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**SET A**

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
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**Semester :** Semester I - 2023

**Course Code :** ENG1003

**Course Name :** Communicative English

**Program :** Languages for B.Tech

**Date :** 1H-JAN-2024

**Time :** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Max Marks :** 100

**Weightage :** 50%

**Instructions:**

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) Question paper consists of 3 parts.
- (iii) Scientific and non-programmable calculator are permitted.
- (iv) Do not write any information on the question paper other than Roll Number.

**PART A**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**(5Q X 2M = 10M)**

1. Mention any two differences between general and technical communication. (CO1) [Knowledge]
2. Change the following sentence from direct to indirect speech.  
• 'I love the Toy Story films,' she said. (CO2) [Knowledge]
3. What is cohesion? (CO3) [Knowledge]
4. Mention the two basic characteristics of language. (CO1) [Knowledge]
5. What does fluency mean in the context of reading skills? (CO4) [Knowledge]

**PART B**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**(5Q X 10M = 50M)**

6. List out any five types of non-verbal communication and explain them with examples. (CO1) [Comprehension]
7. Why did the waitress in the hotel cry after she saw the tip left by the boy at her table? Summarise the story. (CO2) [Comprehension]
8. Explain the elements of a business letter with examples. (CO3) [Comprehension]

**9. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.**

Once a thief named Kalu had planned to loot the king's treasury. At midnight, he went to the palace and began to drill a hole in the wall of the treasury. The king, who was awake in his bedroom just above the treasury, came out to investigate the whirring sound. He was dressed in a simple nightgown and the thief could not recognize him. He asked Kalu who he was and what he was doing. The latter said, "Sir, I am a thief and intend to loot this treasury. I presume that you are also a thief and have come with the same intention. No matter, let us both go inside and we shall share the loot equally." Both entered the treasury and divided all the money and the jewels equally between them. Inside a locker, they found three big diamond pieces. As the thief was puzzled as to how to divide the three pieces into two portions, the king suggested. "We have taken away everything else. Let us leave one diamond piece for the poor king and share the rest equally". Kalu agreed and when he took his leave, the king asked for his name and address. As Kalu had taken a vow of telling only the truth, he gave the correct information. The king took away his share of the loot and hid it in his room. Next morning, he asked his Prime Minister to inspect the treasury as he had heard some strange sounds during the previous night.

The Prime Minister saw to his horror that all the valuables were missing and only a single diamond was left, perhaps intentionally, by the thief. He put the diamond in his shirt pocket as its loss could be ascribed to the thief and nobody would suspect the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister went back to the king. The king particularly enquired. "Do you mean that the thief has completely denuded the treasury of its valuables and not a single item has been left?"

The Prime Minister confirmed it. The king asked the chief of police to bring in Kalu. When Kalu came he was unable to recognise the king as his accomplice of the previous night. The king asked him, "Are you the thief who has stolen everything from my treasury leaving nothing back?" Kalu confirmed it but said, "Sir, I did leave one diamond back in the locker as advised by an accomplice of mine and it should still be there." The Prime Minister interrupted saying, "Your Majesty, this thief is lying. There is nothing left in the locker." The king asked the police chief to search the pockets of the Prime Minister, from where the missing diamond was recovered. The king told his courtiers, "Here is a Prime Minister, who is a liar and a thief, and here is a thief who is a truthful gentleman."

i. The king came out in the middle of the night to\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Help Kalu to break into the palace treasury
- b) Share the loot equally between Kalu and himself
- c) Find out the source of and reason for the sound he had heard
- d) Catch the thief who had come to steal his valuables
- e) None of these

ii. Kalu could not recognize the king because

- a) The king was wearing clothes like those of an ordinary person
- b) The king's clothes were covered by a simple nightgown
- c) Kalu had never seen the king before
- d) Kalu had not seen the king descending from his bedroom
- e) None of these

iii. Which of the following made the king suspect the Prime Minister? The Prime Minister's statement that

- a) Except for one piece of diamond all other valuables were stolen
- b) All the valuables without any exception were stolen from the treasury
- c) The thief was lying when he said he had left one diamond back in the locker
- d) The search for the diamond did not yield any favorable result
- e) None of these

iv. Which of the following horrified the Prime Minister?

- a) The valuables missing from the king's treasury
- b) A piece of diamond left in the locker
- c) Certain strange sounds heard by the Prime Minister

- d) The fact that the king suspected him of stealth
- e) None of these Directions

Q. V. Choose the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word given in bold as used in the passage.

- **Accomplice**

a) Co-traveler b) Collaborator c) Controller d) Coordinator e) Commuter

(CO4) [Comprehension]

10. What is communication? Explain the process of communication with its diagram.

(CO1) [Comprehension]

### **PART C**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**(2Q X 20M = 40M)**

11. Write an essay on the following topic in about 200-250 words.

- **The Importance of Mainstream Education in the Corporate World.**

(CO2) [Application]

12. You are the Purchase Manager of Shivam Chemicals, Mysuru. Out of the consignment of three raw materials that you had ordered from the Rajat & Co PVT Limited, Mangaluru, and received last week, the quantities of two of the raw materials got interchanged. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager of the company stating the error and asking for the correct quantity.

(CO3) [Application]