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Civil Engineering

15UEN101 - TECHNICAL ENGLISH

(Common to ALL branches)

(Regulation 2015)

Duration: 1.15 hrs

Maximum: 30 Marks

PART A - (6 x 1 = 6 Marks)

(Answer any six of the following questions)

- Pick out and write the suitable tense form: CO1- R
I _____ John for ten years.
(a) know (b) Had known (c) Have known (d) have been knowing
- The synonym of 'stringent' is _____. CO1- R
(a) Several (b) Severe (c) Mild (d) Lenient
- Read the sentence carefully and choose the correct option: CO2- R
A judge is expected to be _____, unbiased, and impartial
(a) Disinterested (b) Uninterested (c) Misinterested (d) Anti-interested
- Select the appropriate question word: CO2- R
_____ is essentially a social animal?
(a) What (b) When (c) Who (d) How
- Choose the suitable verb for the passive form: CO3- R
Active : They are conducting tests
Passive: Tests _____ conducted by them.
(a) is being (b) are being (c) have been (d) can be

6. Complete the sentence with suitable 'if clause': CO3- R
 If I _____ a bird, I would fly.
 (a) am (b) was (c) were (d) will be
7. Identify the meaning of the idiom 'apple pie order': CO4- R
 (a) Salad (b) untidy (c) neat and clean (d) none of these
8. Fill in the blank with appropriate form of the verb: CO4- R
 When I reached the station, the train _____.
 (a) left (b) leaves (c) had left (d) leaving
9. Pick out the suitable one word substitution: CO5- R
 The animals of a particular region.
 (a) Flora (b) fauna (c) fiasco (d) none of these
10. Fill in the blank with suitable Preposition: CO5- R
 The congratulated the captain _____ winning the national series.
 (a) on (b) far (c) in (d) at

PART – B (3 x 8= 24 Marks)

(Answer any three of the following questions)

11. Ever since humans have inhabited the earth, they have made use of various forms of communication. Generally, this expression of thoughts and feelings has been in the form of oral speech. When there is a language barrier, communication is accomplished through sign language in which motions stand for letters, words and ideas. Tourists, the deaf, and the mute have had to resort to this form of expression. Many of these symbols of whole words are very picturesque and exact and can be used internationally; spelling, however, cannot. Body language transmits ideas or thoughts by certain actions, either intentionally or unintentionally. A nod signifies approval, while shaking the head indicates a negative reaction. CO1- U
(8)

Other forms of non-linguistic language can be found in Braille (a system of raised dots read with the fingertips), signal flags, Morse code, and smoke signals. Road maps and picture signs also guide, warn and instruct people. While verbalization is the most common form of language, other systems and techniques also express human thoughts and feelings.

- (a) Say whether the following statements are true or false. (6 x 1 = 6 marks)
 (i) There are many forms of communication in existence today

- (ii) Body language transmits ideas or thoughts unintentionally
- (iii) Deaf and the mute use an oral form of communication
- (iv) Verbalization is only form of language
- (v) When there is a language barrier, communication is accomplished through sign language
- (vi) Shaking head shows a reaction of approval

(b) Choose the correct answer: (2 x 1 = 2 marks)

- (i) People need to communicate in order to ----- (i) create language barriers
- (ii) be picturesque and exact (iii) express thoughts and feelings.
- (ii) Sign language is said to be very picturesque and exact and can be used internationally except for ----- (i) expressions, (ii) ideas (iii) spelling.

12. Recently you read in the editorial column about ‘Honour Killing’ practised in the conservative Indian society. Draft a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper drawing attention to the stigma in society. CO2- U (8)
13. Imagine that you are attending an interview in Chennai. Prepare a checklist of 8 important things for attending the interview. CO3- U (8)
14. Anna University of Technology, Chennai is very much concerned about declining number of boy students admitted to various undergraduate and postgraduate Engineering courses. The Vice-Chancellor of Anna University of Technology, Chennai has asked you, The Placement Officer of a reputed Government College of Engineering and Technology to identify the reasons for the problem and suggest some remedial measures to improve the intake of boy students in Engineering courses. Prepare a thorough report that should include your findings, observations and recommendations. CO4- U (8)
15. “A leader must have the national perspective in mind, so that the national Integration can be strengthened”. Do you support this statement? Elaborate in reference to Dr. Karan Singh’s “A Nation’s Strength”. CO5- Ana (8)

