

FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019**(CUCBCSS—UG)****English****ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTION : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS****(2017 Admissions)****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 80 Marks****Part I (Speaking Skills)****I. Answer any six out of the following seven questions :****1 "I'm afraid" is :**

- (a) An expression of fear.
- (b) An expression of uncertainty.
- (c) An expression of regret.
- (d) An expression of disagreement.

2 Which among the following is the politest way of request ?

- (a) Would you mind showing me your ID proof ?
- (b) Can you show me your ID proof ?
- (c) I want you to show me your ID proof.
- (d) Show me your ID proof.

3 Which among the following is the politest way to refuse ?

- (a) Another time.
- (b) No, I can't.
- (c) No way.
- (d) Never.

4 "I see what you are saying but that isn't the way I see it" is an example of :

- (a) A refusal.
- (b) A disagreement.
- (c) A request.
- (d) An order.

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5 "I think you will like the show" is an example of :

- (a) A request. (b) A preference.
(c) An opinion. (d) A suggestion.

6 Which of the following expresses a preference ?

- (a) Coffee is better than tea.
(b) I would rather have a cup of coffee.
(c) Would you mind giving me a cup of coffee ?
(d) None of the above

7 "How about discussing that issue now?" This is:

- (a) A suggestion. (b) An opinion.
(c) A request. (d) A preference.

(6 × ½ = 3 marks)

II. Match the items in Column A with those in Column B :

- | A | B |
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| 8 Would you mind if I borrowed your pen ? | (a) No, I'm fine. |
| 9 Is there anything more I can do for you ? | (b) Thank you. Want to show me where Rajan lives ? |
| 10 Could you please put me through to the department of English ? | (c) That's exactly what I had in my mind. I am starving. |
| 11 Can I get three delegate passes for the fest? | (d) Count me in. |
| 12 Would you mind telling me where the college office is ? | (e) Please hold on while I connect your call. |
| 13 Let's go for a movie this evening | (f) Not at all but please remember to return it. |
| 14 I think we can dine at Lal's restaurant What do you think ? | (g) I'm afraid, they are sold out. |
| 15 Can I give you a ride somewhere ? | (h) Not at all, walk straight It is the last room on the left. |

(8 × ½ = 4 marks)

III. From the given situations choose any *two* and make up a short dialogue (not less than six exchanges) :

16 Speakers : Student and teacher:

Situation : A student meets her teacher to discuss her future plans.

17 Speakers : Pharmacist and patient :

Situation : A patient goes to a medical shop with a cold and cough. The pharmacist tells the patient to consult a doctor and warns him/her against the dangers of self-medication.

18 Speakers : Newspaper agent and Rohith:

Situation: Rohith is frustrated that even after repeated requests the newspaper agent is supplying him the wrong newspaper. Rohith calls the agent on his phone and expresses his disappointment and asks him sternly but politely to deliver the newspaper of his choice.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

IV. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to get correct expressions used for disagreeing with someone :

19 I that share the can't views topic your on say I.

20 Good time afraid it's but I we won't have to am enough there spend

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

Part II (Pronunciation)

I. Read the following questions and choose the correct options

21 The last sound in the word key is a ——— vowel.

(a) Glide.

(b) Pure.

(c) Diphthong.

(d) None of the above.

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22 The consonant sound /s/ occurs in :

- (a) Cat.
- (b) Cape.
- (c) City.
- (d) Critical.

23 In the word **produce** meaning farm products, the stress falls on the ——— syllable.

- (a) Second.
- (b) First.
- (c) Third.
- (d) None of the above.

24 The sound represented by '**ou**' in mouse is a :

- (a) Diphthong.
- (b) Consonant.
- (c) Pure vowel.
- (d) Monophthong.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

II. Identify the sounds of the letters shown in bold and write their transcription :

25 Cup.

26 Cycle.

27 Sit.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

III. Answer the following :

28 Select the word which has the same vowel as in **car** :

- (a) Pants.
- (b) chance.

29 Select the word with diphthong.

(a) Cape.

(b) group.

30 The silent letter in the word **parliament** is _____.

31 The vowel represented by "I" In **like** is a pure vowel. True/false.

32 There are eight diphthongs in the English language. True/false.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Part III (Grammar)

I. Choose the correct sentences from those given :

33 (a) He may come by 8 o'clock today,

(b) He may definitely come by 8 o'clock today.

(c) He will perhaps come by 8 o'clock today.

34 (a) Smitha said me that she is on leave today.

