

**BA/B.Sc/BCom. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER -2014**  
**FIRST SEMESTER-COMMON COURSE-I (ENGLISH)**  
**ENG1CSE- COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH**

Time: 3 hours

Maximum: 80 marks

**Part A**

*Answer all the following questions in not more than a sentence.*

*Each question carries 1 mark*

1. Write the following words in phonetic symbols/ script.  
a) Card b) chord c) code d) curd
2. Which of the following words have the vowel sound / ɪ /?  
a) bird b) bile c) bias d) birch e) bind f) beside
3. Rewrite the following words marking the stressed syllable with ( ' )  
a) Family b) official c) early d) radio
4. Write the missing words  
Send - sand- sound- signed- seed- seer  
..... - band- .....- .....- .....- beer
5. Mark the stress and tone in the following sentences  
a) Are you angry with me? b) Why don't you leave?
6. Write the contracted forms of the following sentences  
a) I will let you know b) I have never seen a comet
7. How many syllables do the following words have?  
a) traveller b) humidity
8. The phonemic transcription is given. Write the words  
a) hæm b) ʃʊgə
9. What is special about the consonant /p/ in the in the following words?  
a) Receipt b) psalm c) psychology
10. What are syllables?

(10 x 1 = 10)

**Part B**

*Answer any 8 of the following, each in two or three sentences.*

*Each question carries two marks*

11. Identify the vowel sounds in the following phrase and write the corresponding phonemic symbols: *Five foolish friends*
12. List four conversation openers.
13. Transcribe the following sentence: *Don't talk loudly!*
14. Why do you hesitate to express your opinion?
15. When do you use the rising tone? Give examples.

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16. Give two examples of the way in which British English differs from American English.
17. Who is an active listener?
18. What are the points you should have in mind when you take notes?
19. List four sentences that can be used to close a conversation.
20. List four ways of interrupting a conversation politely.
21. What is small talk?
22. Why is English said to be an unphonetic language?

(8 x 2 =16)

### **Part C**

*Answer in a short paragraph of about 100 words on any 6 of the following.  
Each question carries four marks.*

23. You are planning a trip to Delhi. Prepare a telephone conversation which you have to make with the travel agent.
24. Describe how you celebrated a festival with your family.
25. What are the barriers to listening?
26. Describe the three stages involved in making a short formal speech?
27. Give two examples of how the mother tongue influences the way you talk English.
28. Why are group discussions held?
29. A stranger asks for your mobile phone to make an urgent call. Write the conversation between you and the stranger.
30. What is telephone etiquette?
31. Give four sentences for seeking clarification. Why do we need to seek clarifications?

(6 x 4 =24)

### **Part D**

*Answer any two of the following. Each question carries 15 marks*

32. a) Prepare a formal speech to be delivered by the chairman of the college union on the occasion of the inauguration of the college union.  
b) Propose a vote of thanks at the inaugural meeting of the College Youth Festival.
33. a) Write a conversation between you and the president of the residents' association about the cleaning campaign that has been initiated in your colony.  
b) You have applied for the post of an assistant manager in a reputed company. Write the interview that is conducted by the manager over the phone.
34. a) Describe a person who you admire  
b) Describe four reading strategies.
35. a) Imagine you are participating in a group discussion on "child labour" with three other participants. Write the discussion  
b) Evaluate the group discussion based on the strengths and weaknesses of each participant.

(2 x 15 =30)