

**UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2013****First Semester**

Common Course—English

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH**

(Prior to 2013 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A***Answer all questions from this part.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

I. 1. How many syllables are there in the word 'dictation' ?

(a) 3.

(b) 4.

(c) 5.

(d) 6.

2. Which of the following words has a | z | sound ?

(a) sleep.

(b) bags.

(c) maps.

(d) last.

3. Which of the following does not have a weak form ?

(a) and.

(b) am.

(c) are.

(d) fish.

4. How is the word 'debt' pronounced ?

(a) /debt/

(b) /det/.

(c) /d ^ t/.

(d) /da :t/

II. 5. In which of the following words does the sound | θ | come ?

(a) this.

(b) three.

(c) that.

(d) bathe.

6. Which of the following words end in | ə | ?

(a) wonder.

(b) car.

(c) bike.

(d) tree.

7. R.P. is the abbreviation for :

(a) Received Pronunciation.

(b) Revised Pronunciation.

(c) Royal Pronunciation.

(d) Right Pronunciation.

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8. Pick out the correct diphthong in the word 'sure'.

- (a) /eə/. (b) /ʊə/.  
(c) /əʊ/. (d) /aʊ/.

III. 9. To be an active listener you must :

- (a) Wear sunglasses.  
(b) Make eye contact with the speaker.  
(c) Stand close to the speaker.  
(d) Sit in a sound proof room.

10. Which of the following words has stress on the first syllable.

- (a) Particular. (b) Geography.  
(c) Family. (d) Operation.

11. Which of the following sentences can have a falling tone ?

- (a) I'm so sorry !. (b) Are you angry with me ?  
(c) Won't you join us ? (d) The train was late.

12. You may hesitate to express your opinion because :

- (a) You have an opinion on the subject.  
(b) You are not worried about what others might think.  
(c) You feel you can say exactly what you mean.  
(d) You feel intimidated by the others who are more confident.

IV. 13. Which of the following is not an expression for giving permission ?

- (a) Ok. (b) All right.  
(c) Thank you. (d) No problem.

14. Group discussion may be of :

- (a) Topic based and case based. (b) Topic based and speaker based.  
(c) Case based and hearer based. (d) Topic based and hearer based.

15. Which of the following is not a discussion etiquette ?

- (a) Listen to other speakers.  
(b) Acknowledge to the agreeable views.  
(c) Disagree bluntly with the person.  
(d) Offer chances to silent partners.

16. It is necessary to take notes for future reference in :

- (a) Academic Listening. (b) Casual Listening.  
(c) Formal Listening. (d) Informal Listening.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five questions in a sentence or two.*

*Each question carries a weight of 1.*

17. Mark intonation in the following sentences :

"How strange is life !"

"Good morning ! How are all of you ?".

18. Identify the final phone me in the following words :

mouth, lead, tank, rain.

19. Write any four words beginning with the phoneme [w].

20. Mark the stress in the following words.

psychology, skimming.

21. Define academic listening.

22. What are the phrases normally used to close a conversation ?

23. What is a group discussion ?

24. What is etiquette in conversation ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer any four questions in about 100 words each.*

*Each question carries a weight of 2.*

25. How often have you been dissatisfied with a telephone call ? What makes you dissatisfied with it ?

26. Write a short note on the barriers to Listening.

27. Make a farewell speech to senior students of your college.

28. Describe briefly intonation and its function in conversation with suitable dialogues.

29. Briefly discuss word stress and sentence stress with suitable examples.

30. Suppose you are facing an interview board for the post of manager in a company. Write any five probable questions from the board and your answers to them.

(4 × 2 = 8)

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**Part D**

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

*Each question carries a weight of 4.*

31. Describe a study tour conducted from your college.
32. Prepare a telephone conversation with your professor seeking the details of the proposed campus interview at your college.
33. Suppose you are the Arts club secretary of your college. Prepare a formal welcome speech for the Inauguration of Arts Day in your college.

(2 × 4 = 8)