

UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014**First Semester**

Common Course—English

COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(Common for all U.G. Programmes under CBCSS 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 in not more than a sentence each.

Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is rising intonation ?
2. What is IPA ?
3. What is Syllable ?
4. How many syllables are there in the word 'examination' ?
5. Why English is called an 'unphonetic' language ?
6. What are tip-teeth sounds ?
7. Give examples for tip-ridge sounds ?
8. What are lip-teeth sounds ?
9. What are suffixes ?
10. Write the pronunciation of 'half' in British as well as American contexts.

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any eight of the following, each in two or three sentences.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What are regional accents ?
12. What are consonant clusters ?
13. What are the weak forms of auxiliary verbs ?

Turn over

14. What is informal speech ?
15. What is sentence stress ?
16. What is graphics ?
17. What is the use of index ?
18. What is the difference between active listening and passive listening ?
19. What is Extensive reading ?
20. What is active vocabulary ?
21. What is scanning ?
22. What is the purpose of precis writing ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

*Answer in a short paragraph of about 100 words on any **six** of the following.*

Each question carries 4 marks.

23. What are the do's and don'ts in discussion etiquette ?
24. What are roles and functions in a group discussion ?
25. What is telephone etiquette ?
26. What are the different computer applications available for us ?
27. What are the barriers to listening ?
28. What are interactional conversations ? Give example.
29. What are the common greetings on different occasions ?
30. Write short notes on contracted forms used in conversations.
31. Write short notes on the influence of mother-tongue in English speech.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

*Answer any **two** of the following.*

Each question carries 15 marks.

32. (a) Imagine that you are participating in a group discussion on 'youth and cinema' in which there are three more participants. Write the discussion.
- (b) Evaluate the group discussion highlighting the strength and weakness of each participant.

33. (a) Write a conversation between your tutor and your father discussing your progress in your study.
- (b) Write a discussion with the Assistant Engineer of KSEB section of your area complaining about the poor supply of electricity.
34. (a) Construct a discourse along the following lines :
- (a) A man describing an accident to his wife.
- (b) Nalini is describing to her friend, Sujatha, a visit to a restaurant.
- (b) Construct a speech along the following lines :
- (a) Farewell to senior students by a Junior student.
- (b) Welcome speech to the invited at the college day by you.

(2 × 15 = 30)