

U.G. (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016

First Semester

Common Course—English

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

*Answer the following questions in a sentence or two each.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Give any *two* sounds produced with slight sound of friction.
2. What are voiceless sounds ?
3. Give any *two* examples for sounds produced with the help of lips.
4. What are tongue-front-ridge sounds ?
5. What is weak form of a verb ?
6. What is sentence stress ?
7. What is a Syllable ?
8. Give an example for a phoneme.
9. What is falling intonation ?
10. What is a diphthong ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

*Answer any eight of the following in about 60 words each.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. What are the major differences between British and American accents ?
12. What are the major rules regarding intonation ?
13. What are the mother tongue influences in the pronunciation of consonant clusters ?
14. What are the differences between listening and hearing ?
15. What is listening for over-all information ?
16. What is the importance of pauses in conversation ?

Turn over

17. What are the situations in which different paces of delivery suitable ?
18. What are the major leadership skills ?
19. What is surveying a text using an index ?
20. What is the importance of contents page of a book ?
21. What are the common signpost devices used by writers for locating main points of a text ?
22. What is Skimming ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any six of the following in about 100 words each.

Each question carries 4 marks.

23. You are meeting a popular film director. Introduce yourself.
24. What are the steps in cancelling and rescheduling appointments ?
25. Prepare a vote of thanks to be presented for a meeting in your residential area.
26. Write a conversation between you and your father discussing the progress of your studies.
27. Write a telephone conversation with your friend discussing your plan of starting a new Company.
28. Describe the qualities of your College to a new-comer.
29. Prepare a speech to be delivered on the Independence Day meetings of your College.
30. Write a conversation between you and your family doctor discussing the health related issues of pollution in your area.
31. Prepare a formal speech to bid farewell to your colleague who is leaving the institution for a better job.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any two of the following in about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Discuss 'the role of media in building the nation' with four participants in a group discussion.
33. Write the different views expressed by two groups in a debate on 'Plastics : A boon or curse'.
34. Write a model interview you make with an actor.
35. Write a short formal speech on 'The Importance of Agriculture'.

(2 × 15 = 30)