

## UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011

## 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 one.*

Do as directed :—

I. 1 Identify the common vowel sound :—

gone, offer, rob, roar

(a) b:

(b) ɔ:

(c) a:

(d) æ

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

(a) naut.

(b) not.

(c) nɔ:t.

(d) naut.

3 Choose the correct intonation mark—Is it on time tonight?

(a) Is it on ↗ time tonight?

(b) Is it ↗ on time tonight?

(c) Is it on ↘ time tonight?

(d) Is it ↓ on time tonight?

4 Find the number of syllables in the word 'another':

(a) 3.

(b) 2.

(c) 4.

(d) 7.

II. 5 Who is an active listener?

(a) who sits in a soundproof room.

(b) who wears sunglasses.

(c) who makes eyecontact with the speaker.

(d) who does not make eyecontact with the speaker.

6 When a flight is announced, what information is not given?

(a) flight number.

(b) starting point and destination.

(c) letter code of the airline.

(d) name of the airline.

Turn over

7 Identify the common consonant sound from among the following words :—  
edge, adjust, major, village.

- (a) tf. (b) dz.  
(c) d. (d) j.

8 In compound words where the first part is an adjective :—

- (a) the second part is stressed. (b) the first part is stressed.  
(c) both the parts are stressed. (d) both the parts are unstressed.

III. 9 Identify the correct pronunciation of the word 'understandably' :

- (a) Andə'stændəbli. (b) ʌndə'stændəbli.  
(c) Undə'stændəbli. (d) Undə'stændəbli.

10 Which word has 2 syllables ?

- (a) rose. (b) arise.  
(c) principal. (d) tour.

11 Which word is correctly stressed ?

- (a) predomi'nant. (b) |dominant.  
(c) wonder ful. (d) \believable.

12 'filling' is written as ....

- (a) filiŋ. (b) filliŋ.  
(c) feliŋ. (d) fellŋ.

IV. 13 When you position your opinion in a conversation, you ...

- (a) offend the others. (b) remain uncomfortably silent.  
(c) be very loud. (d) do not offend the others.

14 How do greet someone who is hospitalized ?

- (a) Have a nice time!. (b) Get well soon!.  
(c) All the best!. (d) Well done!.

15 Which is the most polite request ?

- (a) Can you shut the window ?  
(b) Shut the window, please.  
(c) Why don't you shut the window ?  
(d) Would you mind shutting the window, please ?

16 How do you borrow your classmate's book ?

- (a) I wish to have your book. (b) I want your book.  
(c) May I borrow your book ? (d) I am taking your book.

(4 × 1 = 4)



**Part B**

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

- 17 You want to go on an excursion from your college. How do you ask your parents for permission?
- 18 Rewrite in the contracted form :—  
aim not hæpi.
- 19 How will you end a telephone conversation with your friend when it is time for you to go to bed?
- 20 Mark the words to be stressed in the sentence :  
What have I done?
- 21 How do you express your unhappiness over your friend's non-Cooperation?
- 22 How do you close a conversation with someone you do not know?
- 23 What are the two types of conversations?
- 24 How do you describe a person you saw to your friend?

**Part C**

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

- 25 You are the Department Student Representative. Prepare a formal farewell speech for the occasion of the retirement of your Department Head.
- 26 Describe to your classmate a place you visited recently.
- 27 What are the skills you need when you work in a team?
- 28 You are arranging a party. Prepare a telephone conversation with a friend whom you want to invite for the same.
- 29 Mention some telephone manners one has to keep.
- 30 You are the secretary of the Fine Arts Club. Prepare a vote of thanks at the end of the Club Inauguration.

(4 × 2 = 8)

**Part D**

*Answer any two questions in about 300 words each.  
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Describe a local festival in your home town.
- 32 What is listening? What are the barriers to listening?
- 33 Read the following passage and answer the questions below :—

Even in this twenty-first century, women are seen as 'the Second Sex'; to be protected, yet exploited, to be put on a pedestal, yet trampled upon. Women are warned to stay in the shadows, away from the heat of the Sun and within the confines of manmade boundaries.

**Turn over**

In the midst of this stubbornly patriarchal environment, there are the rumblings of a gender revolution. Women are becoming more aware of their rights. In almost every country there are women's liberation movements with various labels and goals to tackle the unique factors that continue to shackle the freedom of women.

Women's roles women's status, women's rights... and yes, men's roles too... all these are at the centre of the gender debate. This debate has raged in different forms over centuries, with the focus shifting as circumstances changed.

Women are beginning to swim against the tide. They are striving to live life more fully, more equitably and more meaningfully.

But centuries of discrimination have left deep ruts in the collective outlook of the people. For instance, the birth of a daughter is often not good news for the family. And for many daughters, death comes even before death.

- (a) How are women treated even in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- (b) What does 'Second Sex' mean?
- (c) What is the warning given to women?
- (d) What is the gender revolution taking place?
- (e) What do the women's liberation movements do?
- (f) What is at the centre of the gender debate?
- (g) What is the meaning of 'swim against the tide'? Use the phrase in a sentence of your own.
- (h) What part of speech is 'patriarchal' in 'patriarchal environment'? Give the noun form of 'patriarchal'.
- (i) Give the verb forms of:—
  - (i) discrimination.
  - (ii) liberation.
  - (iii) continuation.
  - (iv) protection.
- (j) Women are becoming more aware of their rights'. Change this sentence into the singular.
- (k) Supply a suitable title to this passage.

(2 × 4 = 8)