

**BACHELOR OF COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS (Pre-Revised)**

Term-End Examination

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**CS-610 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN
ENGLISH FOR COMPUTING**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt all the questions.

- 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :**

In today's Fiercely competitive business environment, companies need to communicate information pertaining to a whole range of issues in a lucid and precise manner to their customers. These communication materials are prepared by 'technical writers', people who can effectively communicate to an intended audience.

Technical writing and writing books are poles apart. The former is aimed at those who do not have an in-depth knowledge about a product and hence should be direct and lucid. An overdose of technical terms and jargon would add to the confusion of the customer.

The basic requirement for being a technical writer is a near total mastery over English language. A technical writer should be natural in creative writing and needs to be an expert in using business English.

...Merely having the right mix of writing and comprehension skills is not sufficient. A technical writer should keep his/her 'writing blades' constantly sharpened. It means untold hours of reading up the latest in technical trends and ceaseless honing of one's business English and writing skills.

- (a) Why is there a need of technical writing in today's world ? 1
- (b) Whom does the technical writers aim at ? 1
- (c) How can the 'writing blades' constantly be sharpened ? 1
- (d) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : 2
 - (i) Clear
 - (ii) Continuous/without stopping

2. Correct the following sentences if required :

- (a) (i) Raj is one of the tallest boy in school. 2
- (ii) I have gone to visit Amritsar last week.
- (b) Change the voice of the following sentences: 2
 - (i) His Mobile phone was stolen.
 - (ii) The audience listened to him patiently.

- (c) Use the following phrasal verbs in your own sentences: Look upto, Call on 2
- (d) Use the following words in two separate sentences to bring out the difference in their meaning, stationary, stationery. 2
- (e) Combine the following sentences using 'too' : 2
- (i) He is not very strong.
- (ii) He cannot climb the tree.
3. (a) Using a relative clause, combine the following sentences : 2
- Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Indian Prime minister. He always talked about secularism and scientific temper.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of tense of the verb given in brackets: 2
- (i) Roshan _____ (play) this game for five years now.
- (ii) Usually Radha _____ (work) in office from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
- (c) Write the synonyms of the following words and use them in meaningful sentences: 3
- Abandon, Strange, Agony
- (d) Write the antonym of the following words and use them in meaningful sentences: 3
- Reject, Encourage, Brave

4. Write a paragraph in about **150** words on any **5**
one of the following :

- (a) Social networking sites as the latest mode of communication.
- (b) When I forgot my mobile phone at home.
- (c) The new technology gadget I look forward to.

5. Write an essay in about **300** words on anyone of **10**
the following :

- (a) Technology is a two-edged sword.
- (b) The role of social networking sites in creating a mass movement.
- (c) Life in a nuclear world.

6. Read the following passage and summarize it to one third of its length. Also provide it with an appropriate title : **8+2=10**

There are so many lessons one can learn about life from a dog. Imagine this scenario: it is raining heavily outside and you need to leave for someone's house. The dog is up and eager to go with you. You tell it to stay home. As you leave, you see it squeezing out through the gap in the doorway. You scold and order it to be back home. Then at every turn you make, you see it following you sheepishly at a distance. How else can we experience so selfless an instance of love and faithfulness ? We can learn a lifelong lesson from

this sincere and warm display of constant companionship.

Observe the eating habits of a dog. It does not eat, except when hungry. It does not gorge itself and stops eating when it has had enough.

A dog also sets a perfect example of adaptability. If it is moved to a strange place, it is able to adapt itself to that place and to its thousand peculiarities without a murmur of complaint. It is able to learn and adapt to a new family's ways and customs. It is quick and ready to please. Man, being accustomed to comfort and wealth will be lost if suddenly stripped of all he is accustomed to.

A dog also teaches us a thing or two about unselfish love. When a dog knows death is approaching, it tries with its last vestige of strength to crawl away elsewhere to die in order to burden its owners no more.

A dog does things with all vigour. However when there is nothing to do, it lies down and rests. It does not waste its strength and energy needlessly. Many working people are burning the candles at both ends. Perhaps they should also look at the example of a dog. A dog above all, is truly man's best friend.