

**M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science**

**Semester I - Communicative English**

**Internal Examination II - February 2022**

**TIME: 1 HOUR**

**TOTAL MARKS: 20**

**SECTION A READING**

**Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

**SKILLS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WORKPLACE**

Have you got the skills you need for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace?

We need to develop all kinds of skills to survive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Some, like ICT skills and knowledge of the digital world, are taught explicitly in schools in the UK. Here are five less obvious ones for you to think about. These are the sorts of skills that employers may ask you questions about in interviews, so it's a good idea to think about how good you are in these areas. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

**Imagination**

In the age of technology that we are living in now, it is no longer enough to keep on making the same products. Employers need people who can imagine new approaches and new ideas.

Think: Think of an object or gadget you use every day. How could it be improved? Can you think of three improvements?

**Problem solving**

Employers will value workers who are able to see problems before they happen and come up with creative solutions.

Think: Imagine you are organising an event at college. Think of some problems that you could face. Can you think of any solutions?

**Communication Skills**

Workers will have to be good communicators. They will have to be able to negotiate and discuss key issues and also write in a clear way without using too many words.

Think: How do people communicate with each other in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

**Critical analysis**

Employers want workers who are able to recognise the difference between information that can be believed and false information.

Think: Use internet to find out three facts about a celebrity. Can you verify the information by checking other websites?

## Decision making

Individual workers have a growing amount of responsibility. It is important to be able to evaluate a situation and be confident in making a decision.

Think: Which three things could you do to (a) be healthier (b) do better at university and (c) help others? Make a decision now to do at least one of these things. Then...just do it!

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**Q1.** Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

**(1 X 7 = 7 MARKS)**

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase from the box.

analyse information	communicate well	problem solving
good at making decisions	the 21st century	age of technology

(a) Employers are looking for people who can \_\_\_\_\_ well, people who are able to recognise whether the information is reliable or not.

(b) They also like people who are \_\_\_\_\_ without asking for help.

2. Are the sentences true or false?

(a) 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are taught in schools in the UK.

(b) Employers do not want workers to think about possible problems.

3. Find a word in the passage which means '*in a clear and detailed manner*'.

4. Choose the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word.

Here are five less **obvious** ones for you to think about.

a. clear

b. visible

c. hidden

d. bold

5. Which of the skills mentioned in the article do you think is the most important? Why?

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**(1 X 5= 5 MARKS)**

**Q3.** Write a note on the format of a Business Report in 300-400 words.

**(1 X 5= 5 MARKS)**

**Q4.** Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 50 – 100 words and give a suitable title.

**(1 X 3= 3 MARKS)**

Books – best companions – some books entertain – time pass – other books instruct us – enrich knowledge – improve logical thinking – reasoning ability – overall – treasure house of knowledge