QUESTION 1001S(21) AND 1001(21)

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/ MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, NOVEMBER - 2025

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH
(for Hearing Impaired Batch only)

[Maximum Marks:**75**]   [Time: **3** Hours]

PART - A

I.   Choose the correct answer from the options given.

(1) The poet's mother was stung by a scorpion on a-----------.
   a. Morning
   b. Night
   c. Afternoon
   d. Evening

(2) What has been called the 'Evil One' in the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'?
   a. The scorpion
   b. The rain
   c. The bees
   d. The darkness

(3) Which of the following did the peasants carry?
   a. brooms
   b. medicines
   c. lanterns
   d. sickles

(4) The father poured ------------ on the mother's bitten toe.
   a. Kerosene
   b. Paraffin
   c. Oil
   d. Water

(5) What did Della sell to buy a gift for Jim?
   a. Her watch
   b. Her long hair
   c. Her jewelry
   d. Her books

(6) What did Jim sell to buy a gift for Della?
   a. His books
   b. His bike
   c. His watch
   d. His ring

(7) Why was Della sad?
 a. She did not have jewellery
 b. She did not have money to buy vegetables
 c. She had no money to buy a gift for Jim
 d. She did not have beautiful combs for her hair

(8) What was the colour of the astrologer's turban?
 a. saffron
 b. green
 c. blue
 d. purple

(9) Why did the astrologer leave his village?
 a. He did not like farming
 b. He had quarreled with his family
 c. He liked to live in a town
 d. He had stabbed a man with a knife in his village

(10) When does the astrologer start his business everyday?
 a. In the morning
 b. At midday
 c. In the evening
 d. At night   **(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

II. Answer *any FIVE* questions from the following in a sentence or two.

a. What is the theme of the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'?
b. Why did the scorpion enter the poet's house that night?
c. What is the meaning of the word 'hybrid'?
d. What did Della do to buy Jim a gift for Christmas?
e. What did Jim buy for Della?
f. What did Guru Nayak ask the astrologer?
g. What did the astrologer tell Guru Nayak?   **(5 x 2 = 10 Marks)**

III. Answer any *One question* from the following.

a. Why is the father in the "Night of the Scorpion" called a rationalist?
   What did the father do?
b. Describe the financial situation of Jim and Della.
c. Was the astrologer a clever man? Explain.   **(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)**

PART B

IV. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word from the *help box given*.
 a. This bank ------- money on a small rate of interest.
 b. I need to -------- some money from my account.
 c. It is good to --------- money in a bank to keep it safe.
 d. She has taken a ---------- from the bank to construct a house.
 e. He uses a ------------ card to buy things from the supermarket. **(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)**

> deposit, loan, lends, debit,
> withdraw

V. Fill in the blanks choosing from the options given in the _brackets_.

a. This is my mother's sister. She is my -------------. (aunt/sister-in-law)
b. He has a toothache. He is going to see a (dentist/orthopaedician)
c. The ----------- constructs houses. (plumber/mason)
d. This is my sister's daughter. She is my----------. (nephew/niece)
e. Teena's father works in a hospital. He is a----------- (doctor/pilot)

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

VI. Match the following

1. Water purifier	a. Used for heating or baking food items
2. Sewing machine	b. Used to lift loads with less effort.
3. oven	c. Used to print text, pictures etc
4. pulley	d. Used to purify water.
5. printer	e. Used to stitch fabric with thread.

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

VII. 1. Write down the Antonym of the word _underlined._
a. Suhail was **able** to complete his project. But, Adith was ----------- to.
b. Reena's answer was **incorrect.** But, Neethu's was-------------.

2. Write down the Synonym of the word _underlined_.
a. He gave me a **simple** answer to the question.
b. This is a **tough** situation.

3. Pick out the correct word from the options given.
a. The shop is-----------. (here/hear)   **(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)**

VIII. Fill in the blanks.
a. It's a----------to meet you. (pressure/pleasure)
b. ----------you mind helping me, please? (would/could)
c. ----- I open the window, please? (may be/may)   **(3 x 1 = 3 Marks)**

IX. 1. Do as directed.
a. I bought a beautiful dress yesterday. (Underline the adjective in the sentence).
b. He sings very well. (Underline the verb).   **(2 x 1 = 2 Marks)**

2. Fill in the blanks using an appropriate preposition.
a. The books are--------the shelf.
b. The clothes are--------the cupboard.   **(2 x 1 = 2 Marks)**

