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) | eminent | (i) | a field or domain of interest |
| (b) | mundane | (ii) | famous and respected |
| (c) | humanoid | (iii) | lacking excitement or interest |
| (d) | realm | (iv) | having an appearance similar to human |

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets:
- ($4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$)

When a strong acid _____ (titrate) with a strong base, the conductance of the solution _____ (decrease), due to the removal of H^+ ions of high ionic mobility to form unionized water. The conductance of the solution _____ (be) least at the equivalence point. After the end point the conductance _____ (increase) due to the added OH^- ions.

3. Rewrite the sentences as directed (2 × 1 = 2)
- (a) Let the hospital work be completed by the end of next month
(Change the voice)
- (b) It is a noble gesture to help the poor and needy (Rewrite using a gerund).
4. Substitute appropriate form of words in the following. (4 × ½ = 2)
- | | Noun | adjective | adverb |
|-----|--------|-----------|--------|
| (a) | _____ | beautiful | _____ |
| (b) | nation | _____ | _____ |
5. Complete the following If clauses by substituting the appropriate main clause (2 × 1 = 2)
- (a) If I saw a humanoid in my house, _____
- (b) If he had invented a new electronic device, _____
6. Expand the following compound words (4 × ½ = 2)
- Checklist, Telephone operator, Group discussions, Remote controlled car
7. Combine the following sentences choosing from the appropriate conjunctions given. (2 × 1 = 2)
- (due to, because of, as, because)
- (a) There has been a heavy downpour of rain from yesterday. The semester exams are postponed.
- (b) In summer usually many accidents occur in forest roads. Many animals come to the roads in search of water bodies.
8. Rewrite the following sentences to reported speech. (2)
- Alas! We've lost more soldiers," said King Asoka, with grief.
- "I don't want any more victories," He said "I owe to provide peace and wellbeing to my people from today onwards".
9. Rewrite the following phrases into numerical adjectives (2 × 1 = 2)
- A cricket match that lasted for five days
- An international conference conducted for two days.

10. Substitute appropriate Idioms and Phrases in the blanks from the options given below (4 × ½ = 2)

(have a blast, bite off more than one can chew, A piece of cake, cost an arm and leg, Hit the road)

He decided to _____ the day after tomorrow on his around the world in 20 days challenge, Initially he thought it would be _____ especially with recent technology and transportation, But now he feels maybe he has _____. Whatever happens he decided to _____ during his journey.

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

(Q. No. 11 is compulsory)

11. Read the following passage and answer the questions below

Armaments are fruitless. They have no harvest save in death and destruction.

The ships, the guns, the airships, the aeroplanes, the rifles, the ammunition, the uniforms, the stores – all these are things of a moment, quickly consumed or quickly scrapped because they become obsolete almost as soon as they are made.

The great warship is built and in less than ten years it is out of date. The new land monster, the tank, which may be described as a land ironclad, is as costly as a locomotive engine, but while one is a waste of material, the other is a mover of passengers or goods.

The aeroplane is always being altered and, in its use, kills one or two fine young men every week.

In one recent year the nations of the world spent \$800,000,000 on armies, navies and air forces, This huge sum could be spent on the erection of glorious cities, the construction of splendid canals, the regeneration of the material capital of mankind. The world would change out of knowledge in its material aspect if in twenty years such a sum were devoted to public purposes. The housing question would be a trifle if only part of the expenditure on armaments were employed for the splendid purpose of giving comfort to hard-working people.

- (a) Guess the meaning of words from the context and choose the word synonymous to it from the given option (6 × 1 = 6)

(i) Splendid

(1) Cheap

(2) More

(3) Thick

(4) Impressive

- (ii) Obsolete
 - (1) Out of date
 - (2) Fashionable
 - (3) Great
 - (4) Powerful
 - (iii) Scrapped
 - (1) Discard as useless
 - (2) A small piece
 - (3) Valuable
 - (4) Used
 - (iv) Altered
 - (1) Modified
 - (2) Destroyed
 - (3) Deduct
 - (4) No change
 - (v) Ammunition
 - (1) Bullets and bombs
 - (2) Information
 - (3) Grocery
 - (4) Goods
 - (vi) Expenditure
 - (1) Money earned
 - (2) Costly
 - (3) Expense
 - (4) Profitable
- (b) Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the information given in the text: (4 × 1 = 4)
- (i) The ships, the guns, the airships, the aeroplanes, the rifles, the ammunition, the uniforms, the stores – all these are things of a lifetime.
 - (ii) The great warships that are built lasts less than ten years
 - (iii) The aeroplane is the safest mode of transportation
 - (iv) The new land monster, the tank is the mover of passengers

(c) Answer the following questions (6 × 1 = 6)

- (i) What are the ways in which the money spent on weapons can be utilized for the betterment of mankind?
- (ii) Suggest a suitable title
- (iii) From the context what is a waste of material (2nd paragraph)
- (iv) How much money has been spent in recent years by world nations on armies, navies and air forces?
- (v) Why are armaments fruitless?
- (vi) What is the theme, of the passage?

12. (a) Assume you have bought a mobile phone recently and it is not working properly. Write a complaint letter to sellers. (16)

Or

- (b) Assume you are in-charge of handling customer complaints in a leading Electronics goods company, write a response letter to the complaint you received from the customer regarding an LED TV purchased by them. (16)

13. (a) Due to heavy rains, many of the roads in your locality are damaged and water is stagnant in many places. Write a letter to the Editor explaining the difficulty faced by the people in your locality with a request to publish the content in the newspaper. (16)

Or

- (b) Prepare a checklist to verify the documents which are to be submitted along with scholarship forms to college office during first year BE programme. (16)

14. (a) Write a set of 8 recommendations to be followed by students while they apply for B.E. online counselling. (16)

Or

- (b) Assume you are the Fire and Safety engineer in Crackers manufacturing company Lion Fireworks, Sivakasi. There has been a fire accident and two workers have been severely wounded. Prepare an accident report to submit to the Managing Director of your company stressing the need for remedial measures to avoid such accidents in the future. (16)

15. (a) Assume you have completed your M.E. degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Write a job application letter to the Director for the post of Research Assistant, in Vikram Sarabhai Research Centre in Tiruvananthapuram, Kerala, along with your resume. (16)

Or

- (b) Assume you are in your final year B.E. write a letter to the Managing Director, BSNL, Chennai requesting to give you internship for three weeks, along with your resume. (16)