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**First Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination,  
March 2023**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Language Course – I – English**

**EN 1111.1/EN 1111.2/EN 1111.3 : LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**(Common for B.A./B.Sc. (EN 1111.1), B.Com. (EN 1111.2) &  
Career Related Group 2(a) (EN 1111.3))**

**(2019 Admission Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or sentence.
1. The rate at which our vocal cord vibrates or the frequency of vibration is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Stress is marked by the sign \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Pure vowels in English.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ intonation is used to express requests.
  5. What is RP?
  6. Since letters do not correspond to sounds, English is known as \_\_\_\_\_ Language.
  7. When the listener is actively involved consciously, it is called \_\_\_\_\_ Listening.

8. The influence of mother-tongue while speaking English becomes a barrier called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ are sounds during the production of which air escapes through the mouth freely and continuously without any audible friction.
10. A word with many syllables is called a \_\_\_\_\_ word.

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What is podcasting?
12. What is the difference between Skimming and Scanning?
13. What is Descriptive writing?
14. What is Plagiarism?
15. What is the role of gestures in communication?
16. Explain Netiquette.
17. Mention any four telephone etiquette one must be aware of.
18. What are entropy, redundancy and noise?
19. What are the barriers faced by a second language learner while learning English?
20. What are the major non-verbal cues one must watch out for in communication?
21. How can we improve listening skills?
22. What are diphthongs?

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

23. Complete the conversation given below :

Seena : Hi John! How was the interview?

John : \_\_\_\_\_

Seena : Did they ask you a lot of questions?

John : \_\_\_\_\_

Seena : What was the first question?

John : \_\_\_\_\_

Seena : How many people were there in the panel?

John : \_\_\_\_\_

Seena : Will they take your experience into consideration?

John : \_\_\_\_\_

Seena : Hope you get your dream job, John. All the best!

John : \_\_\_\_\_

24. You are the anchor of the Union Inauguration at your college. Write a script for the same.

25. Prepare a speech motivating students to refrain from drug and substance abuse.

26. Write not less than ten exchanges of a telephone interview you are attending for the post of an HR executive.

27. Write a blog on the rise in atrocities against children.

28. Draft an email to request your Municipality authorities requesting them to install a plastic decomposing unit in your locality.



29. Write a script for a podcast on environmental issues.

30. Edit the passage given below :

Children are our little selves. They are here to remind us that the world has innocence left to make life beautiful. Little meenu is only 3 years old. But she is more sensitive to her Environment than adults. Every day, she takes time to feed the birds and squirrels in her back yard. The last day, she asked a curious question to her mother when she gave her scrambled eggs: "Mamma, are these babies not allowed to be born? Then I don't want them. Their mother will be crying". The mother was not able to answer her. That's how children are. They make us think about things we choose to conveniently forget. Yes, as the poet said, Child is the father of man.

31. You are the General Captain of your college. Prepare the minutes of the meeting conducted to decide about the conduct of the Annual Sports Day.

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any **two** each in about **300** words.

32. Write a paragraph on any **two** of the following :

(a) The World Cup Football

(b) Videogames

(c) Safe Driving

33. Write a telephone conversation between you and your manager regarding applying for a week's leave for a family function.

34. Prepare a speech to be delivered on World Human Rights Day.

35. Prepare a covering letter and a CV for the post of a reporter in a Sports Magazine in response to an advertisement you came across in a newspaper.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**