

Question Paper

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SECOND SEMESTER B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS - JUNE 2024
SUBJECT: HUM 1071-PHY/HUM 1051-B/HUM_1071-B - COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Marks: 50

Duration: 180 mins.

Answer all the questions.

1) Fill in the blanks with the correct option:

- 1A) When she reached the outskirts of the city, she _____ that she _____ to lock the house door. (1)
realized; forgot had realized; forgot realized; had forgotten
- 1B) Neither the teachers nor the principal _____ students who cannot _____ with academic discipline. (1)
accept; cope up accept; cope accepts; cope
- 1C) This teacher _____ here _____ the past ten years with great commitment. (1)
worked; since had worked; since has been working; for
- 1D) Each of the nurses _____ received first aid training and the trainers have _____ the relevant facts. (1)
have; discussed about has; discussed have; discussed
- 1E) The coach _____ for a special match every third Saturday, but neither of the teams _____ enthusiastic about it. (1)
arranges; is is arranging; are will arrange; are
- 1F) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)
Yesterday I had met the concerned warden regarding the hostel timings. Yesterday I met the warden concerned regarding the hostel timings. Yesterday I have met the warden concerned regarding the hostel timings.
- 1G) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)
My mother as well as my aunt do voluntary service for an hour every day. My mother as well as my aunt do voluntary service for a hour every day. My mother as well as my aunt does voluntary service for an hour every day.
- 1H) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)
After a month at MAHE, I realize the significance of belonging to a university of repute. After a month at MAHE, I am realizing the significance of belonging to an university of repute. After a month at MAHE, I have realized the significance of being a part of an university of repute.
- 1I) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)
One of the main concern of the students is getting good placement offers. One of the main concerns of the students is getting good placement offers. One of the main concern of the students are getting good placement offers.
- 1J) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)

Despite the difference in their ages they were close friends.

Despite of the difference in their ages they were close friends.

Inspite the difference in their ages they were close friends.

Answer all the questions.

- 2) **Answer the following question in about 350- 400 words:** (10)

"As the pace of change increases, the very meaning of being human is likely to mutate and physical and cognitive structures will melt".

What are your views on Yuval Noah Harari's ideas on the ways to deal with scenario mentioned above? Elaborate.

- 3) **Answer the following question in about 350- 400 words:** (10)

"Culture does not make people. People make culture. If it is true that the full humanity of women is not our culture, then we can and must make it our culture."

Do you agree with the above views of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie? Elaborate with reference to the text.

- 4) **Answer the following question in about 350- 400 words:** (10)

Read the following passage and provide a response to the question in about 300-350 words. Your response is required to show a critical understanding of the ideas presented in the passage.

Real praise, the sincere compliment is probably the most useful social tool of all. It's the valued gold coin for conversation. Yet today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged. What is a true compliment? It's one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his young assistant were painting our house. The older man was wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started painting skilfully, my father-in-law said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade." The painter smiled and did the best job. We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expert adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favourably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest and rarest kind. A compliment differs from flattery in that it is objective and is given without thought of gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for motive other than expressed. The greatest efforts of the human race have always resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it a point to compliment a child who deserves it. A woman I know has a 12-year-old son who considers washing dishes for his mother a great honour. One night, while washing a large dish, it slipped and crashed on the floor. Then his mother said, "You know, Robert, of all the times you have washed the dishes for me, this is the first time you dropped one". Anxiety left the boy's face and he smiled. As one psychologist advises, "Praise virtue and you will find few vices to criticize". There is an art in this giving of compliments. Thus, the good compliment is always to the point and its timing is important. Don't wait too long to tell a person what a good talk he gave or how well he cut your grass. But don't do it immediately when he is expecting it either. Wait. Then when he thinks you may have forgotten, pass the praise.

(Source: <https://www.vsajaipur.com/laravel/public/e-class/5e9f0ce2c02b5.pdf>)

Question:

The most powerful social weapon is sincere praise or a statement of appreciation or gratitude. Do you share the author's perspective?

- 5) **Write an essay of the following topics in about 600 words.** (10)

5A) Can technology be a Tool to Attain Sustainability?

[OR] **Write an essay of the following topics in about 600 words.** (10)

5B)

The Promising Horizon of VR in Online Learning.

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