

**UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015****First Semester**

Common Course—English

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH**

[Common for all U.G. Programmes under C.B.C.S.S. except Model III  
B.A. English Literature, Communication and Journalism (Three Main)]

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A***Answer all questions.**Answer the following questions each in a sentence or two.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Why is English called an 'Unphonetic' language ?
2. What are short vowels ?
3. What is a consonant cluster ?
4. What are tip-ridge sounds ?
5. What are lip-teeth sounds ?
6. What are voiceless sounds ?
7. What are the conditions where the letter 'l' is silent ?
8. What is a monosyllabic word ?
9. What is a prefix ?
10. What is word stress ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B***Answer any eight of the following, each in about 50 words.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Write a short note on the art of small talk.
12. What is academic listening ?
13. What is scanning ?
14. What is intensive reading ?
15. What are the expressions for mild disagreement ?

**Turn over**

16. What are the common informal greetings ?
17. What is discussion etiquette ?
18. What are the roles and functions in a group discussion ?
19. What are the useful phrases for closing a conversation ?
20. What is rising intonation ? Give examples.
21. Write the strong forms of the auxiliary verbs.
22. What are contracted forms ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

### Part C

*Answer any six of the following each in about 100 words.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. What are the factors that help us to make predictions while reading ?
24. What is the use of reading critically a text ?
25. What are the purposes of note taking ?
26. Write a short note on fluency and its importance in speech.
27. Write a short note on R.P.
28. Write a short note on American accent.
29. Write a short note on Consonants in English.
30. Distinguish between formal and informal ways of speaking.
31. Write a short note on intonation in commands.

(6 × 4 = 24)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following each in about 300 words.  
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. (a) Imagine that you are participating in a group discussion on 'water pollution' in which there are four participants. Write the discussion.  
(b) Evaluate the group discussion highlighting the strength and weakness of each participant.
33. (a) Write a conversation between you and the health inspector of your area on the health hazards of your village.  
(b) Write a conversation with the principal complaining about the unruly behaviour of your seniors.

34. Construct a discourse along the following lines :

- (a) A tourist guide is describing a tourist place to a tourist.
- (b) Suresh is describing to his friend Sangeeth, visit to a museum.

35. Construct a speech along the following lines :

- (a) A lecture on rain water harvesting.
- (b) A vote of thanks to the invited at a function.

(2 × 15)