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**Sixth Semester B.Tech. Degree Examination, May 2016  
(2008 Scheme)**

**08.606 Elective – II**

**(d) TECHNICAL ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS (B, H, E)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

I. Answer **any six** of the following each in a paragraph of **eighty** words :

- 1) As a specific speed reading technique, how is skimming useful ?
- 2) What do you mean by the term 'soft skills' ?
- 3) What are 'vowels' ?
- 4) What is 'non-verbal' communication ?
- 5) Sub-vocalization.
- 6) Why is 'writing' generally considered as indispensable for human communication ?
- 7) How is 'mass communication' different from 'media communication' ?
- 8) List some of the common barriers to effective listening. **(6×5=30 Marks)**



II. Answer **any two** of the following :

- 1) As a student of the Electrical department, you need to do a one-month internship in a firm. Draft a letter to the concerned officer, clearly giving your requirements.
- 2) Give your views in about a page on the topic 'changing trends in mobile phone technology'.
- 3) Draft a letter to a former colleague of yours congratulating him/her on getting promoted to the post of CEO of a reputed company in the metropolitan city.
- 4) Write an essay in about a page on "Man vs. machine". **(2×15=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following, **each** in about **three** pages :

- 1) Discuss *Wings of Fire* as an autobiographical work.
- 2) Dr. Kalam's early life and education as seen in the first part of the *Wings of Fire*.
- 3) How does the reader get to experience Dr. Kalam's 'undying spirit and quest for knowledge' from his autobiography.
- 4) Evaluate Dr. Abdul Kalam's work as a tribute to the great stalwarts of Indian science. **(2×20=40 Marks)**