

CS/B.TECH (New)/SEM-1/HU-101/2013-14

2013

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & TECHNICAL
COMMUNICATION**

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

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

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for the following: 10 x 1 = 10
- i) A detailed narrative is
 - a) Chronicle
 - b) Novel
 - c) Epic
 - d) Story.
 - ii) The antonym of 'Grotesque' is
 - a) Strange
 - b) Normal
 - c) Terrifying
 - d) Absurd
 - iii) The boots are the shelf.
 - a) under
 - b) down
 - c) in
 - d) over.
 - iv) The synonym of 'sagacity' is
 - a) morality
 - b) wisdom
 - c) sanity
 - d) uprightness
 - v) All the employees of the firm are to a fortnight's holiday.
 - a) allowed
 - b) entitled
 - c) required
 - d) able.

- vi) A hedonist is fond the good things in life.
a) about b) of
c) for d) regarding.
- vii) The bride looked radiant as she walked down the
a) aisle b) isle
c) alley d) corner.
- viii) It is better to be than make a blunder.
a) discreet b) discrete
c) discard d) competent
- ix) The earthquake warnings and the fragility of our houses
make us certain that disaster is
a) imminent b) forthcoming
c) eminent d) expected.
- x) It is no easy job to the anger of this hot-headed
man.
a) satiate b) mollify
c) heighten d) pacify.

GROUP – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following.

$$3 \times 5 = 15$$

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words:

Bangalore : India said on Saturday the “protectionist tendency” in the United States would deepen the global recession and delay global economic recovery. “I feel the protectionist tendency is healthy and negative and lessons from the past make it abundantly clear that they end up deepening recession, they do not help in recovery of economics,” Union Commerce and Industry Minister Annand Sharma told reporters here. Sharma was referring to the State of Ohio’s ban on outsourcing to overseas companies and, before that, the US Government’s

decision to raise fees for HIB visas that would impact operation of the \$50 billion Indian IT industry.

US President Barack Obama also said this week he would end tax breaks for companies which “creates jobs and profits in other countries”; Admitting that India does not have legal options against such measures, he said the larger was of “approach and philosophy”. “Any mindset which is isolatory and inward looking ends up hurting the economies and societies, ” Sharma said.

Sharma termed the ‘protectionist’ measures in the US as “regressive and counter productive”. “As a leading economy of the world, the US has more confidence to engage the rest of the world. In my view, in testing times, it’s important to step out and engage, to dismantle the existing barriers and not erect new ones,” Sharma said.

Stating that the US was strategic partner of India, he said New Delhi wants to deepen and diversify bilateral engagement. “We have positively contributed for the growth of our relationship and not undermine or weaken it in any manner.”

(The Times of India, Sept. 12, 2013)

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| i. | What is Mr. Obama’s important announcement this week? | 2 |
| ii. | How has Mr. Sharma termed the “protectionist” measure of the US? | 2 |
| iii. | What is India’s stand on the “protectionist tendency” of the US? | 2 |
| iv. | What step of the State of Ohio has displeased India? | 2 |
| v. | What is Mr. Sharma’s expectation from the US as a leading economy of the world? | 2 |
| vi. | Make a précis of the given passage. | 5 |

GROUP – C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following.

3 x 15 = 45

3. Write a job application and provide your Resume in response to the following advertisement on 10th September, 2013 in the Telegraph:

An MNC has vacancy for the post of an Assistant Engineer where the company would be recruiting a fresher with a B. Tech degree in Electrical Engineering. Apply within 10 days to “The Advertiser” Box No. 8461, The Telegraph, Kolkata – 700 001.

4. Express the meaning of each phrasal verb with one meaningful sentence:

Pull up

Let down

Look for

Have an edge

Create a benchmark.

5. You are the Secretary of the Sports Department of your college. The inter-college football tournament is going to be held on 23rd January, 2014. Notify the students about the same.
6. Elaborately discuss the character of Guddava in the story ‘The Moon is the Earthen Pot’. Why is the story named so?
7. Discuss the features of technical Communication.
8. Illustrate the barriers in Communication.

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