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B. Tech. I-Sem. (Reback) Exam., Feb. 2013
English
(Common to all branches of Engg.)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80
Min. Passing Marks: 24

Instructions to Candidates:

Attempt any **five questions**, selecting **one question** from **each unit**. All questions carry **equal marks**. Schematic diagrams must be shown wherever necessary. Any data you feel missing suitably be assumed and stated clearly. Units of quantities used/calculated must be stated clearly.

Use of following supporting material is permitted during examination.

1. _____

2. _____

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: [16]

THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT

One thing I like less than most things is sitting in a dentist's chair with my mouth wide open ,

And that I will never have to do it again is a hope that I am against hope hopen

Because some tortures are physical and some mental,

But the one that is both is dental.

It is hard to be self-possessed

So hard to retain your calm

When your fingernails are making serious alterations in your life line or love line or some other important line in your palm,

So hard to give your usual effect of cheery benignity

When you know your position is one of the two or three in life most lacking in dignity.

And your mouth is like a section of road that is being worked on,
 And it is all cluttered up with stone crushers and concrete mixers and drills and
 steam rollers and there isn't a nerve in your head that you aren't being irked on.
 Oh, some people are unfortunate enough to be strung up by thumbs,
 And others have things done to their gums,
 And your teeth are supposed to be being polished,
 But you have reason to believe they are being demolished,
 And the circumstance that adds most to your terror
 Is that it's all done with a mirror,
 Because the dentist may be a bear, or as the Romans used to say, only they were
 referring to a feminine bear when they said it, an *ursa*,
 But all the same how can you be sure when he takes his crowbar in one hand and
 mirror in the other he won't get mixed up, the way you do when you try to tie a
 bow tie with the aid of a mirror, and forget that left is right and vice versa?

And then at last he says that will be all; but it isn't because he then coats your
 mouth from cellar to roof

With something that I suspect is generally used to put a shine on a horse's hoof,
 And you totter to your feet and think, Well it's all over now and after all it was
 only this once,

And he says come back in three months.

And this, O Fate, is I think the most vicious circle that thou ever sentest,

That Man has to go continually to the dentist to keep his teeth in good condition
 when the chief reason he wants his teeth in good condition is so that he won't
 have to go to the dentist.

Questions:-

- a. Why is sitting in a dentist's chair both **physical and mental** torture? What is the effect of using the word mental?
- b. What is the point of comparison **between the mouth** and the section of the road? How does this affect our idea of the **work of the dentist**?
- c. What causes the greatest terror to the patient? Do you think the speaker is being serious or playful? Why?

- d. What is the significance of the title "This is going to hurt just a little bit"?
- e. Use the following words by framing proper sentences-
torture, dignity, steam-roller, irk on.

Q.2. Give a suitable title of the following passage along with a précis:- [4+12]

Only once was I shaken out of my contentment, my complacency. I am ashamed to reveal it to you, it was so foolish of me. It only lasted a very little while but I still feel embarrassed and stupid when I think of it. It was of course those empty-headed, marble-playing friends of my childhood's who led me into it. Once I had put them behind me, I should never have looked back. But they came up to me, after a rehearsal in our home city, a few hours before the concert. They had stolen into the dark hall and sat in the back row, smoking and cracking jokes and laughing in a secret, muffled way which nevertheless drifted up to the stage, distracting those who were not sufficiently immersed in the music to be unaware of the outside world. Of course the Ustad and I never allowed our attention to stray and continued to attend to the music. Our ability to simply shut out all distraction from our minds when we play is a similarity between us of which I am very proud.

As I was leaving the hall I saw they were still standing in the doorway, a jumbled stack of coloured shirts and oiled locks and garish shoes. They clustered around me and it was only because of the things they said, referring to our boyhood games in the alley, that I recognized them. In every other matter they differed totally from me, it was plain to see we had travelled in opposite directions. The colours of their cheap bush-shirts and their loud voices immediately gave me a headache and I found it hard to keep smiling although I know I ought to be modest and affectionate to them as my art and my position called for such behavior from me. I let them take me to the tea-shop adjoining the concert hall and order tea for me. For a while we spoke of home, of games, of our families and friends. Then one of them- Ajit, I think-said, 'Bhai, you used to play so well. Your father was so proud of you, he thought you would be a great Ustad. He used to tell us what a great musician you would be one day. What are you doing, sitting at the back of the stage, and playing the tanpura for Rahim Khan?

Q.3. Report a suitable incident you have come across and its positive consequences. [16]

OR

Describe in brief, your achievements, keeping in view the elections you are likely to contest. [16]

- Q.4. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to provide part-time job in computer section. Give reasons why you need part-time job on account of family circumstances. [16]

OR

Write an application to the Vice-Chancellor of your university requesting him to permit your college to organize debates on current social problems. [16]

- Q.5. (a) Write synonymous the following words:- [4+4+4+4=16]

elegance, connect, illegal, patience.

- (b) Give antonyms of the following words:-

Cheap, belief, native, precise.

- (c) Complete the sentences using the superlative form of the words given below Use the and the most where necessary.

enjoyable, quick, nice, cold

- (1) Yesterday was _____ day of the year.
- (2) This is _____ coffee I have ever drunk.
- (3) Which is _____ way to get to the railway station?
- (4) This is _____ day of my life.

- (d) Make new words by joining prefixes (1) with the words in (2)

re	lateral
bi	appropriate
mal	search
mis	practice