

**INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University, Government of India)  
End Semester Examination-(Dec 2019/Jan 2020)  
**B.Tech ME (Marine Engineering)**  
**Semester I**  
**UG11T3101-English**

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**Note: Part – A consists of 10 Compulsory Questions (2 marks each)**  
**- B consists of 7 Questions. Attempt any 5 (10 marks each)**

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**Date: 10.12.2019**  
**Time: 3 hrs.**

**Max. Marks: 70**  
**Pass Marks: 35**

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**Part A**  
**(Compulsory)**

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks. (10X2=20 marks)

1. What was Maanji's reaction to the impending partition?
2. What did the duo plant together in 'A Garden So Rich'?
3. What was the girl's reaction to her mother's behavior with the old gentleman?
4. Why was Amma so desperate to kill the bird?
5. What does Mr. Kelly J.P. learn from the detective inspector MacLeary when they meet after a year later?
6. In what way does the postmaster feel out of place in the remote village?
7. Why did Malhar stop smiling in the play 'The Boy Who Stopped Smiling'?
8. Why does the author feel that happiness is unpredictable, inconsistent and even irrational?
9. How did the reaper's song affect the poet?
10. What do you mean by grapevine communication?

## Part B

(Attempt any FIVE. All questions carry equal marks)

11. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:  
(5X2=10)

Is playing sports a purely physical aspect of life? Has it something to do with our intellectual pursuit or spiritual drives? Conventionally speaking, sports are primarily required to keep our body fit, muscles strong, and our human frame slim. Therefore, associating any intellectual or spiritual pursuit hidden in a sporting endeavor seems to be too far-fetched and idealistic.

A deeper look into the numerous advantages of sports helps us see their roles far beyond physical boundaries. Of course sports keep us fit but not just that. They do much more for us. Playing sports on a regular basis helps us feel light not just in body but also in mind. It helps us improve our focus and concentration. Since while playing we need to be competitive, it renews and reinforces our strength to confront the challenges of life. Hence indulging in the sporting feast on a regular basis gives us mental toughness and induces in us a spirit of courage. Not only that the need to remain focused on a task while playing makes us stick to the present. Therefore, the regret of our past actions and worry about future challenges do not normally bother a sportsperson. While playing one develops a meditative state of mind which keeps us stable, strong, and satisfied with whatever we have achieved.

Therefore, viewing sports just as a physical activity is just suggestive of our limited our limited understanding of their relevance in our life. In fact, on an age characterized by competitiveness, anxiety and loneliness sports acquires monumental significance as they keep our spirit soaring and soul replenished with zeal, enthusiasm, positivity and equilibrium. If such are not the pursuit of intellectual and spiritual drives, what are they?

- a. What is the main idea in this passage?
- b. What is the typical role of sports in human life?
- c. Why would a true sportsman not bother about past actions and future challenges?
- d. Find out the word from the passage which means 'filled up' and 'strengthen'.
- e. How would sport help us to attain spirituality?

12. (5+5)
- Why did Ratan feel so crushed at the end of "The Postmaster" by Rabindranath Tagore?
  - What is the role of Mrs. MacLeary in exposing Mrs. Myers?
13. (5+5)
- Talk about the generation gap and their beliefs in 'The Bird' by Amar Jalil.
  - What is the old man's game in 'The Umbrella Man'?
14. (5+5)
- Do you believe that ultimate goal of everyone's life is happiness?
  - Contrast the life of Maanji before and after partition.
15. (5+5)
- Discuss how child prodigies are neglected by most of the parents with reference to 'The Boy Who Stopped Smiling'.
  - Why do the children refer to the parents as the 'enemy camp'?
16. (5+5)
- Why did the poet compare the song of the solitary reaper with those of the nightingale and the cuckoo bird? What did he think of the maiden's song?
  - What are the valuable lessons learnt from the simple gardening experience in 'A Garden So Rich'?
17. (5+5)
- Rewrite the following sentences by choosing the appropriate options:
    - Their house is bigger **than our/than ours**.
    - The mail **was sent/has been sent** yesterday.
    - Please don't disturb him; he **has/is having** lunch right now.
    - Everyone here **is/are** aware of the truth.
    - I know they will not put you **behind/in** bars.
  - What is the process involved in communication? What are the types of communication?

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