

**UNDERGRADUATE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2025****SEMESTER 1 : ENGLISH****COURSE : 19U1CCENG1 : HOMO LOQUENS : EFFECTIVE LISTENING AND SPEAKING***(For Supplementary 2023/2022/2021/2020/2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 60

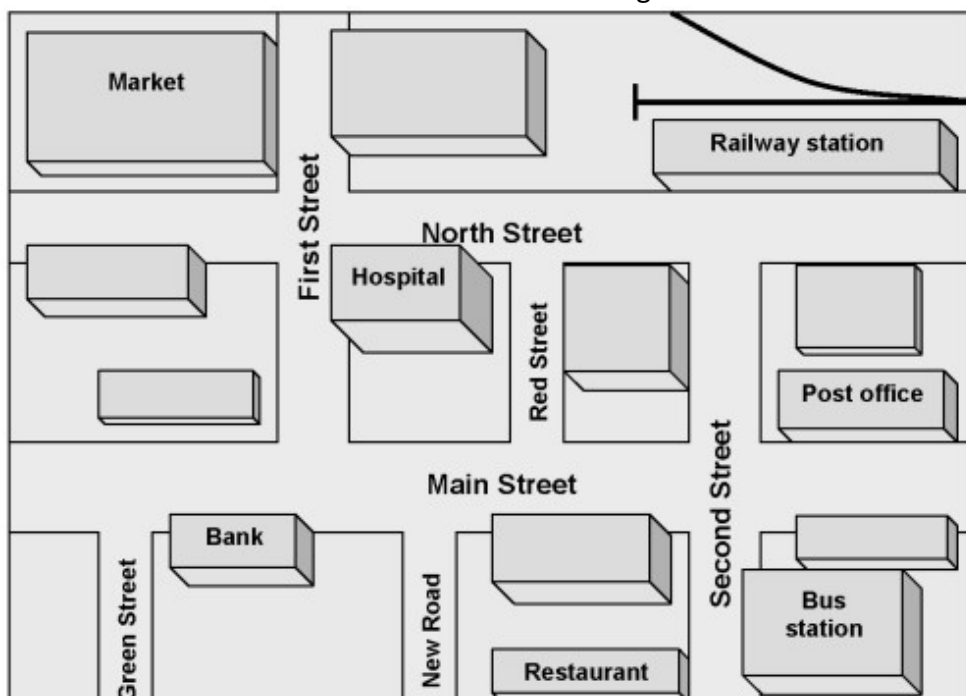
**PART A****Answer all (1 mark each)**

1. Evan is \_\_\_\_\_ tennis coach. He teaches \_\_\_\_\_ tennis to \_\_\_\_\_ students of my school. He is \_\_\_\_\_ extremely good coach. (Insert articles)
2. The waiters of that famous restaurant had served the customers poorly. (Change the voice)
3. Who was the last to leave the office? (Change it into an embedded question)
4. He is very wealthy. He is not happy. (Combine the sentence by using the appropriate conjunction)
5. The chameleon is a relative-----the lizard. It is a reptile. It can be found ----- Africa and Madagascar. You can also find it in some parts of Asia and southern Europe. Some varieties-----chameleons can grow ----- a length of 60 centimeters. However, the most common variety does not grow more than 30 centimeters long. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions)
6. 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)
7. If I had worked harder at school.... (Complete the conditional by using an appropriate clause)
8. The spectators cheered loudly. They were watching the football match. (Combine the sentences by using an appropriate relative pronoun)
9. You had to spoil the evening with a practical joke, -----? (Use the appropriate question tag)
10. 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)

**(1 x 10 = 10)****PART B****Answer any 8 (5 marks each)**

11. 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.
12. You put an advertisement in the classified section to sell your 2006 model Maruti Wagon R car. A prospective buyer has now called you to enquire about it. You want to convince the buyer that it is an excellent deal. Write the transcript of the conversation.
13. Write an imaginary conversation between yourself and a tree which you had planted and which has now grown green.