3. Observe the picture carefully and fill in the blanks using the correct preposition.

a. The children are going ------ school.
b. They are looking out------ the window.   **(2 x 1 = 2 Marks)**

4. Choose the appropriate conjunction from the bracket.

1. She scored good marks--------------- she worked hard. (Because/ but)
                                                           (1 x 1 = 1 Marks)

PART C
X. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Time management is very important in student life. It is almost certain that a good student perfectly manages his/her time without wasting any. Education today constitutes a wide range of subjects and topics. It is also important to spend time on extracurricular activities like sports and games, etc. So, in today's competitive world it becomes imperative to utilize the available time to the fullest. Time management is a skill that lets you utilize the maximum of your time and needs to be practiced regularly to see its benefits. Students should avoid wasting time on things that don't benefit at all. It would mostly result in wastage of time. By eliminating activities that don't matter, you can save time for other beneficial activities.

a. What is time management?   **(1 Marks)**

b. For a student, it is important to spend time on----------activities also.   **(1 Marks)**

c. How should a student make the best use of time?   **(3 Marks)**

XI. Write a sentence each for the following structures.

a. Greetings

b. Request

c. Asking permission

d. Asking directions

e. Congratulating someone   **(5x 1 = 5 Marks)**

XII. Tarun would like to join a college for higher studies. Write an Application, on his behalf, to the School Principal requesting for Transfer Certificate and Conduct Certificate.   **(1x 5 = 5 Marks)**

XIII. Vijaya would like to open a bank account. Send an Email, on her behalf, to the Akshaya Centre requesting to issue a duplicate Adhaar Card.
                                                         (1x 5 = 5 Marks)
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PART-A
I. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions that follow:

		Module Outcome	Cognitive level
1.	Pennies saved one and two at a time by negotiating with the men at the market who sold vegetables and meat - negotiating until one's face burned with the silent knowledge of being poor. a) Use the word **negotiate** in a sentence of your own. **(1 marks)** b) Why did Della save pennies ? **(2 marks)** c) Comment on the significance and appropriateness of the title of the story 'The Gift of the Magi' ? **(3 marks)**	 M01.01 M01.01 M01.01	 R R U
2.	"My little horse must think it **queer** / To stop without a farmhouse near". a) Write a synonym for **queer**. **(1 marks)** b) Why does the poet stop without any farmhouse nearby? **(2marks)** c) Explain the context. **(3 marks)**	 M02.01 M02.01 M02.01	 R R U
3.	"Leave me today. I will speak to you tomorrow.' The other thrust his palm in his face and said, 'Challenge is challenge. Go on." a) "I will speak to you tomorrow". Change this sentence into **past tense**. **(1 marks)** b) What is the challenge thrown by the client to the astrologer? **(2 marks)** c) Explain the context. **(3 marks)**	 M03.01 M03.01 M03.01	 R R U
4.	"I watched the flame feeding on my mother / I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the poison with an *incantation*." a) I watched the ……... of the holy man. (Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word ' perform'). **(1 marks)** b) Bring out the meaning of the line 'I watched the flame feed on my mother' ? **(2 marks)** c) Explain the relevance of the above mentioned lines in the current scenario. **(3 marks)**	 M04.01 M04.01 M04.01	 R R U

PART-B

Answer the following questions as directed: (18 marks)

Module Outcome   Cognitive level

II.	Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:		
	Robotics has now become a much sought after field which as many think holds the key to the future. Robotics is an interdisciplinary field that integrates computer science and engineering. It involves design, construction, operation, and use of robots. In fact the term Robotics comes from the Slavic word 'Robot' which means slave/servant. The goal of Robotics is to design machines that can help and assist humans. Robotics assimilates elements from the fields of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, information engineering, mechatronics, electronics, bio engineering, computer engineering, control engineering, software engineering and so on.		
	Robotics develops robots which are programmable machines built to assist humans or mimic human actions. Today there are robots that explore Earth's harshest conditions, robots that operate in dangerous environments including study of radioactive materials, bomb detection and deactivation robots, those that assist law enforcement and those that assist in almost every aspect of health care. Robots can take on any form but some are made to resemble humans in appearance.		
	It was in 1948 that Norbert Wiener formulated the principles of cybernetics, the basis of practical robotics. It is only in the second half of the 20th century that the fully autonomous robots began to appear. The first digitally operated and programmable robot, the Unimate, was installed in 1961 to lift hot pieces of metal from a die casting machine and stack them. The current and potential uses of robots include their use as military robots, industrial robots, cobots (collaborative robots), construction robots, agricultural robots, Medical robots etc. In the near future, thanks to advances in artificial intelligence and programme development technologies, robots will continue getting smarter, more flexible and more energy efficient. Though relatively young, the robotics industry is filled with an admirable promise of progress that science fiction could once only dream about. From the deepest depths of our oceans to thousands of miles in outer space, robots will be found performing tasks that humans couldn't dream of achieving alone.		
	1. Where does the word 'Robotics' come from? **(1 marks)**		
	2. What is Robotics? **(1 marks)**	M01.01	R
	3. Why do you think some robots are made to resemble humans in appearance? **(2 marks)**	M01.01 M01.01	U U
	4. Find words from the **third paragraph** that convey similar meanings as the following: a.) deserving respect b.) existing independently **(2 marks)**	M01.01	U

