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GAYATRI VIDYA PARISHAD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)

(Affiliated to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam)

B.Tech. - I Semester Regular Examinations, December / January – 2025

ENGLISH

(Common to CSE, IT)

1. All questions carry equal marks
2. Must answer all parts of the question at one place

Time: 3Hrs.

Max Marks: 70

UNIT-I

1. a. Interpret Grenville Kleiser's perspective in his poem Stay Calm in an essay of 500 words. 7M
b. Develop a dialogue of 5 turns each introducing yourself to a stranger at a birthday party organized by your friend. 7M

OR

2. a. Summarize Swami Vivekananda's The Secret of Work in an essay of about 500 words. 7M
b. Write the synonyms of the following words. 4M
 - i. confident
 - ii. expensive
 - iii. mandatory
 - iv. futile
- c. Make use of appropriate Punctuation marks in the following sentences, if necessary 3M
 - i. are you coming today
 - ii. she says nothing comes out of nothing
 - iii. how extraordinary

UNIT-II

3. a. How is the portrayal of Kezia different from the other children in the story The Doll's House in about 500 words. 7M
b. Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own to bring out their meaning. 7M
 - i. Break down
 - ii. Catch up
 - iii. Call off
 - iv. Put on
 - v. Turn out
 - vi. Look after
 - vii. Bring about

OR

4. a. Explain the significance of Tagore's 'where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit' in about 500 words. 7M
b. Draft a formal letter to the Registrar of your university to correct a mistake in the spelling of your name in your mark sheet. Request him to issue a new marks sheet to you. 7M

UNIT-III

5. a. How does O. Henry present the theme of friendship in the story The Last Leaf? 7M
b. Read the following passage and make notes of the same with heading and sub-headings. 7M
How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the different arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They

can increase their vocabulary and practise listening. On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries people watch television for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at the TV screen for more hours a day than they spend on anything else, including studying and sleeping. It's clear that TV has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative. Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of television viewing, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep. Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials. Another disadvantage is that television often causes people to become dissatisfied with their own lives. Real life does not seem so exciting to these people. To many people, television becomes more real than reality and their own lives seem boring. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to.

OR

6. a. Analyse Rudyard Kipling's poem IF. 7M
- b. Write the meanings of the following idiomatic expressions. 3M
- i. chicken out
 - ii. to bank on
 - iii. out of the blue
- c. Use the following phrases to write a dialogue of 4 exchanges. 4M
- i. absolutely
 - ii. has a point there
 - iii. it certainly did
 - iv. I disagree

UNIT-IV

7. a. 'Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested' Explain Bacon's statement in an essay of about 500 words. 7M
- b. Write an essay on social media: a curse or boon? 7M

OR

8. a. Examine the feeling of nostalgia in Toru Dutt's poem 'The Casuarina Tree'. 7M
- b. Correct the following sentences, if necessary. 7M
- i. I am studying for a MA degree.
 - ii. Cloth is sold by metre.
 - iii. The purse is below the pillow.
 - iv. He goes to university by foot.
 - v. The Sun is highest point in sky.
 - vi. I have written a letter yesterday.
 - vii. Asif is going to visit the oxford university.

UNIT-V

9. a. How does Tom Sawyer successfully plan to get the fence white washed. Write your answer in about 500 words. 7M
- b. Draft an email to the manager of your company seeking permission to work from home for 10 days. 7M

OR

10. a. Explain William Ernest Henley's response to hardships in the poem Invictus. 7M
- b. Correct the following sentences if necessary. 7M
- i. Arjun's score was similar to Vijay.
 - ii. Sita gave the bracelet to me.
 - iii. Anagha avoided to meet people.
 - iv. She has a hard handshake.
 - v. One of my brothers, jagan, lives in Delhi.
 - vi. Parvati the class topper, wants to be an entrepreneur.
 - vii. Tell to me why you are late.