

B. Tech. Ist Semester (Main/Back) Examination Feb.- 2010

English

(Common to all Branches of Engineering)

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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Min. Passing Marks : 24

Instructions to Candidates:

Attempt overall Five questions selecting one question from each unit. All questions carry equal marks.

Unit - I

1. a) The manner of giving is worth more than the gift. Elucidate. (8)
- b) 'The Fortune Teller' reveals the belief that all events are predetermined by abstract decree and emphasizes the need for submission to all that is inevitable. Comment. (8)

OR

- a) Oscar wilde shows that love is a temporary madness which erupts and then subsides and when it subsides you have to make a decision. Elaborate. (8)
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru once said that life is a game of cards. The hand you are dealt is determinism, the way you play it is free will. How does Karel Capek's story portray the role played by fate and destiny. (8)

Unit - II

2. a) 'Dr Heidegger's Experiment' is a truly representative story that reveals that people of uncommon abilities generally fall into eccentricities when their sphere of life is not adequate to their abilities. Write a note on the eccentricities of Dr. Heidegger. (8)
- b) Folklores are full of stories that point out how futile it can be to seek happiness. Rather happiness is a blessing that you accidentally find. 'The Three Dancing Goats' portrays this reality. Comment. (8)

OR

- a) What is symbolism and Imagery? What role does the rose and the butterfly play in the story 'Dr. Heidegger's Experiment'? (8)
- b) Give a detailed summary of 'The Accompanist'. (8)

Unit - III

3. a) How does Robert Frost negate the need for walls and barriers and emphasis that there are no constraints no walls around the human spirit except the ones he himself erects? (8)
- b) Ogden Nash has an immense capacity to perceive, appreciate and express what is incongruous, ludicrous and humorous. Comment. (8)

OR

- a) "Everyman dies - not every man really lives, said William Ross. How does James Shirley's poem 'Death, the Leveller' Portray the same thought? (8)
- b) How does D.H. Lawrence show that boredom will always remain the greatest enemy of school disciplines? (8)

Unit - IV

4. a) How does Stanley Houghton reveal that preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else that matters prevents man from living freely and nobly? (8)
- b) The teachers realize that their goals can only be reached through a vehicle of plan, in which they must fervently believe and upon which they must vigorously act. Discuss their plan. (8)

OR

- a) Why does Wasserkopf want his money back? (8)
- b) How does the Monkey's paw ruin the white family? (8)

Unit - V

5. a) Comment on Bacon's epigrammatic and aphoristic style giving suitable examples. (8)
- b) Greed is a name that produces confusion in our minds. Elucidate giving illustrations and examples from 'Third Thoughts'. (8)

OR

- a) Comment on the title 'Third Thoughts'. (8)
- b) What are the differences between American and British English? What is the 'Bharat Brand of English like? (8)