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**COMBINED FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER B.TECH. (ENGINEERING)  
DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2006**

**EN 2K 105—HUMANITIES**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

*Answer all questions.*

1. (a) (i) Bill Gates is the richest person in the world today. (Change into Positive degree.)  
(ii) The furnitures have been arranged neatly in an new house. (Rewrite correcting the errors.)  
(iii) The workers are demanding an increase in wages. (Rewrite changing the voice.)  
(iv) The company made a loss due to the \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) of the new board of \_\_\_\_\_ (direct).

(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets.)

- (b) Rewrite the following passage in acceptable English by correcting the mistakes in the tenses, articles, prepositions, vocabulary and structures :—

Clean drinking water is the key to human survival. It was the very essence in all life, the symbol of all that is pure, beautiful and severe. The contact between disease and lack of clean water is the well established fact. Surveys conducted of WHO reveal that 80 percent of all diseases is associated with clean water. Many diseases such like typhoid, cholera, gastroenteritis and caused from impure water. It is estimate that more than a billion people are affect by water-related diseases.

- (c) Describe a bicycle in about one hundred words.
- (d) As a Junior Manager in a company what steps should you take before giving instructions to a group of senior workers in your company.
- (e) List three differences between Written and Oral reports.
- (f) What is the role of visuals in a technical presentation ?
- (g) Mention *five* tangible benefits that the modern world has obtained because of the technological advances of the 20th Century.
- (h) Give three reasons for an engineering student to study humanities as a subject.

(8 × 5 = 40 marks)

2. (a) Do you accept the view that the materialism of the modern world has led to the decline of human values ? Substantiate your answer with valid reasons.

*Or*

- (b) "Science and Technology cater only to the luxuries of the rich not the needs of the floor." Do you accept this view ? Explain your answer with valid reasons.

(15 marks)

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3. (a) Write a technical report highlighting the advantages of computerising your University/College library.

Or

(b) Assume yourself to be the Secretary of your Co-operative store and write a letter to M/s Danish College Suppliers, Eldams Road, Trivandrum about defective stationery items (CDs, Pendrives, Copier paper, etc.) supplied by them as per your order.

(15 marks)

4. (a) Describe some of the consequences of technological advancements on nature and suggest how humanities can offset these calamities.

Or

(b) Trace the development of the Industrial Revolution in Europe.

(15 marks)

5. (a) "Even before the west developed technologically, India was well developed." Give some instances to illustrate the development of Ancient India.

Or

(b) How did the Arabs contribute to the development of Science and Technology ?

(15 marks)

[4 × 15 = 60 marks]