

**Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (Pilani Campus)**

**Technical Communication \_ BITS F437 (March 2023)**

**Mid-semester Examination (CLOSED BOOK)**

**MM: 30**

**Duration: 90 mins**

**Date: 14/03/2023 FN2**

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*Each question carries ten marks.*

*Write legibly.*

1. Rearrange the sentences in the following passage to be 'coherent.' [Theme-Rheme]

*Body of the essay on the unhealthy lifestyle of children. Sentence 1 is in order.*

- To begin with, there is a worrying increase in the amount of processed food that today's children are eating at home.
  - Finally, children are not spending far more time at home, playing computer games, watching TV, or surfing the Internet.
  - In addition, they no longer play outside with friends or take part in challenging outdoor activities.
  - There is also a disturbing decline in the amount of exercise that school children get.
  - Secondly, more and more young people are choosing to eat in fast food restaurants which may be harmless occasionally but should not be a daily habit.
  - Schools have become obsessed with exams, with the shocking result that some pupils now do no sports at all.
  - This means that children get much less fresh fruit and vegetables compared to earlier generations.
  - To make matters worse, few even get any exercise on the way to and from school as most of them go in their parents' cars rather than walk or cycle.
  - The food deed in these restaurants is extremely high in fat, salt, and sugar, all of which can be damaging to their health.
2. *Read the following excerpts and write an introduction to a long cause-effect essay using the information provided. [Integrated Writing Task]*

**Introductions \_ Cause & Effect Essay**

Prompt 1: *Student's academic performance in university education is affected by several factors, such as parental background and time management. Discuss some of the factors that you believe would affect a student's academic performance and, subsequently, their success in university education.*

1. Education influences how a culture or a nation develops. Take the example of India, there has been a major shift in the mindset of people from 1980s to 2020s. Many Indian Engineering students have started showing interest in interdisciplinary studies that integrate engineering courses with humanities courses. However, their knowledge about some basic concepts in soft pure disciplines is severely affected because of their excessive focus on engineering prior to taking admission into engineering programs.
  2. Student performance is affected mainly by the medium of instruction. In many HEs (higher education), English has become the language of teaching. Students taking admissions into HE programs from regional medium backgrounds have faced many problems.
  3. Students' academic performance is affected by various factors including their physical and mental health, the environment around them, and their ability of managing time efficiently, apart from others. However, social and psychological behaviours have the greatest impact. Such behaviours affect the sleeping and eating habits of the students, which indirectly affect the ability to concentrate and grasp new knowledge.
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3. Write an argumentative essay on the importance of mathematics in technical education such as Engineering. [around 200 words/ three paragraphs]