



**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES**  
**MAHE, MANIPAL**  
**B.Sc. (Applied Sciences) in Engg.**  
**End – Semester Theory Examinations – NOV 2021**  
**I SEMESTER - COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH (IHS 112)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Date: 17 NOV 2021**

**Max. Marks: 50**

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- ✓ **Answer ALL questions.**
  - ✓ **Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.**
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**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in a word, phrase or a sentence: 10 Marks**

People are always talking about the “problem of the youth.” Let us get down to the fundamentals and agree that the young are after all human beings, people just like their elders. There is only one difference between an old man and a young one. The young man has a glorious future before him and the old one has a splendid past behind him.

When I was a teenager, I felt that I was just young and uncertain, that I was a new boy in a huge school. I would have been very much pleased to be regarded as something so interesting as a problem. For one thing, being a problem gives you a certain identity and that is one of the things the young are busily engaged in seeking.

I find young people exciting. They have an air of freedom, and they have not a dreary commitment to mean ambition or love of comfort. They are not anxious social climbers, and they have no devotion to material things. All this seems to me to link them with life, and origin of things. It is as if they were in some sense cosmic beings in violent and lovely contrast with us, suburban creatures. All this is in my mind when I meet a young person. He may be conceited, ill-mannered, presumptuous, but I do not turn for protection to dreary dictates about respect for elders, as if mere age were a reason for respect. I accept that we are equals.

<https://dichav.wordpress.com/2007/03/24/the-problem-of-the-youth/>

1. According to the writer, what is the one difference between an old person and a young person?
2. Why would the author have been pleased to be regarded as a problem when he was young?
3. In the third paragraph which word means “grim”?
4. In the third paragraph indicate the word that means “arrogant”?
5. What does the statement, “The young are not anxious social climbers,” imply?
6. Name one of the qualities in the young that is admired by the writer?
7. What is the author's main purpose in writing this?
8. How does the author like to treat young people?
9. Paraphrase the main idea of the third paragraph.
10. According to the author, what are the young constantly pursuing after?

**II. Correct and rewrite the following sentences:****10 Marks**

1. A rainy July day provide an opportunity to watch the raging, wild beauty of nature pouring down its fury on the earth in the form of rains.
2. Poet along with the readers like to celebrate the beauty of the nature.
3. After four hours of heroic efforts, the brave firemen succeeds in putting out the fire.
4. If I were a millionaire, my life-style will be completely different.
5. Life was too short to be wasted away in mere amusement.
6. Students, in general, were awfully afraid of examinations these days.
7. Neither the parents nor the child were nervous and worried about the interview with the Headmistress.
8. My brother and friend are the one who directs me in difficult times.
9. One of my favourite books are 'Gulliver's Travels' written by the celebrated Irish author Johnathan Swift.
10. The professor is no doubt a good man, but a little absentminded, which trait sometimes put us in an awkward position.

**III. Resume****10 Marks**

A well-known Australian university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. Prepare a Resume/CV to be submitted. The resume should include your personal details and other details.

**IV. Answer ANY TWO of the following:****10 Marks**

- a. Critically analyse Santiago's character and his relationship with Manolin in the novel The Old Man and the Sea.
- b. Explain the symbols/images and literary devices employed in The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway.

**V. Write an argumentative essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.****10 Marks**

- a. Humans should embrace new technologies at the expense of the natural world. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer in a detailed essay. Use facts, statistics and studies to supplement your views.
- b. The prices of diesel and petrol have hit an all-time high in India. "It is better to pay more taxes on diesel and petrol than on other products. It will help the environment and world peace." Do you agree? Why or why not?