

BA / BSc / BCOM DEGREE EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2015**SEMESTER: 1, SUBJECT: COMMON COURSE: ENGLISH****COURSE I: U1CCENG1: COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH***(Supplementary / Improvement)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

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

1. What is the intonation pattern of *Wh*-questions? Illustrate with an example.
2. Mention three barriers to listening.
3. What are the different ways of closing a conversation?
4. Write the following words in phonetic symbols/script:
a) mite b) mate c) mote d) moot
5. Identify the common vowel sound. calm, farm, jar, chance
6. Find the number of syllables in the word "examination".
7. Choose the correct intonation mark: The dancers have left.
a) The dancers ↗ have left b) The dancers ↘ have left.
c) The dancers have ↘ left d) The dancers have ↗ left
8. The word 'confidence' is pronounced by British English as:
a) / ' k ɒ n f i d ə n s / b) / ' k ɑ : n f i d ə n s /
9. Tone is the change in the _____ of a voice. (pitch, stress, rhythm)
10. What are the different types of group discussion? (1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. What are formal and informal styles of speaking?
12. What are the features of academic listening?
13. Give two examples each of words which use /z/ and /ʃ/ in them.
14. When do we use the strong forms of normally weak words?
15. What is intensive reading?
16. Define what a 'contracted form' is and give two examples.
17. What is a case-based group discussion?
18. Define scanning.
19. Give one example each of words with three syllables, four syllables and five syllables.
20. What are the things to be borne in mind while describing a place? (8 x 2 = 16)

PART-C**Answer any five of the following in about 100 words each.**

Each question carries 5 marks.

21. What are the strategies of the art of small talk?

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22. What are the skills required to read a text critically?
23. You have to extend a telephonic invitation to a relative for your house-warming. Prepare a telephonic conversation between you and your relative.
24. What is discussion etiquette?
25. What are pauses and sense-groups?
26. You see a robbery take place in the neighbourhood and get a good glimpse of the thief. Write a vivid description of the thief describing him in detail to be handed over to the police.
27. Your beloved teacher is retiring from the college. As the class leader you are asked to make a farewell speech highlighting the teacher's qualities and achievements. Write a farewell speech bearing these points in mind.

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART-D

Answer any two of the following in about 300 words. Each question carries 12 marks.

28. What is listening and describe the features of different types of listening?
29. Write a short essay on the major types of reading skills.
30. What are the various ways of participating in conversations? Illustrate.
31. You meet the Manager of a Bank regarding an educational loan for higher studies abroad. Prepare a conversation between you and the Manager.

(12 x 2 = 24)