

# Question Paper

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SECOND SEMESTER B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS - APRIL / MAY 2024  
SUBJECT: HUM 1071-PHY/HUM 1051-B/HUM\_1071-B - COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Marks: 50

Duration: 180 mins.

Answer all the questions.

- 1A) She \_\_\_\_\_ her latest research ideas \_\_\_\_\_ three hours with great enthusiasm. (1)  
discussed about; discussed on; since discussed; for  
for
- 1B) Each of the children present here \_\_\_\_\_ to take \_\_\_\_\_ advice from the teacher. (1)  
needs; an needs; need;  
some a
- 1C) The crew of the ship \_\_\_\_\_ of the opinion that the captain must be congratulated \_\_\_\_\_ his leadership skills. (1)  
were; was; was; on  
for for
- 1D) \_\_\_\_\_ his financial problems, he is one of the most optimistic \_\_\_\_\_ of our group. (1)  
Inspite; member Despite; members Despite; member
- 1E) I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time yesterday at a conference with \_\_\_\_\_ Ethiopian professor of great repute. (1)  
Had spent; a Had spent; Spent, an  
an
- 1F) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)  
The coach as well as the captain of the team were reprimanded for quarrelling with the referee. The coach as well as the captain of the team was reprimanded for quarrelling with the referee. The coach as well as the captain of the team have been reprimanded for quarrelling with the referee.
- 1G) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)  
She had reached the station after the train had left. She had reached the station after the train left. She reached the station after the train had left.
- 1H) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)  
Neither of us are able to cope up with this hectic academic schedule. Neither of us is able to cope with this hectic academic schedule. Neither of us is able to cope up with this hectic academic schedule.
- 1I) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)  
The proprietor knew that it will not be easy to find an honest worker. The proprietor knew that it would not be easy to find a honest worker. The proprietor knew that it would not be easy to find an honest worker.
- 1J) Choose the grammatically correct sentence: (1)  
I am owning a big house and also its adjacent grounds. I own a big house and also its adjacent grounds. I am owning a big house and also it's adjacent grounds.

Answer all the questions.

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

According to Chimamanda Adichie, the current conception of gender is flawed and must be addressed through concerted action. Do you share these perspectives? Elaborate on your response in light of the arguments presented within the text.

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

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is of the view that to achieve a positive change "*..we must raise our daughters differently. We must also raise our sons differently*".

Do you agree with her ideas on how we should raise our children? Elaborate.

- 4) **Read the following passage and provide a response to the question in about 300-350 words. (10)**  
**Your response is required to show a critical understanding of the ideas presented in the passage.**

To date happiness has defied definition. Most people tend to equate happiness with fun, good living, plenty of money. If happiness were synonymous with all this, rich people with all their luxuries and countless parties, would be perpetually happy. But in actual fact, they are, frequently, acutely unhappy, despite their riches and ability to indulge in fun activities at will. Fun is what we experience during an act; happiness is that intangible something we experience after an act. We may have fun watching a movie, going shopping, meeting friends -these are all fun activities that afford us fleeting moments of relaxation and enjoyment. Happiness, on the other hand, is a much stronger, deeper and more abiding emotion. If we perceive happiness as the ultimate goal, we must also devise a way to reach that goal. The way to happiness is not a smooth, broad highway along which we can cruise at a comfortable speed. It is a path through rocky and rugged terrain and the going can become very tough at times. At these times we have to roll up our sleeves and with pitchfork and shovel make our way onwards. This pursuit of happiness lasts a lifetime. Great happiness is earned only by great effort and effort not in spurts but diligent, constant effort. In this connection we are confronted with another fallacy, that fun and pleasure mean happiness and thus pain, its corollary, must be synonymous with unhappiness. But in fact, the truth is quite different. Things that bring us happiness, more often than not, involve some amount of pain. It is because of misconception that people avoid the very endeavour that is the source of true happiness. Difficult endeavours-such as the raising of children, establishing deeper relationships with loved ones, trying to do something worthwhile in life -hold the promise of a world of happiness. Happiness is not a permanent vocation. Another prevalent belief is that if one were rich enough not to have to work, one would be blissfully happy. But a job is more than just a pay cheque. Almost, all religions teach us that work is worship. Work holds the key to happiness as doing something which increases confidence and self-worth. It brings on a feeling of satisfaction, of doing something, of contributing. Job satisfaction comes less from how much one earns than from the challenge of the job.

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**Question:**

*The key to contentment is to engage in work that enhances one's self-esteem and confidence. Engaging in such activities elicits a sense of fulfilment, accomplishment, and contribution. Job satisfaction is derived more from the inherent difficulty of the position rather than one's salary. Do you share the author's perspective?*

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

5A) Does cinema in India shape the popular culture or merely reflect the existing social values?

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

5B)

The growing level of competition is a healthy sign.

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