3 (Sem-5/CBCS) ENG SE

2021

(Held in 2022)

ENGLISH

Paper: ENG-SE-5014

(Technical Writing)

(Skill Enhancement)

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1.	Answer the following as directed: 1×5=5	
	(a)	Writing is a; it can be learnt and it is not (Fill in the blanks)
	(b)	Technical writing which is transparent and easily understood is (bad/good) technical writing.

(Choose the correct word given in brackets)

(c) State any one requirement for effective communication.

(d) Failure to select ____ appropriately is a common weakness in scientific and technical writing.

(Fill in the blank with appropriate word)

- (e) What is the first consideration of the 'seven-point' plan in scientific writing?
- 2. Answer the following questions:

2×3=6

- (a) Write two characteristics of poor or bad technical writing.
- (b) Mention two barriers that affect communication.
- (c) What is the importance of identifying the aim in technical writing?
- 3. Answer the following questions (any three):

5×3=15

- (a) What are the causes of failures of scientific and technical writing?
- (b) What are the uses of summary?
- (c) What are the essentials of instruction?

- (d) How does description differ from explanation? Explain with examples.
- (e) Write a note on the strategies of writing official and scientific letters.
- (f) What are the uses of passive structures?
- **4.** Answer the following questions (any *three*): 8×3=24
 - (a) What are the characteristics of good technical writing? Give examples to illustrate your answer.
 - (b) Write a note on the 'seven-point' plan and various phases in scientific writing.
 - (c) Discuss the factors influencing readability in a piece of scientific writing.
 - (d) Write the instructions for 'driving a car'.
 - (e) Write a note on the components of writing style.
 - (f) Write briefly on technical writing in terms of its purpose, audience and target readers.

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