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MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

FIRST SEMESTER B.TECH. MIDTERM EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 2024

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH [HUM 1071-PHY]

ANSWER SCHEME

Marks: 30

Duration: 90 mins.

PART A

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct answers:

1. The director as well as his associates _____ in the drafting of the new examination policy.

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| A. are involved | B. is involved | C. were involved | D. have been involved |
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Answer: B

(1)

2. My roommate _____ the entire pizza by the time I _____ the hostel after class.

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| A. ate, reached | B. had eaten, had reached | C. ate, had reached | D. had eaten, reached |
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Answer: D

(1)

3. We _____ a break at the end of the exams to relax from the pressure.

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| A. are usually having | B. usually have | C. usually are having | D. are always having |
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Answer: B

(1)

4. He _____ his old school yesterday, as he had been abroad _____ the last three years.

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| A. visited; for | B. had visited; since | C. did visit; since | D. has visited; for |
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Answer: A

(1)

5. According to the report, one of the _____ instrumental in suggesting a better menu in the mess.

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| A. students was | B. students were | C. student was | D.student were |
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Answer: A

(1)

6. Identify the grammatically correct sentence out of the following:

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| A. The academic council have agreed to the new examination rules, since they were involved in framing them. | B. The academic council has agreed to the new examination rules, since it was involved in framing them. | C. The academic council has agreed to the new examination rules, since they were involved in framing them. | D. The academic council are agreed to the new examination rules, since they were involved in framing them |
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Answer: B

(1)

7. Identify the grammatically correct sentence out of the following:

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| A. The entrepreneur presented a innovative product and an unique concept to market it. | B. The entrepreneur presented an innovative product and an unique concept to market it. | C. The entrepreneur presented an innovative product and a unique concept to market it. | .D. The entrepreneur presented a innovative product and a unique concept to market it |
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Answer: C

(1)

8. Identify the grammatically correct sentence out of the following:

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| A. In case you can't cope up with hostel life, please meet the concerned warden. | B. In case you can't cope with hostel life, please meet the concerned warden. | C. In case you can't cope up with hostel life, please meet the warden concerned. | D. In case you can't cope with hostel life, please meet the warden concerned. |
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Answer: D

(1)

9. Identify the grammatically correct sentence out of the following:

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| A Neither the crew nor the captain are willing to make a compromise. | B. Neither the crew nor the captain is willing to make a compromise. | C. Neither the crew nor the captain have been willing to make a compromise. | D. Neither the crew nor the captain were willing to make a compromise. |
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Answer: B**(1)****10. Identify the grammatically correct sentence out of the following:**

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| A It was exciting to discuss about the match with an European coach of such repute.. | B. It was exciting to discuss the match with an European coach of such repute. | C. It was exciting to discuss about the match with a European coach of such repute. | D. It was exciting to discuss the match with a European coach of such repute. |
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Answer: D**(1)****PART B****Answer all the questions in about 350- 400 words:**

1. Yuval Noah Harari in his text 'What the Year 2050 has in Store for Humankind' provides certain ideas on 'how to live in a world where profound uncertainty is not a bug, but a feature'. Do you agree with the author's views on how to deal with change? Elaborate with reference to the text.
2. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is of the view that 'gender as it functions today is a grave injustice' as it applies different standards to men and women. Is the author justified in making this claim? Substantiate your answer with reference to the points raised in the text.

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| Grade | Features | Marks |
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| Excellent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Effective argument exhibiting good understanding of the topic. -Development of ideas with appropriate examples. - Effective conclusion with an impactful ending - Reference to the ideas mentioned in the texts to substantiate points - Awareness of diverse perspectives on the topic - Appropriate use of language (No language and spelling errors) -Wide range of vocabulary | 9-10 |
| Good | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appealing and convincing argument - Attempt to have an organized structure to the write up - Attempt to focus on the topic though ideas are limited - Logical flow of thoughts and use of transitions - Minimal language errors that do not hinder the overall effectiveness - Good use of vocabulary | 7-8 |
| Average | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average write up with an awareness on the ideas in relation to the question- original ideas are limited - Attempts to build a logical flow of thoughts - A few language errors (but they are not a major hindrance to the flow) - Use of average range of vocabulary | 5-6 |
| Below Average | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sketchy write up - Limited to summary of the points in the text - No logical flow of thoughts - A number of glaring language errors | 2-4 |

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