	5. Prepare a summary of the passage on Robotics in the note form. **(4 marks)**	M01.01	A
III.	Report the following conversation between John, the Purchase Manager and Pramod his assistant. John: We have to place the purchase order for catridges tomorrow. Pramod: Sure sir John: How many catridges are needed in total? Pramod: We need seven catridges for the IT wing and two for the dispatch section. John: Are there any catridges left in stock? Pramod: No sir John: Send an email immediately to me specifying the requirement Pramod: Sure sir. I will definitely do that. **(4x1=4 marks)** John informed Pramod that …..(a)….. and asked him …..(b). Pramod replied that they needed seven cartridges for the IT wing and two for the dispatch section. John further enquired …..(c). When Pramod replied in the negative, John wanted Pramod…..(d). Pramod replied that he would definitely do that.	M04.03	A
IV.	The following is the information provided to the customer from the courier office but there are errors in the tenses which are underlined here. Rewrite the sentences correcting the errors. We usually **delivered** (a) our orders on time. But since there **is (b)** a lockdown last week we could not deliver your order. Today our executive **was (c)** coming to your locality and he **is (d)** deliver your order soon. **(4x1=4 marks)**	M02.03	A

PART-C

Answer the following questions as directed: **(33 Marks)**

Module Outcome Cognitive level

V.	Read the details of Ms. Husna Banu given below: Name : Husna Banu Hometown : Trivandrum Education : Diploma in Computer Engineering Additional qualification : Certificate Course in Data Analytics from Google Strengths : Sincerity, optimism Achievements : Winner of Indira Gandhi N.S.S. award Hobbies : Reading, travelling Ms. Husna Banu is going for an interview for the post of Data Entry Operator in Logtech, Kollam. Prepare a **self-introduction** to be presented at the interview. **(4 Marks)**	M01.03	U

VI.	Describe in a paragraph the different steps involved in preparing the lathe machine before operating it. The steps are given below. The first sentence of the paragraph is done for you.
	
	    1. Press the E-stop
	    2. Clean and clear the lathe.
	    3. Secure the work piece.
	    4. Select and install the cutting tool.
	    5. Calculate the RPM(speed) for your cutter and material.
	    6. Use the hand wheel to rotate the chuck to check for collisions.
	    7. Turn the speed control to a low number.
	
	The lathe machine has to be prepared before operating it. First of all, the E-stop button is pressed…. **(4 Marks)**
		M03.5	A

VII.	Your friend wishes to visit you at your workplace. Give him/her directions to reach the place in a **conversation** with a minimum of 5 exchanges. **(5 Marks)**	M04.05	A
VIII.	Write a single **paragraph** (with heading, key sentence, details and concluding sentence) on: The Need for Physical Education in the Curriculum **(5 Marks)**	M04.06	A
IX.	You are Naveen Gupta. You bought an HP Deskjet 1212 printer a month ago. Now you find that the print quality is poor and the ink nozzle of the printer catridge gets frequently clogged. The printer has one year warranty. Draft an email to hpcomplaints@gmail.com requesting them to attend to it. **(5 Marks)**	M03.05	A
X.	The following table shows details about the internet activities for six categories for different age groups. Write an analytical paragraph for the table given in around 150-200 words. **(5 Marks)**	M01.05	A

Internet activities by Age Group

	Age Group						
Activity%	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

| XI. | You need to make a presentation on Marie Curie. Prepare **<u>five slides</u>** based on the information given below:

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished Scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Their amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women.

Determined to receive higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, when she earned her master's degree and doctorate in Physics. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the Physics laboratory.

(5 Marks) | M02.05 | A |

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