

**FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.M.M.C. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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(CUCBCSS—UG)

**Common Course**

**ENG 1A 01—THE FOUR SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATION**

**e : Three Hours**

**Maximum**

**I. Answer the following *ten* bunches of questions :**

**1 "Grind one's teeth" means :**

- (a) Control oneself. (b) Express frustration.  
(c) Speak angrily. ————(d) Close one's mouth.

**2 The past participle form of mistake is \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) Mistook. (b) Mistaken.  
(c) Mistake. ———— (d) None of these.

**Fill up the blanks with the most suitable verb form :**

**The teaching staff ———— on vacation now.**

- (a) Are. (b) Were.  
(c) Is. (d) None of these.

**Which of the following formats is considered unacceptable ?**

- (a) 20 April 2011. (b) 30 May, 2013.  
(c) July 2, 2008. (d) None of these.

**5 What kind of a sentence is the following ?**

**"You could consider trying another book".**

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

**6 Past continuous tense in direct speech changes to \_\_\_\_\_ in reported speech**

- (a) Past perfect. (b) Past perfect continuous.  
(c) Past continuous. (d) None of these.

**7 The average speed of speech is around \_\_\_\_\_ words per minute.**

- (a) 100 to 200. (b) 200 to 300.  
(c) 300 to 400. (d) None of these.

- 8 The native speakers of English are about \_\_\_\_\_ million.  
(a) 800. (b) 380.  
(c) 500. (d) None of these.
- 9 Haptics refers to the sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Smell. (b) Touch.  
(c) Hearing. (d) None of these.
- 10 The usage of \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate one's feelings is known as proxemics.  
(a) Time. (b) Space.  
(c) Signs. (d) None of these.

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answer in a sentence or two any *ten* questions :

- 11 List the different forms of communication.
- 12 What is kinesics ?
- 13 What is paralanguage ?
- 14 What is arbitrariness in human language ?
- 15 What is reflexivity ?
- 16 In human language, what is meant by displacement ?
- 17 What is cultural transmission ?
- 18 Which feature of language is called duality ?
- 19 How many consonant sounds do we have in RP ?
- 20 Distinguish between monophthongs and diphthongs.
- 21 What is IPA ?
- 22 What does the idiom "pass the buck" mean ?

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answer any *four* questions in a *paragraph* each :

- 23 What are the four main functions of communication ?
- 24 Planning a report.
- 25 Points to be kept in mind while preparing a cover letter.
- 26 Strategies for making effective notes.
- 27 Which are the most familiar punctuation marks ?
- 28 Distinguish between lexical and functional categories of words.

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Answer any *two* questions, each in about 300 words :

29 Compose a model business letter.

30 How does one become a good **blogger** ?

31 Describe the advantages of using email. How should one conduct oneself while online ?

32 Discuss the process of listening to conversations and speeches.

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