

FIRST SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2014

(UG-CCSS)

Common Course

A 01—COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer the following questions :

A. Choose the correct answer:

1. The vowel in the word "man" :

(a) / a: /

(b) / eɪ /

(c) / æ /

(d) None of these.

2. The initial sound in "about" :

(a) / a /

(b) / ə /

(c) / e /

(d) None of these.

3. The final sound in "claw" :

(a) / a: /

(b) /

(c) / ɜ: /

(d) None of these.

4. The medial sound in "bus" :

(a) / e /

(b) / n /

(c) / a /

(d) None of these.

B. Name the following :

5. Basic unit of a spoken language.

6. Questions that are attached to a statement to provide emphasis on it.

7. It is used to indicate the possessive of a noun.

8. 'less' in the word 'valueless'.

C. Match the following :-

9. Gandhiji's aim and objective in life (a) has done this.

10. The ministers with the body guards (b) is important to us.

Turn over

11. None of the issues (c) was to help the deprived class.
12. Either Geetha or her sister (d) have won the game.
(e) were killed.

(3 x 1 = 3 Weightage)

II. Answer each of the following questions :-

13. Complete the passage with correct options :

The man _____ (who, whose, which, whom) introduced (herself, himself, itself, others) to you at the park _____ (was, are, am, is) _____ (mine, my, him, himself) uncle.

14. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs :

When they _____ (find) that it was _____ (rain), they _____ (decide) to _____ (go) by car.

15. Change into reported speech. Gopal said to Remya: "When will you return from the USA?"

16. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

I am Peter and I live _____ (of, at, in) Germany. _____ (in, during, at) summer I like to travel _____ (after, to, towards) Italy, because _____ (by, from, of) weather and the people there.

17. Fill up the blanks with the right words :

My apartment has several problems that need to be _____ (fixing / fixed). For one thing, there's a big _____ (crack / cracked) in the ceiling. Also, one of the curtains is _____ (tear / torn), and the carpet has a bad _____ (stain / stained) on it. Finally, the whole place needs _____ (cleaned / cleaning).

18. What is RP ?

19. What is behavioural interview ?

20. Give one example for the problems of Indian English in using /s/ and /z/.

21. What is meant by Eponyms ?

(9 x 1 = 9 Weightage)

III. Answer any *five* questions out of seven in a *paragraph* each. Each question carries 2 weightage

22. Transcribe the following words : joy, about, huge, ghosts.

23. Do as directed

(a) memory/ arranged/ of / was /in /artist /the/ late/ the/ concert. (Rearrange into a meaningful sentence)

(b) Are you always coming late? (Correct the sentence)

(c) This mistake should not be repeated. (Change into active)

(d) They asked me whether I knew the answer (Punctuate)

24. Haptics.

25. Homonyms and Homophones.

21. Uses of Comma.

27. Moods of verbs.

28. Present Perfect continuous tense.

(5 x 2 = 10 Weightage)

N. Answer any two questions out of the three in about 300 words each. Each question carries

4 weightage

29. Attempt an essay on the skills required for Group Discussion.

30. Explain the importance of communication in today's business world.

31. Write an essay on sounds in English.

(2 x 4 = 8 Weightage)