

UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012

First Semester

Common Course—English

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

*Answer all questions.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

I. Do as directed :—

1 Identify the common vowel sound :—

fleet, sleep, eat, belief.

(a) /ɪ/.

(b) /i:/.

(c) /t/.

(d) /e/.

2 Identify the correct pronunciation of the word 'pond' :—

(a) /pʊnd/.

(b) /pa:nd/.

(c) |pɒnd|.

(d) /pɔ:nd/.

3 Choose the correct intonation mark :

Could you help me ?

(a) Could you ↗ help me ?

(b) Could you ↘ help me ?

(c) Could ↗ you help me ?

(d) Could ↘ you help me ?

4 Find the number of syllables in the word "appreciation".

(a) 4.

(b) 5.

(c) 6.

(d) 3.

II. 5 Identify the common consonant sound from among the following words :

Cab, tribe, borrow, book.

(a) /b/.

(b) /t/.

(c) /c/.

(d) /a/.

Turn over

- 6 When we speak a sentence, normally ?
- (a) Purely grammatical words are stressed.
 - (b) Words that carry information are stressed.
 - (c) All words are equally stressed.
 - (d) No word is stressed.
- 7 When the pitch of the voice falls, we call it the ?
- (a) Rising tone.
 - (b) Rhythm.
 - (c) Falling tone.
 - (d) Level tone.
- 8 Which phrase would you use to close a conversation with people you know very well ?
- (a) I must be going.
 - (b) It's really nice to meet you.
 - (c) It's been a pleasure talking to you.
 - (d) I'm pleased to have met you.

III. 9 Identify the correct pronunciation of the word "determination" :

- (a) detɜ : mɪneɪʃən.
 - (b) di : tɜ : mɪneɪʃən.
 - (c) dɪtə mɪneɪʃən.
 - (d) dɪtɜ : mɪneɪʃən.
- 10 Which word has 2 syllables ?
- (a) Accurate.
 - (b) Student.
 - (c) Chart.
 - (d) Note.
- 11 Identify and write down the word the speaker means :

Did you get a ||æt ə|| from your uncle ?

- 12 Which word is correctly stressed ?
- (a) Musician.
 - (b) Office.
 - (c) Elec'tricity.
 - (d) Eco'nomy.
- IV. 13 Choose the phrase you will *not* use to make an apology :—
- (a) I am sorry for the inconvenience caused.
 - (b) Sorry to bother you.
 - (c) You should have taken care of it.
 - (d) I apologize for the inconvenience caused.

- 14 Which is the most polite request ?
(a) Would you mind buying me a drink ?
(b) Buy me a drink.
(c) Buy me a drink, will you ?
(d) Get me a drink.
- 15 Which phrase will you use to express strong disagreement ?
(a) I can't accept this. (b) I don't know.
(c) I'm not sure. (d) I couldn't agree more.
- 16 How do you greet the new member of your college football team ?
(a) Welcome to our team. (b) Please join our team.
(c) Be careful. (d) Should we accept you ?

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

*Answer any five questions in a sentence or two.
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 What are the two kinds of group discussions ?
18 What is meant by telephone etiquette ?
19 What is "Scanning" ?
20 Which are the three stages involved in making a short formal speech ?
21 What do you mean by a "factual" description ?
22 How will you ask your teacher's permission for leaving half an hour early ?
23 What are "contracted forms" ? Give two examples.
24 What is the difference between "listening" and "hearing" ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

*Answer any four questions in about 100 words each.
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 Write a note on "People skills".
26 You are the Secretary of the College Union. Propose the vote of thanks for the College Day.
27 You have lost your suitcase containing many precious items. Describe it to the police official to whom you have made a complaint.
28 Write a note on academic listening.
29 You are the newly elected President of the Staff association. Prepare a formal speech to bid farewell to an active member who has been transferred to a distant place.
30 Why are group discussions held ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Turn over

Part D

Answer any **two** questions in about 300 words each.

Each question carries a weight of 4.

- 31 What are the roles and functions of a member in a group discussion ?
- 32 Describe a boat race you have witnessed recently.
- 33 Read the following passage and answer the questions below :—

Handsome of a person does not consist in his physical charms. A person may be charming to look at and he may be mean and depraved. It is the noble virtues of honesty, integrity, and character that go to make a person really handsome. An ugly face may have a noble soul within. George Washington did not possess handsome appearance but he rose to be the President of America due to his sterling qualities of mind and spirit. Our late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was a diminutive figure but his tremendous lovability consisted in his selfless and courageous deeds. Kind acts, noble efforts and sturdy character are the attributes of beauty. A charming and attractive girl may not have the beauty of heart and mind. She may prove to be a source of permanent unhappiness to a man who falls for her. One has to cultivate an abiding inner beauty which reflects true handsomeness of a person. Many people have risen in life and attained fame because they trod the righteous and honest path of selfless service. They did not find their physical ugliness a stumbling block at all. On the other hand, they acquired handsome habits, handsome manners, handsome qualities and accomplished handsome deeds.

- (a) What makes a person really handsome ?
- (b) What made Washington become the President of America ?
- (c) Why was our late Prime Minister Sastri loved much ?
- (d) What are the attributes of beauty ?
- (e) Why, according to the author, have many people risen in life and attained fame ?
- (f) How can a beautiful girl be a source of permanent unhappiness to the man who falls for her ?
- (g) What is the meaning of "stumbling block" ? Use the phrase in a sentence of your own.
- (h) What part of speech is "courageous" in "courageous deeds". Give the noun form of "courageous".
- (i) Give the verb forms of :
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| (i) Charming. | (ii) Appearance. |
| (iii) Lovability. | (iv) Attractive. |
- (j) A person may be charming to look at and he may be mean and depraved. Change this sentence into plural.
- (k) Supply a suitable title to this passage.

(2 × 4 = 8)