# FIRST SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2013 

## English (Common Course)

## A 01 COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(2009 Admissions)
Time : Three Hours
Maximum : 30 Weightage
I. Answer the three bunches of questions as directed (weightage 1 each) :
A. 1. Transcribe the word :cut.
2. Rewrite the word in normal spelling :/fi : d/.
3. Mark the stressed syllable :August.
4. Differentiate between : dip and deep.
B. 5. Mark the pauses and sense groups :I don't know why he behaved like a fool when it happened.
6. Mark the tone :Get me some water.
7. Show by transcription how the word 'writer' is pronounced in the American way.
8. Change into a polite request : turn off the fan.
C. 9. Communication skills include skills like
(a) speaking.
(b) listening.
(c) reading.
(d) all these.
10. Which of the following is the strong form of 'is'
(a) is.
(b) iz.
(c) s .
(d) z .
11. Listening is
(a) Voluntary.
(b) Casual.
(c) Involuntary.
(d) None of these.
12. A book has these parts
(a) Chapters.
(b) Glossary.
(c) Blurb.
(d) All these.

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\text { (12 } \mathrm{x} \quad=3 \text { weightage) }
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II. Answer in a sentence or two all the nine questions
13. What is the use of index?
14. How does one seek permission to enter the class?
15. What is stress?
16. Bring out the difference in the pronunciation of $/ \mathrm{p} /$ and $/ \mathrm{b} /$ with an example for each.
17. What are the different weak forms of 'are'?
18. 'Yes or no questions' are spoken in falling tones. True or False
19. How is speed/pace of delivery change in the presentation of unfamiliar information?
20. Respond positively to the request can you spare your book?
21. Grant permission for your brother to use your pen.
III. Answer any five questions out of seven in a paragraph each
22. Making suggestions.
23. How are British and American pronunciations different?
24. Reading graphics.
25. A new student needs help regarding the use of the college library. Offer the help in exchanges.
26. Identify the vowels in the words farm, pen, put and cut. Write their phonemic symbols and provide one example for each.
27. You want to join for a PG course. Seek information in six exchanges from a career counselor.

28, Identify the vowels in fun, card, shin and moon. Write the phonemic symbols of these vowels.
( $5 \times 2=10$ weightage)
IV. Answer any two out of the three given in about 200 words
29. Write an essay on listening skills.
30. Attempt an essay on the skills required for Group Discussion,
31. Explain the different ways of agreeing and disagreeing with appropriate examples.