(b) Smitha told me that she is on leave today.

(c) Smitha did told me that she is on leave today.

35 (a) He has watched the movie.

(b) He has watched the movie yesterday.

(c) He watched the movie.

36 (a) One of my friends is visiting me today.

(b) One of my friends are visiting me today.

(c) One of my friend is visiting me today.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

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II. Complete the following correctly :

- 37 Mammatty is a great actor and I like his acting very much. The verbs in the given sentence are _____ and _____.
- 38 The prime minister arrives at Kochi this evening: The tense of this sentence is _____.
- 39 Write a sentence politely telling your guest to come back later.
- 40 Write a sentence expressing your inability to help a friend who is seeking your assistance.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Answers of some questions are provided below. Write down the questions :

- 41 We use the simple present mainly to talk about things that are always true and things that happen repeatedly.
- 42 No, summer is not a good time to visit Delhi.
- 43 The 2019 IPL edition is most likely to be organized during April and May and the schedule will be decided after the dates of the general elections are final.
- 44 Yes, I am certain that India is going to win the test series against Australia.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Re-order the following jumbled sentences :

- 45 is for known Delhi its monuments historical.
- 46 a already we made have decision.
- 47 located Kannur is around international 25 near kilometers east airport of Mattannur city the Municipality the of
- 48 Mahal 1631 was Jahan commissioned by The in Shah built wife Taj in to Mahal memory be the of his Mumtaz

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

V. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

49 You eat with us this evening ?

50 I promise I write again soon.

51 Look, it rains now.

52 I'm not agree with your suggestion.

(4 × 1½ = 6 marks)

Part IV (Reading)

Late in the night of December 31, 1999, hundreds of tribals, peasants and activists danced to the rhythms of the mandal, a large drum, and the flute on the small plateau of Nimgavhan, on the banks of the river Narmada. Children sang and presented skits and the elders held meetings throughout the night. While in the cities, the rich and mighty went dizzy on that night, the people in the Narmada valley welcomed the new year with mixed feelings of hope, anxiety, apprehension and the will to fight. On the eve of the so-called millennium year, they found themselves on the brink of an uncertain future again, as the dam waters reached and washed away many of their houses in the recent monsoon.

The interim order of the Supreme Court in February 1999, allowed the Gujarat government to restart the suspended work on the dam, raising its height by five meters, from 80.3 to 85 meters. After that, the people made it clear that they would confront and expose the state governments who filed false affidavits regarding resettlement. They decided to dare the submergence, imposed by the government, once again. Some years back, they had celebrated the year-end on the same spot as the dam work was suspended, even if temporarily. No one had imagined twelve years earlier that these humble villagers could stop the work on the gigantic dam. They had won what was considered a losing battle, challenging a development project. But now, after fourteen years, they were again faced with renewed 'Challenge and uncertainty.

From June 20, 1999, Domkhedi (Maharashtra) and Jalsindhi (Madhya Pradesh) became the two centers of Satyagraha against the unjust submergence and displacement. Not only did people refuse to move out of the valley, more came to join them there. New houses came up. The backwaters of the Narmada started rising in August. In the late night of 10 August, water entered the first Satyagraha house in Domkhedi.

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The satyagrahis remained steadfast even as the water reached waist and chest level. The swirling waters rose even more dangerously on September 18 at Pipalchop, and later on the September 21 at Domkhedi, Sikka, onarad and Jalsindhi. In Domkhedi, the satyagrahis were in the waters for over 30 hours. In particular, the first Samarjit Dal (dedicated squad) of J'tarambhai, Devrambhai, Medhatai and others stood neck-deep in chilling cold backwaters. Instead of dialogue, the state responded each time with arrests, forcible removal by police, and jail. The people had brave the submergence and demonstrated their resolve not to move out even at the cost of their lives.

On October 18, 2000, came the ominous final verdict of the Supreme Court, with one of the three-member bench delivering a dissenting judgement. Disregarding all the important issues, the Court ordered the work on the dam to be resumed at once. It went a step further and gave a hand to the government to submerge and displace the people. Politicians and the pro-dam lobby in Gujarat celebrated this with crackers and sweet. For them, it was the 'Diwali before Diwali'.

Many families in the Narmada valley did not celebrate Diwali that year. They prepared to face the submergence of 2001. It was a major challenge for their sixteen-year long struggle. Still, unfazed, the villages in tribal and non-tribal areas were determined to fight it out. Because they knew what their struggle stood for. On 'Holi', the following summer, the tribals resolved not to move out of their villages despite the certainty of submergence. After sixteen years of struggle, they again prepared for the arduous path ahead.

