

**AMIETE -CS/IT (OLD SCHEME)**

Time: 3 Hours

**DECEMBER 2011**

Max. Marks: 100

**NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.**

- Please write your Roll No. at the space provided on each page immediately after receiving the Question Paper.
- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q.1 must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.
- The answer sheet for the Q.1 will be collected by the invigilator after 45 Minutes of the commencement of the examination.
- Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.
- Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.

**Q.1 Choose the correct or the best alternative in the following and indicate (A,B,C or D) in the space provided for it in the answer book. (2×10)**

In this question (parts a to j) some of the sentences have an error and some have none. Each sentence has three divisions- (A) (B) and (C). Find out which part of the sentence has an error and indicate that in the space provided for it in the answer book against the appropriate Question number (i.e. A, B, C, etc.). If there is no error in the sentence then write (D) against that Question in the Answer Book.

- a. He has a scheme (A) / which he thinks is preferable (B) / than that proposed by the Planning Commission. (C) / No error (D)
- b. This is one (A)/ of the most interesting novels (B)/ that have appeared this year. (C)/ No error (D)
- c. Information technology as (A) / well as management (B)/ are taught here. (C)/ No error.(D)
- d. Rising prices have made (A)/ it difficult (B)/ to maintain a good standard of living. (C)/ No error (D)
- e. He wanted advice (A)/ as how they could procure (B)/ funds for their new enterprise. (C) / No error (D)
- f. The government has ordered (A)/ a judicial inquiry (B)/ into the police firing. (C)/ No error (D)
- g. He was appointed (A)/ at the basic pay of Rs.2400/- per month (B)/ and beside that, he was to get a free furnished home and official vehicle. (C)/ No error (D)
- h. In the latter half of the year, (A)/ the political scene underwent (B)/ a drastic change in India. (C)/ No error (D)

Code: AC02 / AT02

Subject: COMMUNICATION AND TECHNICAL WRITING

- i. When one goes to a foreign country, (A)/ he must adapt himself to the manners (B)/ and customs of the people. (C)/ No error (D)
- j. The store-keeper has ordered (A)/ an immediate delivery of calendars (B)/ to the printing press as the old one has gone out of stock. (C)/ No error (D)

**Answer any FIVE Questions out of EIGHT Questions.  
Each question carries 16 marks.**

- Q.2** a. Write a note on the saying, "The face is the index of the mind". (4)
- b. Write a short note on gestures. (4)
- c. How do we overcome communication barriers? (8)
- Q.3** What is written communication? Explain its advantages and disadvantages. Why is written communication indispensable to an organization? (16)

**OR**

What guidelines should be followed while writing a project report? (16)

- Q.4** a. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow in your own words:

Scientists observe that as the creatures of the primeval seas died, their bodies sank into the mud and silt of the ocean floor. Here the sea-currents covered them with still more mud and silt. As time passed, the pressure of the water and upper layers of silt slowly hardened this sediment into rock. They do not, however, say how exactly the pressure of the water and the upper layers of silt slowly hardened the remains of the creatures into rock. They merely state that the bodies of the dead creatures decayed and disappeared but the outlines of their forms were preserved forever in the rock.

Scientists assure us that pressures from the inside of the earth slowly bent the rock and in places lifted it out of the water. What was once the sea-bottom often becomes dry land? By looking at these uplifted rocks, scientists can tell us that fossils of the ancient animals came to be preserved, in what they call the 'picture book of rocks'.

We now understand how layers of the fossil-bearing rocks have piled upon one another for millions of years. Scientists have proved why the oldest layers are to be found at the bottom and newer ones at the top. They have also shown that they can place the fossils in their proper time period by observing the sequence of these rocks. This gives them a clear and accurate history of sea-life, going back hundreds of millions of years.

- (i) What happened to the bodies of the sea-animals when they died?

- (ii) How do scientists prove that certain types of creatures existed in the sea millions of years ago?  
 (iii) What are fossils?  
 (iv) How are fossils formed?  
 (v) How do scientists place fossils in their proper time period? (2×5 = 10)

b. Put a tick (✓) against the most appropriate choice of the meaning of the underlined idioms (3×2)

(i) He is a man of his word.

- (A) trustworthy man (B) dependable man  
 (C) reliable man (D) all of the above

(ii) They are at daggers drawn.

- (A) have strained relations (B) friendship  
 (C) friendly with each other (D) helpful to each other

(iii) He is on the wrong side of seventy.

- (A) less than seventy years old (B) more than seventy years old  
 (C) seventy years old (D) eighty years old

**Q.5** Which of the following words are Simple, Compound or Complex? (16)

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| (i) Howsoever       | (ii) Nasalization  |
| (iii) Hospital      | (iv) Dismantle     |
| (v) Dissatisfaction | (vi) Marketability |
| (vii) Evening       | (viii) Resultant   |
| (ix) Indivisible    | (x) Fragmentation  |
| (xi) Force          | (xii) Housewife    |
| (xiii) Shopkeeper   | (xiv) Showmanship  |
| (xv) Stronghold     | (xvi) Noteworthy   |

**Q.6** Every successful and effective presentation requires 4-s. Explain this statement. (16)

**Q.7** a. What is the difference between internet and intranet? (8)

b. You have read an advertisement in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi of some books. Write on behalf of your bookselling organization, an order letter to the Advertiser. (8)

**Q.8** a. For each of the following sentences choose the most appropriate word from the pair given in the bracket and write it in your answer sheet. (8)

- (i) The pilot landed the crippled plane in a (masterful/masterly) fashion.  
 (ii) The enemy plotted to (ferment/foment) rebellion in our ranks.  
 (iii) After some arguments he seemed willing to (concede/recede) the points.  
 (iv) You must do your best to (expel/dispel) the poor impression you have made on the visitors.  
 (v) When asked about the election, the Premier (pervaded/evaded) the question.

- (vi) We were frankly (incredulous/incredible) when we heard of his exploits.  
 (vii) Father is quite critical of bad table manners but very (tolerable/tolerant) in other ways.  
 (viii) A good soldier does not (demure/demur) when he receives an order.

- b. Bring out the difference between each of the following pairs of phrasal verbs by giving suitable examples.  
 (i) look forward to; look through (ii) set out; set up  
 (iii) make of; make off (iv) give forth; give in (4×2 = 8)

- Q.9** a. Select the closest synonym from the four choices, in the given context.

- (i) They procrastinated until it was too late to do anything at all.  
 (A) forecast (B) postponed  
 (C) predicted (D) forewarned (1)

- (ii) Match the word given on one side with the word on the other, choosing the word which comes closest to its meaning.  
 (1) adventitious (a) postpone  
 (2) circumspect (b) accidental  
 (3) dilatory (c) careful (3)

- (iii) Determine the pair of words which has similar meaning and the one which has opposite meaning.  
 Furious – angry  
 Flout – obey (2)

- (iv) Supply the word having an opposite meaning to the given words by changing the first one or two syllables.  
 Attract  
 Output (2)

- b. How do we communicate effectively in our pluralistic society like India? (8)