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CC15UENG1A01 - THE FOUR SKILLS OF COMMUNICATION

(English- Common Course)

(2015 Admission Onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Choose the right option in the following ten questions:

1. Identify the word "reservoir":

- a) /rezə vwa : / b) /rizə rviə r/ c) /rizə rvɔ ɪ r/ d) /rezə rvɔ ɪ r/

2. The consonant sound in the word "own":

- a) / n/ b) /w/ c) / v / d) a blend of /w/ and / n/

3. The final sound in the word "row" is a -----

- a) consonant b) monophthong c) diphthong d) syllable

4. Communication with other creatures belongs to ----- communication.

- a) mass b) extrapersonal c) intrapersonal d) interpersonal

5. The ability of human beings to identify the features of human language is termed -----

- a) reflexivity b) displacement c) onomatopoeia d) kinesics

6. Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, English and Hindi are among the 9 languages in the world spoken by -----

- a) 10 million to 20 million people b) 30 million to 40 million people c) 70 million to 80 million people d) 100 million to 1000 million people

7. Name the Indian American linguist who classified English in terms of circles.

- a) Bharat Ramalingam b) Braj Kachru c) Kumārila Bhaṭ ṭ a d) Ramaswami Iyer

8. The term-----refers to a linguistic blend of words, in which parts of multiple words, or their sounds and their meanings are combined into a new word.

- a) " portmanteau" b) "onomatopoeia" c) "arpeggio" d) "hieroglyphics"

9. Choose the right word-order for the sentence, "We call Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation "

- a) Subject-Verb-Object b) Subject-Verb- object-Object Complement
c) Subject-Verb- Direct Object- Indirect Object
d) Subject-Verb- Indirect Object-Direct Object

10. "We had to grit our teeth and agree with their conditions because we wanted the contract." What does the italicized expression in the sentence mean?

- a) To consider something under threat
b) To forget past differences
c) To show bitter confrontation
d) To accept a difficult situation and deal with it in a determined way

10 X 1 = 10 Marks

II. Answer in a sentence or two *any ten* of the following questions.

11. Insert or delete articles wherever necessary:

- a) The breakfast is usually served here at 8 am.
- b) The bread is made from the flour.
- c) There is hourly bus service on this route.
- d) French live in France and Portuguese in Portugal.

12. Rectify errors if any in the following sentences:

- a) Twenty miles are not a great distance in these days of rapid travel.
- b) He gave me many good advices.
- c) Many of the furniture is old fashioned.
- d) I did not see him lately

13. Complete the following sentences meaningfully:

- a) What would you have done if you
- b) How long is it since you.....

14. Use the indirect form for the following sentences:

- a) Never live beyond your means.
- b) Don't you like coffee?

15. Change the voice

- a) We heard the teacher give the instruction.
- b) Who teaches you grammar?

16. Use appropriate tense forms of the words given in the brackets:

An emeritus ----- (be) a Roman veteran, a soldier who----- (complete) his term of service and ----- (obtain) his discharge. The term emeritus today ----- (apply) to a clergyman, professor or any other official who ----- (retire) from service because of age, but who still ----- (retain) his rank or title in a nonofficial capacity.

17. Supply the necessary punctuation marks and capital letters in the following passage.

we have lots of phrases with nine in them like a nine days wonder a cats nine lives nine points of the law but very few words yet theres novena a nine days religious devotion and of course november

18. Mark the stress for the following words:

- a)Recur, b) Bamboo, c) Critic, d) Necessary, e) Lament, f) Christmas, g) Machine,h) Jockey

19. Identify the syllables in each of the following words and classify them as Monosyllabic, Disyllabic, Trisyllabic and Polysyllabic words:

- a) Available, b) Right, c) Remainder, d) Alone, e) Economy, f) Policy, g) Measure, h) Quite.

20. Classify the following words into content words and function words:

- a)Auxiliary, b) Used to, c) Nevertheless, d) Despite, e) Little, f) They, g) Article, h) Demonstrate

21. Classify the following words into two groups based on the length of the monophthongs in them.
 a) Putt, b) Curl, c) Rot, d) Always, e) Metre, f) Match, g) Charm, h) Egg, i) Rule,
 j) Book, k) Seal l) Fit

22. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

Much --- Arabia is a rocky and sandy desert, too hot to walk across --- day. Here and there are green spots called Oases --- unfailing springs, and shady ---- date palms and fig trees. Many Arabs live in tents --- the desert, moving --- oasis ---- oasis looking --- grass and water --- their animals and living --- dates and figs.

10 X 2 = 20 Marks

III. Answer any four out of the following questions in a paragraph each.

23. Creativity as an important feature of human language
24. Standard English
25. Difference between listening and hearing
26. Subject and predicate
27. Writing project reports
28. Netiquette

4 X 5 = 20 Marks

IV. Answer any two out of the following questions in about 300 words.

29. Analyse the distinct features involved in the listening process.
30. What are the steps involved in writing a project report
31. "A substantial portion of communication is non-verbal." How far do you agree with this statement?
32. Discuss in detail the typical classes of subject-verb agreement in English

2 X 15 = 30 Marks
