

**FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2015****(CUCBCSS—UG)****Common Course****ENG 1A 01—THE FOUR SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATION**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following *ten* bunches of questions :1 *Blow one's own trumpet* means :

- (a) Play music.
- (b) Destroy the trumpet.
- (c) Praise one's own achievements.
- (d) Increase the pitch.

2 The past participle of become is :

- (a) Become.
- (b) Became.
- (c) Becoming.
- (d) None of these.

3 One of the authors ————— to attend the seminar. (Fill up the blanks with the suitable verb form).

- (a) Plan.
- (b) Are planning.
- (c) Plans.
- (d) Are planned.

4 What kind of a sentence is the following ?

Please buy me the book

- (a) Interrogative.
- (b) Assertive.
- (c) Imperative.
- (d) Exclamatory.

5 Fill up the blanks with *one* of the following :

Past perfect tense in direct speech changes to ————— in reported speech.

- (a) Past perfect.
- (b) Past perfect continuous.
- (c) Simple past.
- (d) Past continuous.

6 ————— million people all over the world use the English language.

- (a) 350.
- (b) 600.
- (c) 800.
- (d) None of these.

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7 English has _____ vowel sounds.

- (a) Twenty. (b) Twenty four.
(c) Twelve. (d) None of these.

8 There are _____ consonant sounds in English.

- (a) Twenty. (b) Twenty four.
(c) Twelve. (d) None of these.

9 *Spoken English for India : A Manual of Speech and Phonetics* is a book written by :

- (a) Dharampal & Verma. (b) Nayyar & Sharma.
(c) Bansal & Harrison. (d) None of these.

10 *Call it a day* means :

- (a) Name the day. (b) Issue an order.
(c) Stop doing something. (d) None of these.

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* questions, each in a sentence or two :

11 What are disyllabic words ? Give two examples where they are used as noun as well as verb.

12 What are minimal pairs ? Give two examples.

13 What are diphthongs ? Give two examples.

14 What is IPA ?

15 What are phrasal verbs ? Write a sentence using a phrasal verb.

16 What is the meaning of the idiom "eat one's words" ?

17 Transcribe the following :

- (a) Mayor . (b) Plumber.

18 What is **RP**?

19 What is active voice ? Write a sentence to exemplify it.

20 Explain direct and indirect objects with the help of two different sentences.

21 Distinguish between a clause and a phrase citing examples.

22 Distinguish between the uses of the indefinite articles "a" and "an" ?

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions in a *paragraph* each :

23 Describe content words and function words.

24 Points to remember while making notes.

25 The advantages of using Emails.

26 Points to remember while writing a resume.

27 How does one plan to write a report ?

28 What kind of expressions is used to make formal and informal requests ?

(4 x 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following, each in about 300 words :

29 Describe the status of English as a global language.

30 Discuss verbal and non-verbal communication in the human world.

31 Prepare a model business letter.

32 Developing skills to listen to conversations and speeches.

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)