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B.E. / B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION

ALL BRANCHES

I SEMESTER

HS9111 – TECHNICAL ENGLISH I

R 2008 ARREAR QUESTION PAPER

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL the questions

PART A – (10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (4 x ½ = 2 marks)

A	B
repository	starting point
jeopardy	confined within narrow limits
fission	place where things are stored
cramped	division of the atom
	danger

2. Complete the following table with appropriate forms of the words given. One example is done for you. (8 x ¼ = 2 marks)

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Eg. Record	Record	Recorded
Inference	_____	_____
_____	Announce	_____
_____	_____	Practical
_____	Estimate	_____

3. Complete the following If conditionals. (2 x 1 = 2)

- a. If bridge is not inaugurated this month _____.
- b. If _____ so many children could have been saved.

4. Give the expansions of the following compound nouns. (4 x ½ = 2)

- a. Practice Test
- b. Record Notebook
- c. Technology Transfer
- d. Internet Connection

5. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. (2 x 1 = 2)

- a. The floods destroyed all the crops.
- b. The Finance Minister presented the annual budget in Parliament.

- a. it loses its shape too easily.
 - b. it is easy to destroy.
 - c. it is expensive to mine.
 - d. it is of no use in industry.
2. Gold has always been considered a precious metal because
- a. money is made of it.
 - b. it is rare.
 - c. a small quantity goes a long way.
 - d. it is of no use in industry.
3. After the big gold discoveries in the late nineteenth century
- a. most nations adopted the gold standard.
 - b. the trading nations were unable to get enough gold.
 - c. gold coins were used by most nations.
 - d. Gold ceased to be an important metal.
4. The gold standard is
- a. the average price of gold on the world market.
 - b. a basis for determining the value of currency.
 - c. the amount of gold required by a nation before its currency can be convertible.
 - d. a means of determining the quality of gold.
5. George Bernard Shaw thought that
- a. the members of the government were honest and intelligent.
 - b. the value of gold was likely to change unexpectedly.
 - c. one could place more faith in gold than in politicians.
 - d. gold was more valuable than paper money.

B. State whether the following statements are true or false. (6 x 1 = 6)

1. It is extremely difficult to destroy gold.
2. Gold is a poor conductor of electricity.
3. Gold mining is dangerous.
4. Harrison made a fortune from his discovery of gold.
5. Most gold today is used for jewellery.
6. Bernard Shaw thinks it is better to rely on politicians than on gold.

C. Choose the option that best represents the meaning of the following words as they are used in the text. (5 x 1 = 5)

1. *esteemed*
 - a. valued
 - b. worshipped
 - c. produced
 - d. needed

2. *corrode*

- a. be eaten away
- b. melt
- c. change colour
- d. lose shape

3. *ruthless*

- a. hopeless
- b. needless
- c. heartless
- d. useless

4. *current*

- a. continuous
- b. present
- c. recent
- d. periodic

5. *stability*

- a. constancy
- b. value
- c. function
- d. scarcity

12. Rewrite the jumbled sentences in sequential order so that they follow one another in a logical and coherent manner. Choose either set a or set b. (16 marks)

a.

- i. Yet the difficulties of working in this extremely cold region will be great, and the costs may be so high that no company will undertake the work
- ii. There are four main areas of the world where deposits of oil appear.
- iii. If progress in using atomic power to drive machines is fast enough, it is possible that oil-driven engines may give place to the new kind of engine.
- iv. Another is the area between North and South America, and the third, between Asia and Australia, includes the islands of Sumatra, Borneo and Java.
- v. In that case, the demand for oil will fall, the oilfields will gradually disappear and the deposits at the North Pole may rest where they are forever.
- vi. The first is that of the Middle East, and includes the regions near the Caspian Sea, the Black Sea, the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.
- vii. When all the present oil-fields are exhausted, it is possible that this cold region may become the scene of oil activity.
- viii. The fourth area is the part near the North Pole.

Or

b.

- i. At the time of Newton's birth, England had not adopted the latest papal calendar and therefore his date of birth was recorded as Christmas Day, 25 December 1642.

- ii. Born prematurely, he was a small child.
- iii. He became the top student in King's.
- iv. Isaac Newton was born on 4 January 1643 at Woolsthorpe Manor in Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, a hamlet in the county of Lincolnshire.
- v. Newton began his schooling in the village schools and was later sent to The King's School, Grantham, where he studied from the age of about twelve until he was seventeen
- vi. Newton was born three months after the death of his father.
- vii. The young Isaac disliked his stepfather and held some enmity towards his mother for marrying him.
- viii. When Newton was three, his mother remarried and went to live with her new husband, the Reverend Barnabus Smith, leaving her son in the care of his maternal grandmother, Margery Ayscough.

13. a. The state is reeling under a power crunch and power cuts have become a part of our daily routine. Write a set of eight recommendations to save power. (16)

Or

13. b. Write a set of eight recommendations for students on how to prepare for their semester exams. (16)

14. a. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the increasing petrol prices and the resulting increase in cost of living. (16)

Or

14. b. As the President of the Green Brigade in your college, write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting permission to organize an awareness campaign in your college about the use of plastics. (16)

15. Write two paragraphs of 150 words each (total 300 words) on any one of the following topics. (16)

a. Compare life in the city with life in the villages. Which one do you think is better? Give reasons for your answer.

Or

b. Space research is unnecessary in a country like India where millions are starving. State whether you agree or disagree and justify your viewpoint.