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B A / B Sc. / B Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2014
FIRST SEMESTER-COMMON COURSE: ENGLISH
COURSE: U1CCENG1: COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART - A**Answer all questions.****Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Why is English considered an unphonetic language?
2. What do the letters in IRSF stand for in the art of small talk?
3. When the stressed syllables come at regular intervals, the utterance has a _____
(sense, rhythm, tone)
4. Write the following words in phonetic symbols/script:
a) rope b) ripe c) rap d) reap
5. Identify the common vowel sound.
a) sleight b) claim c) slate d) flake
6. Find the number of syllables in the word "popularity".
7. Choose the correct intonation mark: Why are you crying?
a) Why ↗ are you crying? b) Why ↘ are you crying?
c) Why are you ↘crying? d) Why are you ↗crying?
8. When we are listening to announcements, we are listening for _____
(Supporting details, specific information, final outcome)
9. In English, consonant sounds are generally _____
a) doubled b) not doubled
10. What is an index in a book? (10 x 1=10)

PART - B**Answer any eight of the following, each in two or three sentences.****Each question carries 2 marks.**

11. What is the difference between listening and hearing?
12. Write a note on making predictions in reading.
13. How do we extend an apology in the course of conversation?
14. Give examples of three words with five syllables each.
15. What is Extensive reading?
16. What is topic-based group discussion?

17. Give two examples each of words which use / f / and / v / in them
18. Define skimming.
19. What are the three stages in making short formal speech?
20. What are the things to be highlighted when we describe an object or a thing?

(8 x 2=16)

PART - C

Answer any five of the following in about 100 words each.

Each question carries 5 marks.

21. Distinguish between strong and weak forms of a word.
22. What are the four strategies of reading?
23. You are the president of the Literary Association and a famous writer has been called for inauguration. Prepare a welcome speech for the occasion.
24. Identify the major differences between English and American accents.
25. Your sister's child has gone missing while you visited the Lulu Mall together. Register a complaint at the help desk giving a full description of the child and giving relevant details.
26. What are the strategies adopted in describing people? Give examples.
27. How does the mother tongue influence the speaking of English in India?

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART - D

Answer any two of the following in about 300 words.

Each question carries 12 marks.

28. Elaborate on the various types of Group Discussions highlighting the skills required to conduct it.
29. Write an essay on the various tones which distinguish sentences and discuss their features and functions.
30. You are the tour operator for a reputed travel firm. Prepare a conversation between you and a foreign tourist who wants to visit the local hot spots and absorb the culture of the land.
31. How do we sustain the art of small talk? Illustrate with examples.

(2 x 12 = 24)