14. Your friend is alone at home and wants to cook a snack or a simple meal. Give him instructions over phone to cook some simple food item that you know to make. The conversation should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
15. You are at the bank. A stranger approaches and tells you that he wants to travel to his friend's house, which is 120 kilometres away. He wants to go either to the bus station or to the railway station because he does not know from where he gets the earliest vehicle. Give directions.

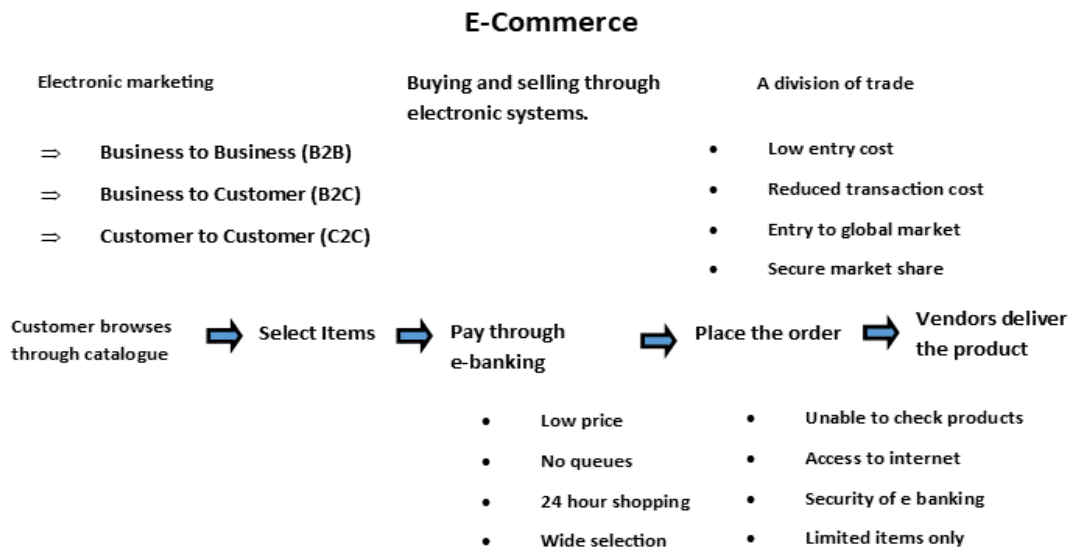


16. One of your classmates has come back after the completion of your college's six-month exchange programme with a French University. Accord him/her a welcome.
17. Write a conversation between your college-going brother/sister and your mother/father regarding your low grades in the exams. Follow the IRSF pattern in the conversation that should ideally have at least four to six pairs of exchanges.
18. Following the IRSF pattern, rearrange the sentences below:  
 Man: Actually, I'm going to the City Hall to cast my vote for mayor.  
 Woman: Well, it looks like we'll be waiting a little longer. I guess, I'll use this time to catch up on my reading.  
 Man: Um, well...I'm still thinking about it.  
 Woman: Here comes a bus now.  
 Woman: Hey, Why didn't you catch your usual bus? Are you heading for your office today?  
 Man: Oh good. Wait, that's not the bus we want. That bus goes downtown.  
 Woman: Oh, what a coincidence. So am I! Who are you voting for?
19. Mark the appropriate tone for the following Sentences:  
 Do you like living in Kochi?  
 When did you arrive last night?  
 You aren't coming to the meeting, are you? (confirmation)  
 You live in Mumbai, don't you? (confirmation)  
 Hari isn't going to be at the party, is he? [clarification]
20. Prepare an announcement based on the following hints. (50 words):  
 "Women and Environmental Education" - National conference – Date: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.  
 Venue: SH College Auditorium. All PG students (girls only) – Welcome – registration started. Fee: Rs. 1000.

(5 x 8 = 40)

**PART C**  
**Answer any 1 (10 marks each)**

21. Prepare a formal 10 minute oral presentation on the theme E-Commerce, based on the notes given below:



22. 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.

**(10 x 1 = 10)**