Source : *The River and life : People's Struggle in the Narmada Valley* by Sanjay Sangvai.

I. Read the following sentences and write the correct answer :

- 53 From June 1999, Domkhedi in Maharashtra and Jalsindhi in Madhya Pradesh were the two centers of Satyagraha against the unjust submergence and displacement due to the dam, True/ False/ Not given.
- 54 In October 2000, the Supreme Court ordered the work on the dam to be resumed without delay. True/False/Not given.
- 55 Politicians and the pro-dam lobby in Gujarat celebrated the October 2000 judgement with crackers and sweet. True/ False/ Not given.

- 56 Even when the water level reached waist and chest level, the satyagrahis continue to stay in it. True/ False/ Not given.
- 57 The interim order of the Supreme Court in February 1999, allowed the Madhya Pradesh government to restart the suspended work on the dam. True/ False/ Not given..

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Read the questions given below and choose the most suitable option :

- 58 What is described as the 'Diwali before Diwali' ?
- (a) The October 2000 verdict of the Supreme Court.
 - (b) The dissent judgement.
 - (c) The interim order of the Supreme Court.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 59 How does the above passage begin ?
- (a) With the interim order of the Supreme Court.
 - (b) With a description of the activities of tribals, peasants and activists on the night of 31 December.
 - (c) With a description of submergence of tribal land.
 - (d) All of the above.
- 60 Many families in the Narmada valley did not celebrate Diwali that year. Specify the year.
- (a) 2000.
 - (b) 2001.
 - (c) 1999.
 - (d) None of the above.

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61 What does “Samarpit Dal ” mean ?

- (a) The dedicated squad.
- (b) The tribals.
- (c) The politicians.
- (d) The pro-dam lobby.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Re-read the passage and try to guess the meaning of the following words in the given context.
Write the correct options.

62 interim, order :

- (a) Final order.
- (b) Temporary order.
- (c) Stay order.
- (d) Harsh order.

63 Gigantic :

- (a) Big.
- (b) Small.
- (c) Completed.
- (d) None of the above.

64 Submergence :

- (a) Underwater.
- (b) Above water.
- (c) Great power.
- (d) All of the above

65 Steadfast :

- (a) Loyal
- (b) Steady
- (c) Support
- (d) Afraid

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

Write the correct answer :

66 The dam is constructed on the river :

- (a) Narmada.
- (b) Ganga.
- (c) Periyar.
- (d) All of the above.

67 The interim order allowed the govt, to raise the height of the dam by :

- (a) 5 meters.
- (b) 6 meters.
- (c) 83 meters.
- (d) None of the above.

68 Water entered the first Satyagraha house in Domkhedi on :

- (a) 10th August.
- (b) 10th February.
- (c) 10th September.
- (d) 18th October.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

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V. Answer the following questions in one *or* two sentences :

69 Why were the people of the Narmada Valley anxious ?

70 Why is the 18th October, 2000 verdict described as ominous ?

(2 × 2 = 4 marks)

Part V (Vocabulary)

I. Match the words in Column A with the words in Column B :

A	B
71 distant	(a) Like.
72 wide	(b) Convinced.
73 Perfectly	(c) Relative.
74 Slight	(d) Awake.
75 Just	(e) Accident.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Choose the correct phrasal verbs from those given below to fill in the blanks. You have to use them in the correct tense form :

put out, go on, go over, count on, call off :

- 76 The referee ——— soccer game because of the darkness.
- 77 I can ——— my parents to help me in an emergency.
- 78 The politician ——— his speech before the important presentation.
- 79 Many people gathered near the accident to see what was ———.
- 80 Please ——— the light before you leave.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

III. Choose the correct meanings of the idiomatic expressions used in the following sentences :

81 The elevator was out of order, so we had to walk to the tenth floor of the building.

- (a) Working Without order.
- (b) Not working.
- (c) Outside the building.
- (d) None of the above.

82 John stayed home from work because he was feeling under the weather :

- (a) The weather was not good.
- (b) Sick.
- (c) Not sure.
- (d) None of the above.

83 She's always in a rush in the morning to get the kids to school.

- (a) Sleepy.
- (b) Relaxed.
- (c) In a hurry.
- (d) All of the above.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

IV. Choose one phrasal verb and one idiom each to make your own sentences :

84 Go without saying / all the way.

85 put off /to get along.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)