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MEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, JAMSHORO
REGULAR EXAMINATION 2025 OF FIRST YEAR 1st SEMESTER) (25 BATCH) OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

SUBJECT: (CODE)**FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH (ENG-101)**

Dated: 04.12.2025

Time Allowed: 2 Hours (3 C.H)

Max: Marks:40

NOTE: ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS.**Q1: READING COMPREHENSION****(10 Marks)**

Over the past decade, remote work has transformed from a marginal employment option to a mainstream professional norm. This shift has been accelerated by advancements in digital communication technology and global events that forced companies to reconsider traditional office structures. As organizations embraced remote work, employees reported increased flexibility, reduced commuting stress, and improved work-life balance. However, the transition has also generated new challenges.

One major concern is the blurring of boundaries between personal and professional life. Many remote employees struggle to maintain a clear separation between work hours and leisure time, leading to burnout. Employers also face complications related to monitoring productivity and maintaining team cohesion. Without the physical proximity of an office environment, communication inefficiencies can arise, potentially slowing collaboration and decision-making.

Despite the challenges, studies suggest that remote work, when supported by appropriate policies, can lead to higher productivity and job satisfaction. Hybrid models—where employees split their time between the office and home—are becoming increasingly popular. These models aim to balance autonomy and structure, offering employees flexibility while preserving opportunities for in-person interaction.

In the coming years, organizations are expected to invest more heavily in digital tools and employee training to optimize remote and hybrid workflows. Ultimately, the future of work will likely depend on how effectively employers adapt to the evolving expectations of the modern workforce.

1. What is the central idea of the passage?

- A. Remote work will eventually replace all traditional office jobs.
- B. Remote work has become common and brings both benefits and challenges.
- C. Employees prefer traditional office settings over remote work.
- D. Digital tools are no longer necessary in modern workplaces.

2. Which of the following is mentioned as a benefit of remote work?

- A. Increased employer control
- B. Reduced commuting stress
- C. More frequent in-person collaboration
- D. Higher travel allowances

3. What problem do many remote employees face?

- A. Lack of digital communication tools
- B. Too much time spent commuting
- C. Difficulty separating work time from personal time
- D. Excessive face-to-face meetings

4. What challenge do employers encounter with remote work?

- A. Too much employee interaction
- B. Difficulty monitoring productivity
- C. Lack of available office space
- D. Decreased need for technology

5. According to the passage, communication inefficiencies arise because:

- A. Employees have too many meetings
- B. Workers cannot use online platforms
- C. There is no physical proximity among team members
- D. Teams lack interest in collaboration

6. What is a hybrid work model?

- A. Working only from the office
- B. Working only from home
- C. Combining remote and in-office work
- D. Allowing employees to choose any job they want

7. Why are hybrid models becoming popular?

- A. They eliminate the need for communication tools
- B. They balance flexibility with in-person interaction
- C. They force employees to commute more
- D. They are cheaper for employees but costly for employers

8. What is expected from organizations in the coming years?

- A. A return to traditional office-only systems
- B. Reduction in employee training programs
- C. Increased investment in digital tools and training
- D. Decreased reliance on hybrid workflows

9. What does the passage imply about the future of work?

- A. It depends on technological restrictions
- B. It will rely on how employers adapt to workforce expectations
- C. It will eliminate the need for employee autonomy
- D. It will remain unchanged from current office models

10. Which statement best summarizes the author's perspective on remote work?

- A. It is entirely problematic and should be avoided
- B. It is beneficial but requires proper policies to manage challenges

- C. It is superior to all other work models
- D. It has no effect on employee productivity

Q2:

(CLO-2, C-3, PLO-02)

(10 Marks)

You are the Class Representative of the first-year Mechanical Engineering department at your college. Recently, students have been facing difficulties in the engineering drawing laboratory due to outdated drafting equipment and insufficient workspace. Write a formal letter to the **Head of the Department (HOD) of Mechanical Engineering** requesting the replacement of old equipment and improvement of the lab facilities.

In your letter, include:

- A clear introduction of the issue
- Specific problems faced by students
- Reasons why improved facilities are necessary
- Your contact details for follow-up

(CLO-1, C-2, PLO-12)

(10 Marks)

Q3:

Summarize the following passage and write in your own words.

In the modern world, technological innovation has become the driving force behind economic growth and societal progress. From communication to transportation, technology has reshaped nearly every aspect of daily life. However, the rapid pace of technological advancement also presents significant challenges. Many industries struggle to adapt to new tools and systems, leading to productivity gaps and increased workforce stress. Additionally, technology has contributed to a growing dependence on digital devices, which affects not only personal relationships but also mental well-being. Despite these concerns, experts argue that responsible use of technology can enhance human capabilities rather than diminish them. They emphasize the need for digital literacy education, ethical guidelines, and thoughtful policymaking to ensure that technology remains a beneficial tool for future generations

(CLO-1,C-2,PLO-12)

Q4:

(10 Marks)

Punctuate the following passage.

the development of renewable energy has become one of the most important goals for countries around the world as the effects of climate change become more visible many nations are investing in solar wind and hydropower projects these energy sources not only reduce dependence on fossil fuels but also help create cleaner and healthier environments however the transition to renewable energy is not without challenges governments must plan carefully to balance energy demands economic growth and environmental protection in order to build a sustainable future

(CLO-2,C-3,PLO-02)

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