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**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES**  
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**I SEMESTER B.Sc. (Applied Sciences) in Engg.**  
**End – Semester Theory Examinations – Jan./ Feb. 2022**  
**SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH (IHS 112)**  
(Branch: Common to all)

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Date: 11 February 2022**

**Max. Marks: 50**

- ✓ Answer All questions.
- ✓ Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in a paragraph (about 80-100 words) each: 5+5=10 Marks**

There is a quaint little story about a very small frog that fell into a deep rut. Try as he would, he couldn't jump out. Some frog friends came by and looked in. "What's the matter?" they asked. "I can't get out; I have tried all morning," he replied. They couldn't help him, so they went their way. That afternoon they happened to pass the spot again and looked in. Their little friend was gone. Searching about, they found him hopping around in the grass. "We thought you couldn't get out." "I couldn't," he said, "but a big truck came along and I had to." A crisis, a threat, or pain can be a powerful motivator.

Some realistic steps you can take to help you achieve a better self-image are given below. Merely reading them will probably do you very little good. You will need to pick out one specific step at a time, write it on a card, and carry it with you. Refer to it often during the week. Jot down on the card ways in which you can implement your goal. Carrying the card with you and looking at it frequently will activate your unconscious mind. Remember, as you begin, there are no free lunches, no magic cures, and no simple solutions for life-long problems. It took you all those years to become the person you are. It will take time to change your self-image.

I am not suggesting a palpitating, frenzied struggle, but a single-minded long-range programme. Significance is given to this singleness of purpose. Erich Fromm suggests that learning to love requires giving it priority. In the acquiring of an art, disciplined effort is essential, whether it is learning to play a guitar, to paint, or rear children; and diligent, disciplined effort is most often achieved alone. One may learn principles in a class, or a group, but one usually achieves competence in any art or skill by practicing it alone.

**A.** "A crisis, a threat, or pain can be a powerful motivator." Explain this idea with reference to the passage.

**B.** According to the author, what ways may be adopted to develop self-image?

**2. A. Edit the following passage correcting the errors (5 sentences with one error each are numbered)**

**5+5=10 Marks**

1. One of the saddest, most melancholy phrase in English language is “If only...” If only I had tried; if only I had done differently; if only I had taken the risk—what a sad and desolate ring that has? 2. And the fearful, doubting individual tend also to look ahead to the future with the same sort of morbid doubt and fear, and asks “What if... Risk being embarrassed. Few people enjoy the confusion and self-reproach that may follow some severe embarrassment. Yet how much we miss by never running a reasonable risk? 3. Everyone hate rejection. No one enjoys job hunting or asking for a raise, and a few people can ask favor with ease. 4. As one’s self-esteem increases, it becomes more easier. Most of us find it far simpler to extend a helping hand than to ask for help. 5. The one offering assistance was in a superior position. He is the giver. The one soliciting help is placed in the inferior position, as suppliant, and thus runs the possible risk of rejection. We all dislike hearing the word no.

**2.B. Write a summary on the above given passage (around 1/3 of its length) (about 70-80 words)**

**3. Write an argumentative essay on ANY ONE of the following prompts in about 400-450 words: 10 Marks**

- A. The new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 intends to make “India a global knowledge superpower.” It aims at imparting education until grade 5 in the students’ mother tongue or regional language and no language will be imposed on any student. This will certainly benefit the students and will eventually prepare them for challenges at the global level. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer in a detailed essay. Use facts, statistics and studies to supplement your views.
- B. In today’s day and age there is an increase in aspiration for material things and a decrease in spiritual aspects. Today’s youth has become more materialistic and seeks for instant gratification concerning all aspects of their life. This attitude however needs to change in order to be able to cope with any challenges life throws at them. They should instead aim for “Simple Living and High Thinking.” Do you agree or disagree? Use facts, statistics, examples, data and studies to supplement your views.

**4. Answer any one 10 marks**

- 1. Discuss the importance of the sense of sight to the characters in the novella.
- 2. What is Santiago's view of his own sinfulness?

**5. Write a cover letter and Attach your resume to a Microsoft company for a post of product engineer and state why you are an able fit into the company.**

**10 marks**

