

**FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2015**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 1A 01—THE FOUR SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following ten bunches of questions :**1** *Blow one's own trumpet* means :

- (a) Play music.
- (b) Destroy the trumpet.
- (c) Praise one's own achievements.
- (d) Increase the pitch.

2 The past participle of become is :

- (a) Become.
- (b) Became.
- (c) Becoming.
- (d) None of these.

3 One of the authors _____ to attend the seminar. (Fill up the blanks with the suitable verb form).

- (a) Plan.
- (b) Are planning.
- (c) Plans.
- (d) Are planned.

4 What kind of a sentence is the following ?*Please buy me the book*

- (a) Interrogative.
- (b) Assertive.
- (c) Imperative.
- (d) Exclamatory.

5 Fill up the blanks with *one* of the following :

Past perfect tense in direct speech changes to _____ in reported speech.

- (a) Past perfect.
- (b) Past perfect continuous.
- (c) Simple past.
- (d) Past continuous.

6 _____ million people all over the world use the English language.

- (a) 350.
- (b) 600.
- (c) 800.
- (d) None of these.

Turn over

- 7 English has vowel sounds.
- (a) Twenty. (b) Twenty four.
(c) Twelve. (d) None of these.
- 8 There are consonant sounds in English.
- (a) Twenty. (b) Twenty four.
(c) Twelve. (d) None of these.
- 9 *Spoken English for India : A Manual of Speech and Phonetics* is a book written by :
- (a) Dharampal & Verma. (b) Nayyar & Sharma.
(c) Bansal & Harrison. (d) None of these.
- 10 *Call it a day* means :
- (a) Name the day. (b) Issue an order.
(c) Stop doing something. (d) None of these.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* questions, each in a sentence or two :

- 11 What are disyllabic words ? Give two examples where they are used as noun as well as verb.
- 12 What are minimal pairs ? Give two examples.
- 13 What are diphthongs ? Give two examples.
- 14 What is IPA ?
- 15 What are phrasal verbs ? Write a sentence using a phrasal verb.
- 16 What is the meaning of the idiom "eat one's words" ?
- 17 Transcribe the following :
- (a) Mayor . (b) Plumber.
- 18 What is RP ?
- 19 What is active voice ? Write a sentence to exemplify it.
- 20 Explain direct and indirect objects with the help of two different sentences.
- 21 Distinguish between a clause and a phrase citing examples.
- 22 Distinguish between the uses of the indefinite articles "a" and "an" ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions in a *paragraph* each :

- 23 Describe content words and function words.
- 24 Points to remember while making notes.
- 25 The advantages of using Emails.
- 26 Points to remember while writing a resume.
- 27 How does one plan to write a report ?
- 28 What kind of expressions is used to make formal and informal requests ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following, each in about 300 words :

- 29 Describe the status of English as a global language.
- 30 Discuss verbal and non-verbal communication in the human world.
- 31 Prepare a model business letter.
- 32 Developing skills to listen to conversations and speeches.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)