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(Common to EEE, ECE, CSE, EIE, IT)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 75

Note: This question paper contains two parts A and B.

Part A is compulsory which carries 25 marks. Answer all questions in Part A.

Part B consists of 5 Units. Answer any one full question from each unit. Each question carries 10 marks and may have a, b, c as sub questions.

PART - A

(25 Marks)

- 1.a) Give the meaning of the suffix 'ous' and use it in a sentence. [2]
- b) Complete the sentences with correct prepositions: [3]
- i) _____ the picture, there are four people.
- ii) A couple is sitting _____ the table.
- iii) The old people are sitting _____ the chairs.
- c) Last week in my email to you I **synthesized** our strategic direction as a productivity and platform company. What is the synonym of the word 'synthesized' in the mail given by Satya Nadella? Also make a contextual sentence using the synonym chosen by you. [2]
- d) Explain the phrase "In leaves no step had trodden black" taken from Robert Frost's 'Road not taken'. [3]
- e) Use the confusable 'there' as an adverb and as a subject. Give example for each. [2]
- f) Differentiate between present continuous tense and past perfect tense with an example for each tense forms. [3]
- g) Explain briefly why does J.C.Hill state that 'Men are fragile things come to live in this dangerous world'. [2]
- h) Choose the correct one word substitutes for the following sentences: [3]
- i) 'A man who hates women'
- A) Misogynist B) Misanthropist C) Pyromaniac D) Hypochondriac
- ii) 'A person who speaks less'
- A) Reticent B) Metropolitan C) Sinecure D) Fastidious
- i) What is Rahul's perception of literacy in the letter written to his father? [2]
- j) What do you understand by SQ3R technique in reading? [3]

PART - B

(50 Marks)

- 2.a) Why do you think Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was really a true inspiration for the youngsters of the country.
- b) Punctuate the following paragraph with full stops, commas, capital letters, etc.
This is, without a doubt Kipling's most beloved poem, and, along with The White Man's Burden, his most famous. Although t.S. Eliot would deem it only great verse and others "jingoistic nonsense," it is consistently ranked among the highest, if not the highest itself, of britons' favorite poems. It was first published in the "Brother Square-Toes" chapter of *Rewards and Fairies*, a 1910 collection of verse and short stories.
- c) Write a paragraph on 'the greatest success in my life'. [3+3+4]

OR

3.a) Read the text below and summarize it in about 100 words.

If I had the power to impose my will, I would get people to walk more. We walk only when we have to, hurrying between places where vehicles can't take us. I know people who take their cars when they are going to the shops just up the road. There are cities in America where you can't get anywhere if you don't have a car. Once, in Los Angeles, I was considered eccentric when I wanted to walk around in Beverly Hills. We know places differently when we walk in them. To travel with someone in their car, to be given a lift, is to be at the mercy of their ego; it is to be inside their ego. But to walk with someone, to converse with them while walking, is like breaking bread together. Walking conversations are somehow more profound than driving conversations. It is something about putting one foot in front of the other together, moving through space, linked in the rhythms of the body. It is mutual body-song, the unique way each person walks their soul's signature on the earth. I would have people walk to the next bus stop rather than stand there waiting. I would have people get lost walking just for the special pleasures of discovery. I would have people walk when they are depressed, walk when they are overwhelmed with problems, when they are anxious, when they are sad. I'd have them walk when they are happy, just so they can infect the world with their precious mood.

b) What are the features of writing a good paragraph?

c) Write which parts of speech are the underlined words in the sentences given below:

i) You have to believe in yourself if you ever expect to be successful at something.

ii) We left for the mountain just before six in the morning. [4+4+2]

4.a) Interpret the lines spoken by Satya Nadella 'First, we will simplify the way we work to drive greater accountability, become more agile and move faster'.

b) In the poem 'Road not Taken' the poet explains 'I shall be telling this with a sigh' why does he sigh at others? Explain.

c) For each of the following word, choose the option that gives its meaning. [4+3+3]

i) Progress

1) fearful 2) advancement 3) bold 4) reverent

ii) Beneficial

1) promptness 2) keenness 3) valuable 4) liveliness

iii) Adverse

1) unpleasant 2) sinful 3) immoral 4) indifferent

OR

5.a) What are different styles of letter writing. Explain briefly with examples.

b) Write a letter of inquiry with reply.

c) What is the difference between extensive reading and intensive reading? Explain. [3+3+4]

6.a) Write an e-mail to the CEO of IBM highlighting your credentials to seek a job in his company? (Assume relevant data).

b) i) They will send him away to school. (change into passive voice)

ii) What is the superlative form of the adjective 'Mighty'?

c) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean, off the western coast of South America. They are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. One reason is that they are the home of some of the last giant tortoises left on earth. Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises, or land turtles, wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the islands. Strangely, each of these islands has its own particular kinds of tortoises. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands, each kind being slightly different from the other. Hundreds of years ago,

thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. However, all that changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived in 1535, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided an easy solution to this problem.

