

Question Paper

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES END SEMESTER THEORY EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 I SEMESTER B.Sc.(APPLIED SCIENCES) IN ENGG. COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH [IHS 112]

Marks: 50

Duration: 180 mins.

Answer all the questions.

Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

- 1) **Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it in a word or a sentence:** (10)

E-learning, commonly referred to as online education, has gained popularity recently. Students enrolled in this learning style receive instruction and learning material through online channels. Online education offers a convenient and easily available means of gaining knowledge and skills, regardless of whether it is formal education through institutions or unofficial courses and tutorials.

Flexibility is one of the key benefits of online education. Students with a computer and an internet connection can access their classwork and learning resources at any time and from any location. This flexibility is especially useful for professionals, working parents, and people with hectic schedules.

Online education allows access to a wide range of courses, frequently including topics that are not available at local universities. This enables students to tailor their education to their unique interests and career ambitions. Online courses are frequently less expensive than traditional education. There are no transportation charges, and many resources and tools are available for free or at a discounted price online. Many online courses are self-paced, enabling learners to learn at their own pace. This is perfect for people who wish to learn slowly or quickly.

However, there are several drawbacks to online education. It lacks the face-to-face engagement that traditional schools offer. This may give rise to feelings of loneliness and make it difficult for pupils to ask questions or participate in group discussions. Online students must be extremely self-disciplined. Some students might find it difficult to stay motivated and organized if they do not have a fixed schedule and regular attendance.

Access to technology and internet access can be another obstacle for some people, particularly those who live in distant or disadvantaged locations.

- a) Provide a suitable title to the passage.
- b) How does the writer define the approach of online education?
- c) Name any two challenges associated with online education.
- d) According to the writer, which is one of the main advantages of online education?
- e) What is one potential drawback of online education in terms of student interaction?
- f) What does the word "tailor" mean, as expressed in the context of the passage?
- g) How does online education promote flexibility for learners?
- h) What is cited as a potential problem for those enrolled for online courses from distant locations?
- i) Why is e-learning recommended as the best strategy for individuals who wish to study rapidly or slowly?
- j) According to the writer, why has online education become increasingly popular in recent years?

2) **Correct and rewrite the following grammatically incorrect sentences:** (10)

- a) A honest employee is certainly a asset to any organization.
- b) The opponent had told me that he forgot the rules of the game.
- c) Everyone have to abide by the rules of the institute.
- d) If you do not put in substantial efforts right at the beginning, you will not be able to cope up with the academic system.
- e) Neither the teacher nor the students is aware of the changed regulations.
- f) 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.
- g) If I were a millionaire, my lifestyle will be completely different.
- h) One of my favourite book is 'Gulliver's Travels' written by the celebrated Irish author Johnathan Swift.
- i) Hopefully, one will examine the matter to make sure that it is not repeated again.
- j) The true sharing of one's inner self can take place only in a setting where either openness or honesty are encouraged.

3) **Write a paragraph on ANY ONE of the following topics in about 150-200 words:** (10)

- a) Communication Skills for Career Advancement
- b) Writing an Effective Statement of Purpose (SOP)

4) **Answer ANY ONE of the following textual questions in about 300-350 words each:** (10)

- a) How according to Yuval Noah Harari, artificial intelligence has hacked the operating system of humankind? Substantiate your answer with reference to the text, "What the Year 2050 Has in Store for Humankind."

b) Humans are increasingly confronted with environmental and climate-related concerns, and they continually find it difficult to respond to issues such as climate change and loss of natural resources. As discussed in the text "Soil Not Oil," what paradigm does Vandana Shiva advocate to address this challenge? Explain with reference to her text.

c) The primary purpose of feminism is to establish gender equality and defend the rights and well-being of all people, irrespective of their gender. How is this idea represented in the text, "We Should All Be Feminists" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie?

5) **Write an argumentative essay on ANY ONE of the following topics in about 400-450 words:** (10)

a) War should be viewed as the one last solution only when all other peaceful alternatives have been exhausted and a danger to humanity and security is imminent.

b) Is space exploration a waste of resources?

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