## END SEMESTER EXAMINATION : NOVEMBER 2023

## SEMESTER 1 : ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE FOR INTEGRATED M Sc. PROGRAMME COMPUTER SCIENCE - DATA SCIENCE) <br> COURSE : 19UP1CCENG1 : COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH

(For Regular 2023 Admission and Improvement/Supplementary 2022/2021 Admissions)
Max. Weightage : 30

## PART A

Answer any 8

1. If I had found her address $\qquad$ (Complete the conditional by using an appropriate clause)
2. He is $\qquad$ very strange man. He has $\qquad$ queer habit of sleeping during $\qquad$ the day and remaining awake at $\qquad$ night. (Insert articles)
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. He is very wealthy. He is not happy. (Combine the sentence by uisng the appropriate conjunction)
5. They finished all their homework before they started to watch television, ------? (Use the appropriate question tag)
6. He walked along the road, wondering what (happen) and where all the people (go). The streets (be) deserted, and the stalls (leave) as they were, with fruit and vegetables arranged in neat rows. (Use the correct form of the tense)
7. The waiters of that famous restaurant had served the customers poorly. (Change the voice)
8. Who was the last to leave the office? (Change it into an embedded question)
9. Suddenly she came upon a little three-legged table, all made $\qquad$ solid glass; there was nothing in it except a tiny golden key, and Alice's first thought was that it might belong
$\qquad$ one of the doors of the hall; but, alas! either the locks were too large, or the key was too small, but $\qquad$ any rate it would not open any of them. However, on the second time round, she came upon a low curtain she had not noticed before, and behind it was a little door about fifteen inches high: she tried the little golden key in the lock, and
$\qquad$ her great delight it fitted! (Fill in the blanks with appropriate prespositions)
10. The lady is my aunt. She is wearing a green dress. (Combine the sentences by using an appropritate relative pronoun)
(1 x $8=8$ Weight)

## PART B

## Answer any 6

11. Use the given clues to instruct your friend over phone to install a newly bought surveillance camera in front of his house. Use additional details if necessary.
Unboxing the camera - assembling them together - inserting the memory card - drilling the wall - mounting the camera - power cable - powerbutton - LED indicator.
12. Mark the appropriate tone for the follwing 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.
13. Imagine you are receiving a phone call from the Minister of Education to ask your opinion about introducing a system of having three days online and two days offline classes per week for colleges in the state. Write a conversation comprising at least eight to ten pairs of exchanges between you and the Minister.
14. You are at the Liesure Centre. A stranger approaches you to ask you directions to go to the Church of the Revelation. He said he wants to visit a mall on his way to do some shopping. Give him directions.

15. Talk to your doctor over phone about the backache that has been troubling you for a while. Explain to him the nature of your pain and enquire about a convenient time for a visit. The conversation should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
16. Following the IRSF pattern, rearrange the sentences below:

Sruthi: Is your government doing anything to provide employment?
Sukhvinder: It tries to help small businesses with tax breaks, but it could do a lot more.
What's the situation in Kerala?
Sukhvinder: Yes, it's getting worse. But I think it's a problem in most places, isn't it?
Sruthi: Why? Is unemployment a big problem in Punjab?
Sukhvinder: Actually, no... I am now worried whether I will have my job next month.
Sruthi: Hello, Sukhvinder. It is a long time. How are you?
Sukhvinder: Well, it is an issue, but it's not as bad as a few years ago.
Sruthi: Alcohol causes a lot of problems there. Is it the same in Punjab?
Sukhvinder: I am fine. How are you?
Sruthi: I am good. Hope you got the promotion you were waiting for.
17. Strike a conversation with your hair stylist. Ask him to do a formal hairdo as you are going to appear for a job interview the next day. Follow the IRSF pattern in the conversation that should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
18. You are looking forward to buying a used car and you find the following advertisement in a newspaper. Make a call to the seller. Your conversation should have at least four to six exchanges.
Suzuki Swift (Diesel) available for sale, 2014 model. Interested buyers
may contact: 940000000
( $2 \times 6=12$ Weight)

## PART C <br> Answer Any One

19. Make a lecutre 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 Shqiperrija. 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 'Jamhuru'. 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.
20. Prepare a formal 10 minute oral presentation on the theme "Right to Information" based on the notes given below:


II
Any One of the following
21. Practical I
22. Practical II
( $5 \times 2=10$ Weight)

