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UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015

First Semester

Common Course-English

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

[Common for all U.G. Programmes under C.B.C.S.S. except Model III B.A. English Literature, Communication and Journalism (Three Main)]

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Part A

Answer all questions.

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

- 1. Why is English called an 'Unphonetic' tanguage?
- 2. What are short vowels?
- 3. What is a consonant cluster?
- 4. What are tip-ridge sounds?
- 5. What are lip-teeth sounds?
- 6. What are voiceless sounds?
- 7. What are the conditions where the letter T is silent?
- 8. What is a monosyllabic word?
- 9. What is a prefix?
- 10. What is word stress?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following, each in about 50 words. Each question varries 2 marks.

- 11. Write a short note on the art of small talk.
- 12. What is academic listening?
- 13. What is scanning?
- 14. What is intensive reading?
- 15. What are the expressions for mild disagreement?

Turn over

- 16. What are the common informal greetings?
- 17. What is discussion etiquette?
- 18. What are the roles and functions in a group discussion?
- 19. What are the useful phrases for closing a conversation?
- 20. What is rising intonation? Give examples.
- 21. Write the strong forms of the auxiliary verbs.
- 22. What are contracted forms?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

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

Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. What are the factors that help us to make predictions while reading?
- 24. What is the use of reading critically a text?
- 25. What are the purposes of note taking?
- 26. Write a short note on fluency and its importance in speech.
- 27. Write a short note on R.P.
- 28. Write a short note on American accent,
- 29. Write a short note on Consonants in English.
- 30. Distinguish between formal and informal ways of speaking.
- 31. Write a short note on intonation in commands.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

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

Each question carries 15 marks,

- 32. (a) Imagine that you are participating in a group discussion on 'water pollution' in which there are four participants. Write the discussion.
 - (b) Evaluate the group discussion highlighting the strength and weakness of each participant.
- 33. (a) Write a conversation between you and the health inspector of your area on the health hazards of your village.
 - (b) Write a conversation with the principal complaining about the unruly behaviour of your seniors.

- 34. Construct a discourse along the following lines:
 - (a) A tourist guide is describing a tourist place to a tourist.
 - (b) Suresh is describing to his friend Sangeeth, visit to a museum.
- 35. Construct a speech along the following lines;
 - (a) A lecture on rain water harvesting.
 - (b) A vote of thanks to the invited at a function.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$