B.Tech I Year I Semester (R15) Regular & Supplementary Examinations December 2016
FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH
(Common to CE, EEE, CSE, ECE, ME, EIE and IT)

Time: 3 hours   Max. Marks: 70

PART – A
(Compulsory Question)
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1   Answer the following: (10 X 02 = 20 Marks)
   (a)   Write a concise paragraph on 'a day without water'.
   (b)   Before the start of an international conference, the Head of department of Mechanical Engineering introduces Dr Prameela, a Senior colleague in the department to Professor Seema Mathew, who is to deliver the keynote address?.
   (c)   (i) Either my shoes or your coat ---------- (is, are) always on the floor.
         (ii) The movie, including all the previews, ------------- (take, takes) about two hours to watch.
   (d)   Give the meaning of the prefix *bene-* think of a word beginning with *'bene'* and use it in a sentence of your own.
   (e)   How is a project different from a report?
   (f)   What is the antonym of the word 'berserk' and make a sentence on your own?
   (g)   What are the prerequisites of a group discussion?
   (h)   What are 'adverbials of time' Give any three examples?
   (i)   List any two differences between 'open ended' questions and 'hypothetical' questions asked in an interview.
   (j)   What elements constitute the pro forma of a formal report?

PART – B
(Answer all five units, 5 X 10 = 50 Marks)

UNIT – I

2   What is green cover? Explain the measures taken by the Indian government to preserve nature.
OR
3   (a) How does pollution caused by climatic changes lead to acid rains? Explain citing examples.
    (b) Draft a letter to the Dean of a western university seeking admission into their Master's programme.
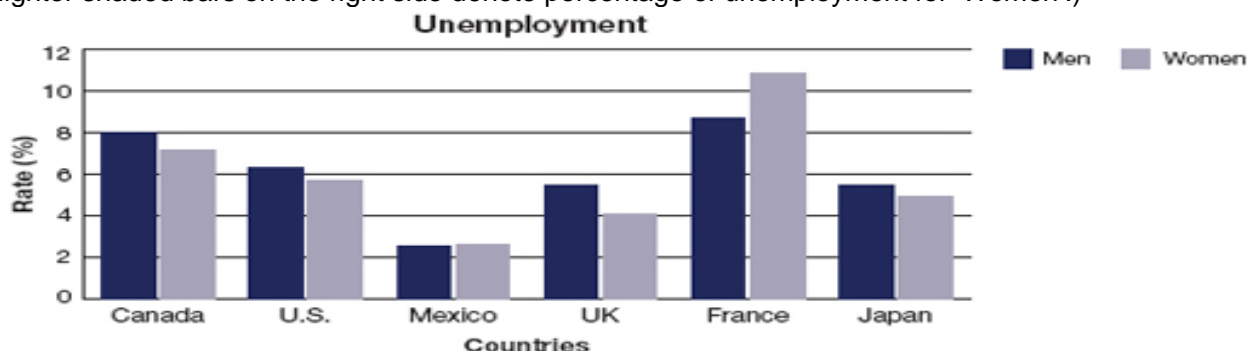
UNIT – II

4   Interpret the following picture in about 250-300 words. (Hints: Imagine and describe the background, people, expressions, context etc).

OR

5   Describe the following graph using expressions of comparison:
         Note**(The left bars which are dark in shade represent the rate of unemployment in 'Men' while the lighter shaded bars on the right side denote percentage of unemployment for 'Women'.)

UNIT – III

6   (a)   Bring out the differences in meaning of the pairs of words given and write in sentences of your own:

Foul   fowl
Throne   thrown
Principal   principle
Cheque   Check

(b)   Explain the meaning of different smiley symbols used in expressing emotions in SMS.

OR

7   (a)   Use the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect):

(i) I (just / finish) my------------------ homework
(ii) Mary (already / write) --------------five letters
(iii) Tom (move) ----------------- to his home town in 1994.
(iv) My friend (be) --------------- in Canada two years ago.
(v) I (not / be) ------------------- to Canada so far.
(vi) They (fight) ------------------- for the last one hour.

In each of the following blanks put a verb in agreement with its subject.

(i) Politics -----an interesting subject to study.
(ii) The police -----recently been armed with technological devices.
(iii) His policies ---------very different from mine.
(iv) The clock ------ struck five hours

(b)   Complete the irregular verb forms listed:

	Past simple form	Past participle
Rise	-------------------	-----------------------
Awake	-------------------	-----------------------
Begin	------------------	-----------------------
Blow	--------------------	-------------------------
Drink	--------------------	-------------------------

UNIT – IV

8   (a)   Use the following words with double consonants in sentences of your own:

(i) Aggressive   ----------------
(ii) Aggrandize   --------------------
(iii) Beginning   --------------------
(iv) Successfully   ---------------------
(v) Collection   ----------------------

(b)   Identify any five differences between a group discussion and a debate and explain in brief.

OR

9   What is the pro forma of writing a book review? Explain with reference to a specific book reviewed by you. Highlight the following: author's background, suitability of the title, plot/ theme and style of writing.

UNIT – V

10   (a)   Compare and contrast the life of people living in 'rural areas' Vs 'Metropolitan cities'.

(b)   What are the top ten frequently asked interview questions (FAQ's)?

OR

11   (a)   What are the differences between a 'tweet' and an 'e mail'?

(b)   How do you think does tweeting and blogging enable better communication?

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