

**INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY**  
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**End Semester Examination – June 2019**  
**B. Tech (Marine Engineering)**  
**Semester I**  
**English**  
**UG11T3101**

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Date: 09.07.2019  
Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100  
Pass Marks: 50

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**Note: Part – A consists of 10 Compulsory Questions (3 marks each)**  
**- B consists of 7 Questions (14 marks each)**

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**Part A**

(All Questions Compulsory)

- Q1. Why does the author Geeta Padmanabhan feel that happiness is 'unpredictable, inconsistent and even irrational'? (3 marks)
- Q2. How did the Muslim neighbours show their affection for Maanji? (3 marks)
- Q3. To what does the poet compare the reaper's song? (3 marks)
- Q4. 'My son would learn that some things in life aren't instant'. What does this line mean in the story 'A Garden so Rich'? (3 marks)
- Q5. How did the mother's supposedly 'careful manner' in dealing with strangers fail? (3 marks)
- Q6. What does the bird represent? (3 marks)
- Q7. Why did Mac Leary begin to suspect Mrs. Myers? (3 marks)
- Q8. How did the postmaster become acquainted with Ratan? (3 marks)
- Q9. Why do the children refer to the parents as the 'enemy camp'? (3 marks)
- Q10. Do as directed: (3 marks)
- i. The Chief Guest was giving away the prizes. (Change the Voice)
  - ii. You haven't returned my book, \_\_\_\_\_? (Add a question tag)
  - iii. "I cannot agree to this proposal," the Chairperson said. (Change into indirect speech)

**Part B**

[Answer any five (5) of the following]

(5×14=70)

- Q1. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow: (7+7=14)

## 1.1 Passage 1 (seen)

This story is worth a retell. The king is ill and the medicine men don't know why. Someone suggests that the king wear a happy man's shirt for a night. Soldiers are dispatched to find a happy man. It is a long and arduous search; no one is willing to claim he is happy. The soldiers zoom in on a guy singing happily under a tree. "Are you happy?" they ask. The man smiles and nods. "Will you give your shirt to the ailing king?" He replies, "But I don't have a shirt!"

Here is one chase in which we are united: the pursuit of happiness. Never mind it is intangible, impermanent and elusive. Never mind gurus, governments and guys in the street have different interpretations of what it is. The American Declaration of Independence lists the pursuit of happiness, along with life and liberty as an "unalienable right", endowed by the Creator. Bhutan measures its wealth in terms of a per-capita happiness index. People fill websites discussing it.

You can't buy happiness, but you can at least inherit it, said British and Australian researchers, after studying a thousand pairs of identical and non-identical twins. Their Eureka! on happiness is: Genes control half the personality traits that make people happy, while factors such as relationships, health and careers are responsible for the rest of our well-being.

- a) What is the paradox in the story narrated in the passage?
- b) How are we bound to each other according to the author?
- c) "You can't buy happiness, but you can at least inherit it." Comment.
- d) Find out the word/phrase from the passage which means "individuality".
- e) Find out the word/phrase from the passage which means "chasing".
- f) Use the expression "intangible" in the sentence of your own.
- g) Use the expression "endowed by" in the sentence of your own.

## 1.2 Passage 2 (unseen)

A 3,222gt general cargo vessel arrived in port and by 1830 was secured alongside. With cargo discharge not due to start until 0600 the following morning, the crew were stood down with just one seaman doing a "night aboard." Although some crew members went ashore, most, including two Superintendents who were on board, retired to their cabins. Those who had gone ashore returned by midnight. The Chief Engineer and the Watchkeeper stayed up watching TV, until about 0130 when the Chief

Engineer retired to his cabin, leaving just the watchkeeper awake and preparing some food in the galley.

At about 0310, the fire alarm sounded. Investigation indicated a fire in the upper engine room, steering gear, or separator room, although smoke was evident in the accommodation. The general alarm was sounded, shore authorities informed, and the ship's whistle sounded. Further investigation by the Chief Engineer established there was little or no smoke in the engine room. However, when he checked the accommodation fan room he found it full of smoke. Realizing the fire was in the accommodation, he retired to the open deck where the master confirmed that four seamen were missing. The Chief Officer, wearing an SCBA set, rescued two seamen from their cabins, while other officers found one of the Supritendents unconscious, behind his cabin door. With the Watchman unaccounted for and thick smoke found in the mess room, the master and chief officer, both wearing SCBA sets, entered the area to carry out a search. They found the galley door shut but radiating intense heat. They eventually found the missing seaman, unconscious, on the port side.

Two fire-fighters, who meanwhile had boarded the vessel, assisted in removing the seaman to the open deck, but he later died. Further investigation confirmed that the seat of the fire was the galley stove. The source was overheated cooking oil in a chip pan that had been placed on top of the galley stove. The result of this fire in human terms was one dead, three crew members requiring a lengthy period of convalescence, and three others suffering from smoke inhalation. In financial terms, the fire caused considerable smoke and heat damage to the galley and mess room, and minor smoke damage to the accommodation and service spaces.

- a) What did the crew do when the vessel was secured at the port?
- b) Where did the investigation indicate the fire to take place?
- c) How many crew members were found missing and who were they?
- d) What was the cause of the fire?
- e) What damage did the fire cause?
- f) At what time did the fire break?
- g) What was the result of human error?

- Q2. a) How does the author Abbas arouse the conscience of his readers through the story 'The Refugee'?
- b) 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?

(7+7=14)

- Q3. a) What is the irony in the story 'The Fortune Teller'.  
b) Friendship and separation are an inevitable part of life'. Explain with reference to the story 'The Postmaster'. (7+7=14)
- Q4. a) What prompted the mother and the daughter to follow the old man? What did the old man do at the pub?  
b) Comment on the conflict between peace and violence in the story 'Bird'. (7+7=14)
- Q5. Child prodigies need to be brought up with extra sensitivity and understanding. Discuss with reference to the play "The Boy Who Stopped Smiling". (14)
- Q6. What are the different stages of communication? When communicating with people from different cultures/regions, what can you do to reduce misunderstandings? (7+7=14)
- Q7. Edit the following sentences to correct faults in word order and grammar: (1×14=14)
- a) The printing press is man's one of the cleverest invention.
  - b) Some firms merge to attain economy of scale, others to expand and diversify.
  - c) Levels of river water pollution is often indicated by algae distribution.
  - d) As an arbiter in disputes court, she won both the confidence of employees and laborers.
  - e) Every man and woman are now aware of the consequences of the habit of smoking.
  - f) When the Professor entered the class, surprisingly the students had already completed their tasks.
  - g) There was reported to be 10,000 spectators to watch the match at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
  - h) John is likely to be the Anchor for the show.
  - i) Fault in the equipments is considered to be dangerous for the workers.
  - j) He has written a book on Mathematics last year.
  - k) I read the book because you recommended it but I didn't find it interested.
  - l) We don't deserve the punishment; Neither my friend nor I are to be blamed for the incident.
  - m) We have been told that the equipment at all branches needs repairs.
  - n) He has a file, containing several of our complaints, which need daily updating.