

**CROSS RIVER UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,
CENTRE FOR GENERAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017/2018 SESSION
GSS 1101 – USE OF ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS I
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions. TIME: 2Hours**

1.
 - a. Define 'Listening'
 - b. State and explain at least four barriers to effective listening.
2.
 - a. What is vocabulary?
 - b. Briefly explain at least three ways of developing your vocabulary
 - c. Mention 4 important uses of the dictionary.
3. Use the following pairs of words in one sentence in order to bring out their meanings.
 - a. altar alter
 - b. reign rein
 - c. minute minute
 - d. steal steel
 - e. none nun
4. Differentiate between:
 - a. skimming and scanning
 - b. creative and recreational reading
 - c. intensive and extensive reading
 - d. constructive and critical reading
 - e. normal reading and speed reading
5. What is public speaking?
Explain briefly the meaning of:
 - a. Improptu speech
 - b. Extemporaneous speech
 - c. Manuscript speech
 - d. Memory speech
6. Punctuate the following passage.
On her part Jane decided she had had enough this was it she was no longer going to stand this constant bullying as he approached her preparing to launch an onslaught she opened her mouth and let out a piercing scream arrghhh
7. Using either "Son you can't marry her" by Oriri Ekom Oriri or "Consuming Desire" by Ernest Udoh Robert, State
 - a. The theme of each novel
 - b. 2 major characters in each novel.
 - c. 3 moral lessons learnt from reading these novels.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017/2018 SESSION
GSS 1101 – USE OF ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS (USE OF LIBRARY)

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions in this section. TIME: 2Hours

1. is a course of instruction on the use of library and its resources.
2. Using Library of Congress in grouping human knowledge the following letters of alphabets are used to represent what class of knowledge
L, Q
T, H
R....., S
3. One of the reasons for studying library skills in Nigeria universities is
.....
4. Academic Libraries are established to provide materials for.
a)
b)
c)
5. Mention 2 content of a catalogue card that will enable you locate a book in the library
A) B)
6. CRUTECH Library is using classification schemes in the organization of its library materials.
7. The most popularly used reference styles in academic work in Nigeria is
.....
8. The two fundamental function of the university libraries are:
a)
b)
9. A book is divided into main parts
10. Mention one characteristics of reference material
11. department in the library offers services directly to the users.

CENTRE FOR GENERAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2015/2016 SESSION
GSS 1101 – USE OF ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS I
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions. TIME: 3Hours

1. Write a letter to the Dean of Student Affairs, suggesting ways of improving students' welfare in CRUTECH.
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

It seemed that Joe had just about had it with his wife of three years. He no longer thought her attractive or interesting: he considered her a poor housekeeper who was overweight, someone he no longer wanted to live with. Joe was so upset that he finally decided to divorce. But before he served her the papers, he made an appointment with a psychologist for the specific purpose of finding out how to make life as difficult as possible for the wife.

The psychologist listened to Joe's story and then gave his advice: "Well, Joe, I think I've got the perfect solution for you. From tonight when you get home, I want you to start treating your wife as if she were a goddess. That's right, a goddess. I want you to change your attitude towards her completely. Start doing everything in your power to please her. Listen intently to her when she talks about her problems, help around the house, take her out to dinner on weekends. I want you to pretend that she is a goddess. Then, after two months of this wonderful behaviour just pack your bags and leave her. That should get to her!"

Joe thought it was a tremendous idea. That night he started treating his wife as if she were a goddess. He couldn't wait to do things for her. He brought her breakfast in bed and had flowers delivered to her for no apparent reason. They read books to each other at night and Joe listened to her as never before. It was incredible what Joe was doing for his wife. He kept it up for the two full months. After the allotted time, the psychologist gave Joe a call at home. "Joe", he asked, "How is it going? Did you file for divorce? Are you a happy bachelor once again?" "Divorced?" asked Joe in surprise, "You must be kidding! I'm married to a goddess. I'd never leave my wife in a million years. In fact, I'm discovering new, wonderful things about her every single day. Divorce? Not on your life". The Psychologist hung up wearing a knowing smile.

