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B. A/B. Sc/B. Com DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019**SEMESTER 1 : ENGLISH****COURSE : 19U1CCENG1 : HOMO LOQUENS - EFFECTIVE LISTENING AND SPEAKING***(For Regular - 2019 Admission)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Section A**Answer All (1 marks each)**

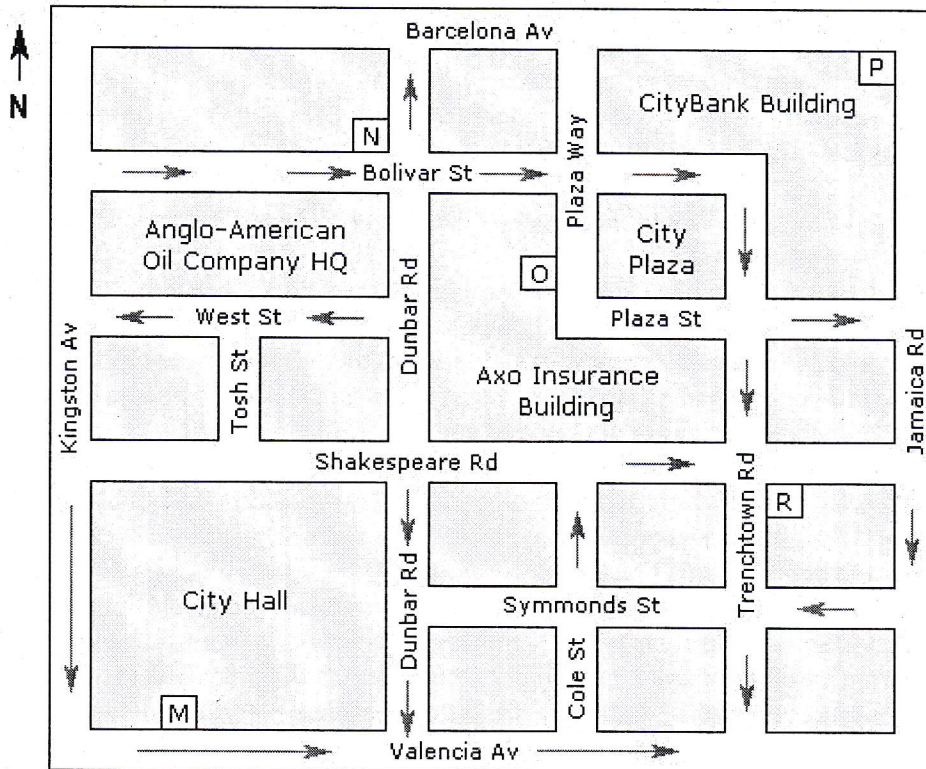
1. He is very strange man. He has queer habit of sleeping during the day and remaining awake at night. (Insert articles)
2. The dromedary is a type of camel kept desert people. It is not an easy animal to handle. It never becomes friends its master or anybody else. Every night, these animals have to be pushed ----- to their knees and tied -----tightly. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions)
3. Sir, I feel that I am the ideal candidate for the receptionist's position in your company because I have three years of experience as a receptionist in a company that is similar to yours. My phone skills and written communication are excellent. These skills, and others that I have learned on the job, helps me understand that every person in a company helps make the business a success. At my current job, the team always say that I am very helpful. Everyone appreciate when I go the extra mile to get the job done right. My co-workers as well as the current employer feels that I am an asset to the team. (Rewrite the sentence by ensuring subject verb agreement)
4. Big Ben is the name of the bell which (chime) every hour. The bell (name) after Sir Benjamin Hall, the man who (give) the task of (haul) the bell up the clock tower. (Use the correct form of the tense)
5. You had to spoil the evening with a practical joke, -----? (Use the appropriate question tag)
6. If I had found her address.... (Complete the conditional by using an appropriate clause)
7. "Did I tell you about the stranger? I met him as I was walking home." (Combine the sentences by using an appropriate relative pronoun)
8. The Student Affairs Department is making an announcement regarding orientation week. (Change the voice)
9. I don't think he will remember the appointment..... you remind him. (Complete the sentence by using the appropriate conjuncton)
10. Why did she decide not to come with us? (Change it into an embedded question)

(1 x 10 = 10)

Section B**Answer any 8 (5 marks each)**

11. Mark the appropriate tone for the following sentences:
 You understand your role, don't you? [clarification]
 We aren't expected to finish the report by Friday, are we? [clarification]
 I've been playing the violin for seven years.
 Are you going to the college tomorrow?
 I am sorry.

