

# MODEL QUESTION PAPER

(B.TECH 2<sup>ND</sup> SEM.)

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

**Q1. Attempt all questions [5\*5=25]**

1.1) Correct the following sentences-

- a) The football team is having its bath.
- b) The story what I read was good.
- c) Neither of his parents are Indians.
- d) They are more kinder to animals then children.
- e) He drives his car at sixty miles each hour.
- f) Your hair needs cutting badly.
- g) I haven't eaten bananas since I have been a child.
- h) If he has time he would come.
- i) He walked from Delhi till Agra.
- j) He sold three dozens mangoes.

1.2) Make sentences using the following idioms.

- a) in a nutshell
- b) cope with
- c) set eyes on
- d) paid through the nose
- e) pig-headed

1.3) Use correct tag questions in the following statements.

- a) One can't have his pie and eat it too.
- b) Let's enjoy a movie tonight.
- c) I usually have tea after dinner.
- d) We aren't really enjoying our lives.
- e) I think you are just thirteen.

- 1.4) Read the sentences given below and choose the word that fits the context from among the given homophones.
- a) Milton's 'paradise lost' is full of literary illusions/allusions.
  - b) We don't see it as fair/fare deal.
  - c) A floral tribute was offered to the diseased/deceased leader.
  - d) It is difficult to elicit/illicit an honest reply from a crafty man.
  - e) The little boy surprised everyone with his ingenious/ingenuous replies.
- 1.5) Referring to the prescribed essays state whether the following statements are true or false.
- a) Democracy doesn't allow criticism. (T/F)
  - b) Naked I came in to this world ,naked I shall go out of it.(T/F)
  - c) If your own mind is confused , you can still give clarity to others.(T/F)
  - d) To be a successful writer, you must write interestingly. (T/F)
  - e) Due to superstitious prejudice and ill founded allegations against owl and diurnal birds of prey, man axes his own legs.(T/F)

**Q2. Attempt any two [6\*2=12]**

2.1) Write short notes on the following-

- a) Indianism
- b) Reading between the lines
- c) Topical sentence

2.2) Give the technical descriptions of the following-

- a) Electric iron
- b) Vacuum cleaner
- c) Earth quake

2.3) Explain the following types of writing.

- a) Argumentative writing
- b) Analytical writing
- c) Descriptive writing

**Q3. Attempt any two [6\*2=12]**

3.1) Define a paragraph. What are the essentials of a good paragraph . Write a paragraph on the topic 'Revenge' in about [100-150 words].

3.2) What is the purpose of reading? Explain the different types of reading .

3.3) What is the role of visual aids in technical writing ? Draw an organisational chart to illustrate the structure of a bank.

**Q4. Attempt any two [6\*2=12]**

4.1) What is a précis writing? How is it different from a summary? What are the steps involved to write an effective précis.

4.2) Condense each of the following small passages retaining the main idea and using a minimum number of words-

a) When one does not understand the true purpose of life ,one is not in a position to really figure out how to focus on the actions to be carried out. That's what happens to most of us. We live and keep involving ourselves in actions which may not necessarily define us. Such a life is like a rudderless drift in a dark, befuddling ocean where you sail and sail, still don't know where to shore up.

b) We pine for what is not there', says Keats and thus, like an enlightened soul capture the cause behind perennial human suffering. Throughout our lives, we keep chasing a fallen star; running after goals, the completion of which should give us a sense of fulfilment and achievement. However the misery lies in the fact that what is chased and achieved becomes immediately tasteless and

redundant. No longer interested in what possess, we hurtle ourselves into achieving what we don't have.

**4.3)** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions mentioned below.

(Turn to last page for passage.)

**Q5. Attempt any two [7\*2=14]**

5.1) How does reading newspapers, books and magazines carefully help in good writing?

5.2) What does kalam mean, when he says that he had pushed a 'hold' button on his life?

5.3) 'Time is running out for man'. Explain the meaning and importance of this statement by author Dr. Salim Ali.

knowledge practically. Here are some passages. Read each of them carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**Passage I**

What distinguishes humans from animals? For some it is language, for others it is the altruistic willingness to help other members of the species. However, this kind of altruism seems to exist in the animal world as well.

Researchers working with Crisophe Boesch at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig observed that West African chimpanzees adopt orphaned young, even though they are not related to them. Several animals lavished care on a juvenile for several years. Surprisingly, half of these adoptive parents were male.

This behaviour is thought to be encouraged by the pressure of leopards, with whom the West African chimpanzees share their habitat. The constant threat from the big cats seems to have encouraged cohesion and solidarity within the group. Accordingly, the scientists observed more chimpanzee adoptions in West Africa's Tai National Park than in East Africa.

Wild chimpanzees appear to be more prepared to help than those living in captivity. In zoos, chimpanzees cooperate with other members of the group to only a very limited extent. 'Our observations show that altruism in wild chimpanzees is much more widespread than studies of chimpanzees in zoos would suggest,' concludes Chrisophe Boesch.

*Source: 'The Speaking Tree,' The Times of India, Sunday, 11 July 2010, p. 1.*

Answer the following questions by choosing the right options:

1. Which of the following does the author want to establish by suggesting that animals are altruistic?
  - (a) That humans are beginning to behave like animals
  - (b) That animals are beginning to behave like animals
  - (c) That animals too, like humans, share empathy with fellow creatures
  - (d) That humans are not so empathetic to their fellow creatures as animals are
2. While discovering the adoptive streak in animals, what surprises the author is that
  - (a) Even chimpanzees adopt orphan juveniles of big cats
  - (b) Even male chimpanzees adopt juveniles of other species
  - (c) Even big cats adopt orphan juveniles of chimpanzees
  - (d) Even female chimpanzees adopt juveniles of other species
3. About the recently discovered altruistic zeal in chimpanzees, all except the following can be inferred from the passage.
  - (a) Chimpanzees living in the wild are more altruistic than those in cages.
  - (b) Chimpanzees adopt orphans that are even unrelated to them.
  - (c) Chimpanzees found in West African forests are more altruistic than those found anywhere else.
  - (d) Chimpanzees found in the Tai National Park in West Africa are observed to be more altruistic than those found in East Africa.
4. Which of the following is not a reason for the altruistic behavior observed in West African chimpanzees?
  - (a) The presence of a constant threat from leopards in their environment

- (e) The presence of a natural altruistic willingness to help others
  - (c) The presence of a natural sense of competition in animals
  - (a) The presence of a natural environment that stimulates such a behaviour in them
5. In the expression 'this behaviour is thought to be encouraged by the word 'this' refer to which of the following.
- (a) That chimpanzees are not much distinguished from humans
  - (b) That chimpanzees exhibit a sense of altruism existing in them
  - (c) That chimpanzees do not behave as strictly according to their gender as humans do
  - (d) That sexual limitations do not stop a male chimpanzee from being altruistic and being  
them behaviour