Ships would anchor off the islands, and crews would row ashore and seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the sailors would roll the tortoises onto their backs. The tortoises were completely helpless once on their backs, so they could only lie there until used for soups and stews. Almost 100,000 tortoises were carried off in this way. The tortoises faced other problems, too. Soon after the first ships, settlers arrived, bringing pigs, goats, donkeys, dogs and cats. All of these animals ruined life for the tortoises. Donkeys and goats ate all the plants that the tortoises usually fed on, while the pigs, dogs and cats consumed thousands of baby tortoises each year. Within a few years, it was hard to find any tortoise eggs-or even any baby tortoises. By the early 1900s, people began to worry that the last of the tortoises would soon die out. No one, however, seemed to care enough to do anything about the problem. More and more tortoises disappeared, even though sailors no longer needed them for food. For another 50 years, this situation continued. Finally, in the 1950s, scientists decided that something must be done. The first part of their plan was to remove as many cats, dogs and other animals as they could from the islands. Next, they tried to make sure that more baby tortoises would be born. To do this, they started looking for wild tortoise eggs. They gathered the eggs and put them in safe containers. When the eggs hatched, the scientists raised the tortoises in special pens. Both the eggs and tortoises were numbered so that the scientists knew exactly which kinds of tortoises they had and which island they came from. Once the tortoises were old enough and big enough to take care of themselves, the scientists took them back to their islands and set them loose. This slow, hard work continues today, and, thanks to it, the number of tortoises is now increasing every year. Perhaps these wonderful animals will not disappear after all.

i) What happened first?

- A) Sailors took tortoises aboard ships
- B) The tortoise meat was used for soups and stews
- C) Tortoises were put onto their backs
- D) Settlers brought other animals to the islands
- E) Pigs had been all the sailors had to eat

ii) What happened soon after people brought animals to the islands?

- A) Tortoise eggs were kept in safe containers
- B) Scientists took away as many animals as they could
- C) The animals ate the tortoises' food and eggs
- D) The tortoises fought with the other animals
- E) The tortoises continued to wander freely

iii) When did people start to do something to save the tortoises?

- A) In the 1500s
- B) In the 1950s
- C) In the early 1900s
- D) In the 1960s
- E) In the 1400s

iv) What happens right after the tortoise eggs hatch?

- A) The scientists take the tortoises back to their islands
- B) The scientists get rid of cats, dogs, and other animals
- C) The sailors use the tortoises for food
- D) The scientists raise the tortoises in special pens
- E) The scientists encourage the villagers to help

v) What happened last?

- A) The tortoises began to disappear
- B) The number of tortoises began to grow
- C) Scientists took away other animals
- D) Tortoises were taken back to their home islands
- E) The number of tortoises began to decrease. [3+2+5]

OR

7. Polazza Limited, a software company, is looking for B.Tech Graduates with good academic record to work in its branches at Mumbai, Chennai and Bhuvaneshwar. Students pursuing/passed engineering in any branch can apply for the job. Short listing is done on the basis of curriculum vitae.

- a) Write a cover letter based on the above situation.
- b) Prepare the curriculum vitae assuming relevant data.
- c) Write a letter to the Bank Manager of HDFC Bank, 29 Juhu Beach, Mumbai 400.039, informing him of the change of address and requesting that your new address and telephone number be noted and that the records be modified accordingly. [3+3+4]

8.a) Write review of the recent book that you have read in about 500-600 words. You can interpret the i) *Title and lay out of the book* ii) *Characterization* iii) *Theme* iv) *Author's background* v) *Style of writing*

- b) Give the meaning of the idiom "Cut corners" and use it in a meaningful sentence.
- c) Give the meaning of the idiom "Devil's advocate" and use it in a meaningful sentence. [6+2+2]

OR

9.a) Good manners come from sympathy with others and from understanding our own limitations. Explain with reference to the attitude of the boy in "Good Manners".

- b) i) Little thing has been done (correct the sentence)
- ii) Choose the correct one word substitute for the phrase 'a person who speaks more'
- A) Garrulous B) Metropolitan C) Sinecure D) Fastidious
- iii) Three months _____ too long a time to wait (write appropriate verb that agrees with the subject). [7+3]

10.a) Fill in the blanks with a suitable tag for the sentences given

- i) But you don't really like sweets, _____?
- ii) He plays football on Sundays, _____?
- iii) Simran asked Mary where she was going. (Change into indirect speech)
- b) Write a report on road traffic congestion in your city. Include i) abstract ii) tools for data collection iii) conclusion and recommendations
- c) Explain the kind of anguish undergone by the boy in the words spoken 'Are we actually living, Papa? Or is life just by-passing us as we bury ourselves in books?' [3+4+3]

OR

11.a) Fill in the blanks with a suitable tag for the sentences given:

- i) I completed the work, _____?
- ii) She hates men, _____?
- iii) They didn't go to a movie, _____?
- b) What are the characteristics of writing a technical report? Explain.
- c) Explain the concern expressed by Rahul towards plants highlighted in the words 'we learn about pesticides but we do not know how to use them!' [3+3+4]