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FIRST SEMESTER DEGREE EXTERNAL EXAMINATION DEC./JAN. 2015 -16

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CC15U ENG1 A01 - THE FOUR SKILLS OF COMMUNICATION

(Common Course for B.Com. /BBA)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

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

1. Identify the word "juice" from the following:
a) /dʒ u: s/ b) /ju: s/ c) /dʒ ju: s/ d) /dʒ jʊ s/
2. Transcribe the following words:
a) Xerox b) Without
3. The final sound in the word "mow" is a -----
a) consonant b) monophthong c) diphthong d) syllable
4. The initial sound in the word "ear" is -----
a) /ɪ ə / b) /ɪ æ / c) /eə / d) /ɪ e/
5. The consonant sound in the word "eyes" is -----
a) /j / b) /s/ c) /j / d) /z/
6. Hearing is a/an ----- activity.
a) voluntary b) involuntary c) deliberate d) wilful
7. In a formal letter the way date is written is -----
a) 12/ 15/ 2015 b) 15/12/2015 c) 2015 December 15 d) December 15 2015
8. A brief description of what the letter is about is known as -----
a) salutation b) the opening c) subject line d) Reference line
9. In a formal letter, the reference code of the writer is followed by-----
a) addressee's address b) salutation c) subject line d) reference code of the recipient
10. ----- is a way of managing information by breaking it down into easily understandable chunks.
a) Dictating notes in class b) Essay writing c) Report writing d) Note-making

(10 X 1 = 10)

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

11. Bring out the difference in the pronunciations of the following pairs of sounds:

12. Describe the meaning of the following idioms by using them in a sentence each

- a) Nutty as a fruitcake
- b) Pass the buck

13. Insert articles wherever necessary:

Saturn was father of Jupiter. Saturn himself was jovial and his period of rule was supposed to be golden age. Feasts celebrating his worship were gay and wild, like our New Year's Eve, from which fact we get *Saturnalia* to mean wild time. However, astrology has given saturnine its gloomy aspect, for persons born under influence of planet Saturn are supposed to be morose and sad.

14. Rectify errors if any in the following sentences:

- a) He is not clever, nor is also is he industrious.
- b) They arrived early so as they might get a good seat.
- c) You may either have an apple or an orange.
- d) She has slept for eight hours last night.

15. Complete the following sentences meaningfully:

- a) He is rather a fool
- b) Much of the countryside.....

16. Use the indirect form for the following sentences:

- a) He said, "Damn it!"
- b) "You had better hurry, Tom", John said.

17. Change the voice

- a) Don't leave him alone.
- b) Are you frightened of spiders ?

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

The powerful Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV once ----- (defy) Pope Gregory VII. The Pope ----- (excommunicate) him, and the Emperor's supporters ----- (begin) to abandon him. Henry IV then ----- (make) a pilgrimage in January, 1077, to the village of Canossa, Italy, where the pope ----- (stay) then. For three days the Emperor ----- (stand) bareheaded and barefoot in the snow and ----- (do) penance until the Pope ----- (receive) him. A "Canossa" ----- (be), therefore, a scene or place of humiliation and submission

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

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in gullivers travels the yahoos are a tribe of brutes having the form of men and embodying all the vices of mankind so yahoo is an uncomplimentary term designating a lout ruffian a brute a degraded specimen of mankind

20. Mark the stress for the following words:

- a) Abuse, b) Ago, c) Motherland, d) Equate, e) Sacrifice, f) Kitchen, g) Patrol,
h) Academic.

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

- a) Syllable, b) Ought to, c) However, d) Sound, e) Them, f) Have-nots, g) Much,
h) Than

22. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

The Barmecides were a wealthy family ----- *The Arabian Nights*. One -----
them invited a beggar ----- a banquet -----which he made a pretence -----
---serving costly food. The beggar fell in -----the joke and pretended to enjoy
the nonexistent dishes. Finally, Barmecide rewarded him ----- a real feast. Thus
Barmecide feast came to mean an illusion ----- plenty.

(10 X 2 = 20)

III. Answer *any four* out of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each.

23. Duality as an important feature of human language
24. Status of English among various languages of the world.
25. Steps to minimise distractions while listening to a speech.
26. Planning a report.
27. Writing a resume.
28. Writing blogs.

(4 X 5 = 20)

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

29. What are the important features of human language?
30. Functions of Communication.
31. Letter writing conventions
32. Write an essay on the consonants in English language

(2 X 15 = 30)