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14UEN201- TECHNICAL ENGLISH – II

(Common to ALL branches)

(Regulation 2014)

Duration: Threehours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Choose the synonyms for the following word:

Jubilant

(a) Sad

(b) joyous

(c) complex

(d) different

2. Join the sentences using apt conjunction:

He worked hard. He scored first mark.

(a) Though

(b) Or

(c) But

(d) Therefore

3. Rewrite the following direct speech by picking out the suitable indirect speech.

She said to Radha, "It may rain today."

(a) She said Radha that it will rain today

(b) She told Radha that it might rain that day

(c) She told Radha that it may rain that day

(d) She told Radha that it will not rain that day

4. Pick out the correct question to the given sentence:

Rahul leaves for United States of America next week.

(a) When did Rahul leave for United States of America?

(b) When do Rahul leave for United States of America?

(c) When does Rahul leave for United States of America?

(d) When will Rahul leave for United States of America?

5. My answer _____ your question is in this envelop.
(a) for (b) to (c) in (d) on
6. Fill in the blank with suitable article
_____ oranges that we bought last week still looks fresh.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) Zero article
7. Choose the correct expansion for the nominal compound Flood Damage
(a) Damage caused from flood (b) damage caused through flood
(c) damage caused with flood (d) damage caused by flood
8. Fill in the blank choosing suitable modal verb.
Drivers _____ stop when the traffic lights are red.
(a) must (b) will (c) may (d) can
9. Choose the correct conjunction
I did not go to the show _____ I had already seen it.
(a) Until (b) because (c) so (d) but
10. Choose the correct response
(a) Reading helps you learn English (b) To read helps you learning English
(c) For Reading helps you learn English (d) Reading helps you to learn English

PART - B (5 x 2 = 10 Marks)

11. Write a brief note on conjunctions with examples.
12. What are the types of sentences?
13. Describe compound nouns with examples.
14. What are interview skills?
15. Define cover letter and state the importance of cover letter with resume.

PART - C (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)

16. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it.

The Trojan War is one of the most famous wars in history. It is well known for the 10-year duration, for the heroism of a number of legendary characters, and for the Trojan horse. What may not be familiar, however, is the story of how the war began.

According to Greek myth, the strife between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the wedding of Peleus, King of Thessaly, and Thetis, a sea nymph. All of the gods and goddesses had been invited to the wedding celebration in Troy except Eris, goddess of

discord. She had been omitted from the guest list because her presence always embroiled mortals and immortals alike in conflict.

To take revenge on those who had slighted her, Eris decided to cause a skirmish. Into the middle of the banquet hall, she threw a golden apple marked "for the most beautiful." All of the goddesses began to haggle over who should possess it. The gods and goddesses reached a stalemate when the choice was narrowed to Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. Someone was needed to settle the controversy by picking a winner. The job eventually fell to Paris, son of King Priam of Troy, who was said to be a good judge of beauty. Paris did not have an easy job. Each goddess, eager to win the golden apple, tried aggressively to bribe him.

"I'll grant you vast kingdoms to rule," promised Hera. "Vast kingdoms are nothing in comparison with my gift," contradicted Athena. "Choose me and I'll see that you win victory and fame in war." Aphrodite outdid her adversaries, however. She won the golden apple by offering Helen, daughter of Zeus and the most beautiful mortal in the land, to Paris. Paris, anxious to claim Helen, set off for Sparta in Greece.

Although Paris learned that Helen was married, he nevertheless accepted the hospitality of her husband, King Menelaus of Sparta. Therefore, Menelaus was outraged for a number of reasons when Paris departed, taking Helen and much of the king's wealth back to Troy. Menelaus collected his loyal forces and set sail for Troy to begin the war to reclaim Helen.

I. choose the correct answer and complete the following sentences (4x2=8)

- (1) Eris had been omitted from the guest list because _____ mortals and immortals.
(a) her presence always embroiled (b) her absence always embroiled
(c) her presence always pleased (d) her absence always pleased
- (2) Eris _____ marked "for the most beautiful."
(a) threw a golden ring (b) threw a golden apple
(c) wore a golden ring (d) gave a golden ring
3. Athena _____, promising Paris victory and fame in war.
(a) Accepted (b) Contradicted (c) Obeyed (d) Fought
4. Paris set off to _____ to claim Helen.
(a) Sparta in Greece (b) Sparta in Spain
(c) Sparta in Rome (d) Sparta in Egypt

II. State whether true or false: (4x1=4)

- (1) The Trojan War is well-known for its five years duration.
- (2) The strife between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the wedding of Peleus.
- (3) Paris set off to Thessaly after getting the hands of Helen.
- (4) Paris was said to be good judge of beauty.

III. Choose the correct meaning (4x1=4)

(1)legendary

- (a)unimportant (b) heroic (c) false (d) real

(2)embroiled

- (a)involve (b) assist (c) exclude (d) organize

(3)haggle

- (a)argue (b) concur (c) agree (d) comply

(4)reclaim

- (a) rescue (b) harm (c) lose (d) abandon

17. (a) Write eight recommendations to be followed for safe driving. (16)

Or

(b) Imagine that you and your friend have a discussion over phone about spending the semester holidays usefully. Write a pair of eight questions and answers. (16)

18. (a) HCL requires software engineers (B.E+M.E only) with expertise in C++ and VC++ for their overseas projects at its Chennai Office. Apply with resume to HR Manager, HCL, Tharamani, Chennai-101. Knowledge of foreign language is an added advantage to the candidate. (16)

Or

(b) Write an application for the post of IT Professional in Innovators India Digital Technologies Pvt Ltd., Janaki 10/9, Sardar Patel Road, Adyar, Chennai-20 with your detailed resume. (16)

19. (a) Write a letter inviting the Managing Director of a leading computer company to deliver the key note address and inaugurate the Technical Symposium organized by your department. Give details of the seminar, participants, theme and persuade him to accept your invitation. (16)

Or

(b) Assume that you are the District Collector of Madurai. Write a letter to the Principal of your college declining his invitation to preside over the Annual Sports Day. State valid reasons for not accepting the invitation. (16)

20. (a) Write a few paragraphs about social networking websites in about 250 words. (16)

Or

(b) The General Manager of a company decides to improve sales and arranges a training programme for all the employees. He/She wants to communicate the information through Email. Draft an Email communicating the information to the employees. (16)