12. Following the IRSF pattern, rearrange the sentences below :
- Arun: Did you go to school today?
 Ben: That's sad, but have you gone to the movies recently?
 Arun: I didn't want to, so I didn't.
 Ben: I really don't want to go by myself.
 Arun: No, I haven't. Why?
 Ben: I really want to go to the movies this weekend.
 Arun: So go then.
 Ben: Of course. Didn't you?
 Arun: Well anyway, do you plan on going to school tomorrow?
 Ben: No, I think I'm going to go to the movies.
13. Imagine you met a writer you admire a lot in your journey in train. Strike a conversation with him over topics like art, creativity and imagination. Follow the IRSF pattern in the conversation that should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
14. You are in a bookshop looking for the latest novel by your favourite author. Strike a conversation with the shopkeeper asking him to show you the other books of the author you have not yet read. Ask him to suggest similar authors and books. You may also enquire the shopkeeper about discounts and other offers. Follow the IRSF pattern in the conversation that should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
15. Fix an appointment over phone with your teacher to talk about your project work. Tell him/her that you have incorporated the changes s/he advised and ask him/her when to submit the final paper. The conversation should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
16. Use the given clues to instruct your friend over phone to cook the following dish. Use additional details if necessary.
 Washing vegetables - cutting them into an inch - long pieces - turmeric powder and salt - cooking them in water to turn soft - grinding together grated coconut, cumin, green chillies and curd - garnishing with coconut oil and curry leaves.
17. Your teacher is transferred to another college. Prepare a speech for the occasion of his/her farewell meeting.
18. On World Environment Day, your college is hosting a state-sponsored 'Save Trees' awareness programme. Dignitaries ranging from the Chief Minister to the District Collector are present. Prepare a felicitation speech as student representative.
19. You are looking for an apartment in Ernakulam South as you are transferred to the Ernakulam South branch of your company. Apart from your wife and child, your aged parents are also staying with you. Make a call to the owner to enquire about the apartment. Your conversation should have at least four to six exchanges.
 A three-bed room furnished apartment for rent at Ernakulam South. Moderate rent. Interested parties may contact: 9400000001
20. You are at the Anglo-American Oil Company Head Quarters at the Kingston Avenue. A stranger approaches you to get directions to go to the Valencia Avenue. However, he also wants to visit the CityBank and City Plaza. Give directions.



(5 x 8 = 40)

Section C

Answer any 1 (10 marks each)

21. Make a lecture note based on the following speech:

Ladies and gentlemen,

When other people are wasting their money going out with their mates, I'm doing something much more productive. It couldn't be better, really. It educates me, I have something beautiful to show at the end, and I make money too because the value of what I have is always increasing. You know what this marvel is? I collect stamps. To be precise, postage stamps. You know, the kind that you stick on letters... without thinking about it; the kind you casually throw into the bin every day. Perhaps tomorrow you'll think before you do so: that little coloured scrap in the corner of the envelope could already be worth a lot of money. In ten years it could be worth ten times as much. And think of it! Someone sent it to you for free! I know some collectors who have never bought a stamp in their lives, and their collection is worth tens of thousands.

Okay..., you say, "So it doesn't cost anything to tear the corner off an envelope. But how is that educational?" Well, just look at the stamps closely. They will tell you the history, the geography, the politics, the culture of a country – of all the countries of the world. The first thing you learn is how other people see themselves. The Hungarians call themselves Magyars; Albania is really Shqipëria. You find scenes from their history, often with dates, names, great events.... You find pictures of their country, their houses, their people, their wildlife... You can see history unfolding....here's one from Zanzibar in 1962 when they declared independence; there was a revolution immediately and the new government overprinted it 'Jamhuri'. Overprints are always a treat, because it means a sudden change of events a surprise. Here are the stamps Britain, printed for the 1966 World Cup; and then, miraculously, England won – remember that last goal! – and the stamps were reissued over printed "England Winners". Amazing...! Or they can be sad: here's one from Germany in 1923 when the value of the currency was collapsing so fast they were constantly over printing new values. This one says 'two milliard Marks' – two thousand million Marks – about enough for a small loaf of bread.

