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MODEL QUESTION PAPER of ENGLISH

B. Tech First Year, 2nd Semester

Course Code: HM-HU 201

Course Title: English

Full Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP A

Q1. Choose the correct alternative:

(Attempt any 10) [10 x1=10]

i. The synonym of **conceal** is:

- a) escape b) beget c) hide d) slouch

ii. The antonym of **arrogant** is:

- a) humble b) ignorant c) stingy d) inferior

iii. The word **gas** has been clipped from the word:

- a) gasoline b) gastronomy c) gasbag d) gaseous

iv) The word **book** has been derived from the Greek root:

- a) bio b) biblio c) bookable d) bookend

v) The abbreviation of **encl** is:

- a) enclave b) enclasp c) enclosed d) encloud

vi. The word **inhospitable** has been derived from the Latin root :

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a) hospice b) holistic c) table d) host

vii. The antonym of 'equilibrium' is

a). Imbalance b). peace c). directness d). urgency

viii. If you can interpret some of the ----in his poetry, you can understand T S Eliot.

a) allusions b) illusions c) solutions d) conclusions

ix. Give the full form of UNO

x. The prefix 'Macro' means

a). both b). large C) underneath d). surface

xi) Locate the suffix that can be used with the root word 'friend':

a) ment b). ness c) less d). er

xii) Which new word is formed when web+blog blends?

a). weblog b). blog c). blogger d). websitelog

GROUP B

(Answer any three questions)

(3 x 5 = 15)

Q2. Do as directed. . Instructions are provided in brackets for certain sentences as a clue. [5]

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- i) I have been waiting for his message since a week [Correct the prepositional error in the sentence]
- ii) He bought a horse for his sister named Prince. [Correct the sentence with the proper position and form of the modifier]
- iii) Curtains drew he showed the to exquisite audience painting the and aside. [Make a meaningful sentence with the jumbled words]
- iv) Do not laugh over spilled milk (use the correct idiom)
- v) Raman wore a turban made of silk(underline the phrase).

Q 3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles: [5]

- i) Rohan and Ali went to same university.
- ii) University at Ohio, Cleveland was shut down by the Federal Government last week.
- iii) Jatin went to visit Red Fort in ... yellow taxi.
- iv) She is.....MA in English
- v) This is.....one-way street.

Q4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:[5]

- i) He came across his old friend the cemetery.
- ii) The leaves were swept the field by a gust of wind.
- iii) Blow ____ the candles on the cake before you cut it.
- iv) The soldier fought ____ courage.
- v) People said she diedcholera

Q5. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets:[5]

- i) Either Raman or his friends..... to be blamed for this. [is/are]
- ii) Ravi, my friend, pastor and mentor come. [has/have/is]
- iii) It was not only his talent but also his social circumstances that behind his success. [lay/lays/have laid]
- iv) The Jury.....divided in their opinion (was/were).
- v) Each of the candidates.... (was/were)given a chance to answer the question.

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Q6. Do as directed: [5]

- i) The creature pounced upon him when he entered the room. [Rewrite the sentence using; ' no sooner than']
- ii) The empty forms have to be filled out. [Change the voice]
- iii) "Gone are the days when you could sit back and relax", said the teacher. [Convert into indirect speech]
- iv) We are talking about John. (Change the sentence to an interrogative one.)
- v) The news is too good to be true. (Rewrite the sentence by avoiding 'too'.)

GROUP C

(Answer any three questions)

(3 x15 = 45)

Q.7. Write a job application letter and provide your résumé in response to the following advertisement on April 16, 2019 in *The Hindu*: An MNC requires an Assistant Engineer where the company would be recruiting a fresher with a B. Tech degree in Electrical Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering. Apply within 10 days to " The Advertiser" Box No.8461, The Hindu, Chennai-600002 (7+8=15)

Q 8. Write an essay within 300 words on any one of the given topics: (15)

"E-learning has opened new vistas of learning for the students across the globe".

or

Write an essay on the importance of communicating in English. (15)

or

Write an essay on the Technological Advancement in India. (15)

Q. 9. Write an email to your Departmental Head applying for early departure from college. State the reason for the same. Follow the format of an email.

Q.10 Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

(10 +5)

The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind; and we enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than those that are borrowed. A borrowed book is like a guest in a house; it is treated with care; it must not be left carelessly, it cannot be marked;

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its pages cannot be folded or torn. And then one day it has to be returned. But your own books belong to you; you treat them with love and affection. Books are for use, not for show; you should own no book that you are afraid to mark up, or afraid to place on the table, wide open and face down. A good reason for marking favourite passages in books is that the practice that enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings and refer to them quickly. Everyone should have a private library of their own in the form of bookshelves, free and accessible, so that if you stay alone in a room full of books it might seem as if you are in the company of close friends. The great men in history who are long dead are beyond our physical reach and the great men of today who are still alive remain unapproachable. But in your very own private library, you can at any time talk to or converse with the greats of Socrates, Shakespeare, Dickens, Shaw or Galsworthy. And there is no doubt that in these books you will see them at their best. Remember you readers are as important to them as audiences to actors, do not look merely at their masked outer self, instead look into their innermost depth of their great minds.

- i) Why is a borrowed book compared to a guest?
- ii) How does one treat one's own book?
- iii) What is it like to stay in a room full of books?
- iv) How can you reach great men in history?
- v) Find out words which mean: *greatest wealth of mankind*; *within reach*;
- vi) **Write a précis of the given passage and add a suitable title.**
