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B. Tech. (Sem. I) (Main/Back) Examination, January/February - 2011
English
(Common to All Branches of Engg.)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 80

[Min. Passing Marks : 24

*Attempt overall **five** questions selecting one question from each Unit.*
All questions carry equal marks.

Use of following supporting material is permitted during examination.
(Mentioned in form No. 205)

1. _____ Nil _____

2. _____ Nil _____

1 (a) Attempt a summary of 'The Gift of the Magi' by O. Henry.

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(b) What did Mrs. Myers tell Miss Jones about her fortune? Did the prediction come true?

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(c) What does the nightingale have to actually do to make a red rose bloom?

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OR

1 (a) Narrate Mr. Macleary's story from the day he thinks of Mrs. Myers to the day when his wife leaves him.

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(b) Draw the character sketch of either Jim or Della.

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(c) What does the nightingale symbolize in the story? Also name the writer of the aforesaid short story?

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- 2 (a) Attempt a summary of the short story 'The Accompanist'.
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- (b) Describe Dr. Heidegger's study.
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- (c) Explain the meaning of the three different coloured stones set in the ring. What price did Sindhu ask for the third goat?
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OR

- 2 (a) How did Sindhu finally manage to marry the landowner's daughter? Explain.
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- (b) Describe the scene at the time the son of the instrument maker went to deliver the instrument to Ustad Rahim Khan.
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- (c) Attempt a character sketch of widow Wycherly.
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- 3 (a) Compare the characters of the speaker and the neighbour in the poem 'Mending Wall'.
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- (b) Comment on the theme of the poem 'Death the Leveller'.
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- (c) Why is sitting in a dentist's chair both physical and mental torture? What is the effect of using the word 'dental'?
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OR

- 3 (a) Who are the 'unruly hounds'? What is a 'quarry'? How can knowledge be compared to a quarry?
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- (b) Why is the tail of scorpion called diabolic? What do the last two lines tell you about the poet's mother?
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- (c) What is the point of comparison between the mouth and the section of the road? How does this relate to your idea of the work of the dentist?

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- 4 (a) Comment on the title of the play 'The Dear Departed'. How does Mr. Abel Merryweather get the better of his daughters?

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- (b) Why does Wasserkopf want his money back? Which question does Wasserkopf answer well?

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- (c) Attempt a character sketch of Mrs. White in 'The Monkey's Paw'.

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OR

- 4 (a) Compare and contrast the characters of Amelia and Elizabeth.

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- (b) Discuss the teachers' plan to outsmart Wasserkopf. Describe how they implement the plan.

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- (c) How does the monkey's paw ruin the White family?

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- 5 (a) 'Some books are to be tasted, others to be Swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested.' – Explain.

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- (b) List the main ideas of the essay 'Toasted English'.

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- (c) Comment on the title 'Third Thoughts'. Why did the narrator think of sending some amount of the profit to the dealer?

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5 (a) Give the gist of the essay 'Of Studies'.

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(b) What would be the 'Bharat brand of English' be like? Mention some of the keywords evolved by Americans.

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(c) Match the words with their meanings :

destined	felt proud
elated	fated
extort	cave
impulsive	take out (money etc.)
cavern	a group of trees
ebbed	great happiness
ecstasy	flow
grove	sentimental