- a. Why did Joe consult the psychologist?
 - b. What did Joe think he would achieve by following the psychologist's advice?
 - c. What is ironical about Joe's answer to the psychologist's question towards the end of the passage?
 - d. From this episode, what do you think had really been wrong with Joe's marriage?
 - e. ".....it was tremendous idea".
 - i. What grammatical name is given to the expression as it is used in the passage?
 - ii. What is its function in the sentence?
 - f. "I'd never leave my wife in a million years"
What figure of speech is contained in the sentence above?
 - g. Why do you think the psychologist "wore a knowing smile?"
 - h. For each of the following words, find another word or phrase which means the same and which can replace it as it is used in the passage.
(i) attractive (ii) upset (iii) solution (iv) wonderful (v) apparent (vi) allotted
3. Mention five (5) barriers to effective listening and how to overcome them.
 4. With one example each, explain the following: (a) subject and predicate (b) phrase and clause (c) dependent and independent clause
 5. (a) What is a topic sentence? (b) Mention five methods/types of paragraph development
 6. (a) Give the meaning of the following reading techniques:
(i) SQ3R (ii) OK4R (iii) CATAPULT (iv) THEIVES

- (b) Name and discuss briefly any four (4) impediments to effective reading.
7. Construct a sentence with each of the following pair of words: (a) suite/suit (b) cut/cot (c) wind/wind (d) wound/wound (e) none/nun (f) striping/stripping (g) hoping/hopping (h) canvas/canvass (i) winning/wining (j) staring starring
8. Rewrite the following with correct punctuation:
- (a) if you go to Cambridge, you must visit the river cam from which the name Cambridge was derived said comfort olu it is very comfortable marlow round which is not very far from the river has a very pleasant park beside it too
- (b) the speaker at fridays meeting of the young farmers club joe ogar bsc msc, phd has just returned from where he did research work in animal husbandry
- (c) mr smith was unhappy had had as usual had a boring day he said to his wife many ive had a boring day and its all your fault but many she always felt like this couldn't be bothered to answer him many he shouted answer me but many remained silent this shouted mr smith is a churchhill said a situation up with which i will not put
9. With reference to any of the two novels you have read in this course, do the following tasks:
- (a) Write the title and author of the novel (b) In two sentences only state: (i) the theme (ii) the moral lesson(s) in the novel (c) Briefly discuss the plot.

SECTION B: LIBRARY SKILLS

1. _____ is one of the fundamental function of the University Library.
2. Library materials are _____ and _____ formats.
3. One of the reasons for study Library Skills in Nigeria universities is _____
4. _____ is concerned with the collection, processing, storage and dissemination of recorded information for the purpose of reading, studying and consultation.
5. Using academic libraries that use LC in grouping human knowledge, the following classes of knowledge are represented by which letters of alphabets.
- (i) Medicine: _____
- (ii) Education: _____
- (iii) Agriculture: _____
- (iv) Sciences: _____
- (v) Technology: _____
- (vi) Social Sciences: _____
6. The most popularly used referencing styles are _____ and _____
7. Identify two basic information contents in a typical card catalogue
- (a) _____ (b) _____
8. Academic Libraries are established to provide opportunity for:
- (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____
9. The most commonly used classification scheme are (a) _____ (b) _____

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions. TIME: 2Hours**

SECTION A

1.
 - a. What is dictionary?
 - b. Mention three types of dictionaries.
 - c. State six uses of a dictionary.
2.
 - a. Define listening
 - b. Discuss four barriers to listening and how to overcome them.
3.
 - a. What is reading?
 - b. Discuss five impediments to speed reading.
 - c. Compare and contrast the following:
 - i. Scanning and Skimming
 - ii. Intensive and Extensive reading
 - iii. Constructive and Creative reading
4. Discuss four types of public speeches, stating the advantages and disadvantages of each.
5. Construct one sentence with each of the following pairs of words:
 - a. Cabbage – garbage
 - b. Canvas – canvass
 - c. Cease – seize
 - d. Compliment – complement
 - e. Access – assess
6. Construct one of the following types of sentences:
 - a. Declarative sentence
 - b. Interrogative sentence
 - c. Imperative sentence
 - d. Simple sentence
 - e. Complex sentence
 - f. Compound sentence
 - g. Compound-complex sentence
7. Put the correct punctuation marks in the following passages:
 - a. i went to a shop this morning mary said to her brother it was crowded but there were some good things to buy i managed to get a couple of dresses quite cheaply
 - b. please tell your sister that her phone is ready for collection weve finished the repairs you had better remind her that we close at five oclock the man said to me
8. With reference to the novel you have reviewed in this course, do the following tasks:
 - a. Write the title and author of the novel.
 - b. Briefly discuss the major theme(s).
 - c. Give a summary of the plot.
 - d. What moral lessons did you learn from the story?

USE OF LIBRARY SKILLS SECTION

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INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

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 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Using Library of Congress in grouping human knowledge the following letters of alphabets are used to represent what class of knowledge
 - Q, T
 - H, L
 - S....., R
3. The three main departments in the library are: a)
b) c)
4. The fundamental function of the university libraries are:
 - a.
 - b.
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