

FIRST SEMESTER U.G. (C.S.S.) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2009

A 01—COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(Common Course)

Time : Three Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. Answer the three bunches of questions as directed: (weightage 1 each) :

(A) 1 Transcribe the word: class.

2 Rewrite the word in normal spelling: /gou/

3 Mark the stressed syllable : January

4 Differentiate between : slip and sleep

(B) 5 Mark the pauses and sense groups : could you tell me when I can meet you at your city office.

6 Mark the tone : Stop talking

7 Show by transcription how the word 'news' is pronounced in British way.

8 Change into an indirect request: Come to my house.

(C) 9 Sources used by an author is called : (a) bibliography ; (b) reference ; (C) glossary ; (d) index,

10 Academic listening involves (a) note-taking : (b) : (c) completing tables ; (d) all these.

11 Hearing is (a) voluntary ; (b) deliberate • (c) involuntary ; (d) none of these.

12 A passenger listening to the announcement regarding a train s/he waits for should note (a) Train Number ; (b) Train name ; (c) destination ; (d) all these.

II. Answer in a sentence or two all the *nine* questions : (9 x 1 = 9)

13 Write the noun form of the word 'enjoy' and use it in a sentence.

14 What should a person remember when giving instructions ?

15 What is a syllable ? Give an example.

16 Bring out the difference in the pronunciation of /s/ and /z/ with an example for each.

17 What are the different weak forms of 'am' and 'is' ?

18 'Yes or no questions' are spoken in rising tones. True or False ?

19 How are speed/pace of delivery change in the presentation of unfamiliar information ?

20 Respond to the request: can you spare your book ?

21 Seek permission from your teacher to go home ten minutes earlier than usual.

Turn over

III. Answer any five questions out of 7 in a paragraph each (X = 10)

22 Barriers to listening.

23 Explain the difference between British and American pronunciation of words like dance and fast.

24 Explain scanning with examples.

25 You met someone who is new to the city and wants help to reach a particular college. Another person seeks help and you offer it. Present it not less than six exchanges.

26 Identify the vowels in the words farm, pen, put and cut. Write their phonemic symbols and provide one example for each.

27 There has been a collision between vehicles in the vicinity your house, The Police Officer who does not know Malayalam seeks your help. Write six exchanges between you and him through which you let him know what happened.

28 Identify the consonants in fat, cat, chin and June. Write their phonemic symbols and give one word as example for each.

IV. Answer any in out of the *three* given in about 200 words (X =

29 Write an essay on telephone skills.

30 Write an essay on the Dos and Don'ts of Group Discussion,

31 Explain the different ways of greeting and introducing with appropriate examples,