



# Indian Institute of Information Technology Sri City, Chittoor

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## **Essential English** **End-Sem Exam (Set1) - UG1**

**Date: 04/04/2022**

**30 Marks**

**Duration: 90min.**

### **1. Read the following article and answer the questions below. 5 marks**

There is plenty of empirical evidence indicating that the more contact you have with people on your team or in your division, the more productive you are, the more innovative you are and the broader the range of considerations in making a decision. There is some research from the University of Pennsylvania that tracks out distance and number of interpersonal interactions. If you're within 5 meters of someone, you have a fairly high frequency of interpersonal interactions.

If you're 100 meters away, you may as well be in Utah. You're going to send email and you might call occasionally, but you just have very few interactions. So, if sharing ideas and working collaboratively is an important part of job design for you, putting people in places where they will interact with one another becomes important.

Now, here's where personality comes in. There are some folks who don't like that. There are some folks who like having a desk, who like having something they can call their own. And there are people who will put up with not having something to call their own if they feel they're working toward a greater goal.

Steelcase [a workplace furnishings, services and products company] has a headquarters in western Michigan, and they don't have divisions or departments. They have tribes, and those tribes are composed of people with certain skill sets. You can belong to two or three tribes at once, and you may spend your time with one tribe and move on to another task that involves primarily people from a different tribe. You can work from a lounge. You can work from a cube. You can work from the cafeteria. You can work from Starbucks.

There is a lesson here for people and it is this: an organization is not going to change its values to accommodate you. You changing your values to accommodate them will be painful. So get on the right horse to begin with. Find an organization whose values parallel your own. You will be more successful. You will be more rewarded. You will feel more as though you are appreciated under those circumstances.

**Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.**

- a. How is productivity linked to contacts?
- b. Why does it mention that personality is a defining factor in productivity?
- c. How is the composition of Steelcase significant in increasing interaction?
- d. What is the suggestion given in the article regarding balancing the individual and institutional value system?
- e. Title the article and justify why is it a suitable title for this article

**2. Write down questions to get the underlined segments as the answer. 5 marks**

- a. Seena bought her new car last month.
- b. Pranav studies in Hyderabad.
- c. She will take a few more hours to reach.
- d. I come from Chittoor.
- e. Chris wanted to go to Shimla.

**3. For students studying in the higher secondary classes, the PT class must be cancelled and instead those hours can be given to the maths and science teachers to either complete portions or revise the portions taught. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons in support of your choice supporting them with examples drawn from real life. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words. 5 marks**

**4. Write a paragraph not exceeding 120 words on your favorite place in your hometown. 5 marks**

**5. Fill in the missing words. Choose the best answer. 5 marks**

- a. You can.....my surprise when I heard the news. (suppose/ think/ imagine/believe)
- b. Many of the earliest.....into the United States established large plantations. (exiles/ immigrants/ emigrants/ entrants)
- c. The judge said that he was.....by the high standards of performance by the riders. (excited/ impressed/ interested/imposed)
- d. We paid the shopkeeper.....cash. (in/on/by/with)
- e. The crowd stared at the giant and the dwarf as if they were.....monsters. (credulous/ incredible/ incredulous/ creditable)

**6. Write a dialogue on the following topic with at least 10 responses. 5 marks**  
A dialogue between a house-wife and a hawker