I could go on. I have learnt so much about the whole world and all its history. And when the time comes I will sell my collection and retire on the proceeds. But until then, I shall marvel at these miniature treasure of designer's and the printer's art. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.

22. Following is the transcript of a group discussion on the theme "Multinational are a boon or a bane". Prepare an evaluative report on the performance of each of the participants based on how they effectively they have used the skills required for an ideal discussant. (120 - 150 words)
- Sujith: This is a good topic. I am against multinationals. We have Coke and Pepsi. Do we need them? We can manufacture our own soft drinks. Multinationals destroy the local industry and sell non-essential products.
- Bineesh: I agree with you. What is the fun of having Coke and Pepsi? We have our own Sprite.
- Tom: I think water is good enough.
- Smitha: We are here not to discuss soft drinks. The topic given to us is a much larger one. First, let us define multinational companies. They are merely large companies which operate in a number of countries. There could be some Indian multinationals also. So there is nothing wrong with them. The point is whether they have a good or bad impact on the host countries. We have to discuss their business practices and find out whether they are desirable or not.
- Merin: That is a very good introduction to the topic. Multinational companies do serve an important function that they bring new products and technologies in countries which do not have them. And it is not just Coke and Pepsi. They set up power plants and build roads and bridges, which really help in the development of host countries.
- Ravi: But are they all that good? We have seen that they destroy local industry. In India they just took over existing companies. They came in areas of low technology. Moreover, we have to see why they come at all. They come for earning profits and often remit more money abroad than they bring in.
- Sujith: I agree with you. I am against multinationals. We can produce everything ourselves. We should be swadeshi in our approach. Why do we need multinational companies?
- Merin: We may not need multinational companies but then it also means that our companies should not do business abroad. Can we live in an isolated world? The fact is that we are moving towards becoming a global village. The world is interconnected. Then we have also seen that foreign companies bring in business practices that we are impressed with. Look at foreign banks. They are so efficient and friendly that the nationalised banks look pathetic in comparison. I think we can learn a lot from multinationals if we keep our eyes and mind open.
- Bineesh: Take a look at McDonald's. They are providing quality meals at affordable prices. One does not have to wait at their restaurants.
- Tom: How do you count for the fact that they take out more than they put in and thus lead to impoverishing the country?
- Smitha: The fact is that every poor country needs foreign investment. Poor countries often lack resources of their own. That is why they have to invite foreign companies in. there is nothing wrong in this because then products like cars, air conditioners and so on can be made in poor countries. Often multinationals source products from different countries which helps boost export earnings.
- Merin: We have been talking about Coke and Pepsi. It is well known that Pepsi is in the foods business and has helped farmers in Punjab by setting up modern farms to grow potatoes and tomatoes. Modern practices have helped the people in that area.
- Sujith: I still feel that multinationals are harmful for the country.
- Smitha: Well, there could be negative things associated with such companies. They may not be very good in their practices. But can we do without them? I think the best way is to invite them but also impose some controls so that they follow the laws of the country and do not indulge in unfair practices.
- Merin: I think laws are applicable to everyone. Very often officials in poor countries take bribes. The fault lies not with the company which gives a bribe but the person who actually demands one. Why blame the companies for our own ills?
- Sujith: What about the money they take out?
- Smitha: We have had a good discussion and I think it is time to sum up. Multinationals have good points and some bad ones too, but competition is never harmful for anyone. We cannot live in a protected economy any longer. We have been protected for many years and the results are there for everyone to see. Rather than be close about multinationals, let us invite them in selected areas so that we get foreign investment in areas which we are lacking. Laws can be strictly enforced that companies operate within limits and do not start meddling in political affairs.