

NMAM INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NITTE

(An Autonomous Institution affiliated to VTU, Bolagavi)

First Semester B.E. (Credit System) Degree Examinations

April - May 2019

18HU105 - ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Duration: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

Note: 1) Q. 1 in Unit - I and Q. 4 in Unit II are compulsory

2) Answer Q. 2 or 3 from Unit - I

3) Answer Q. 5 or 6 from Unit - II

4) Answer Q. 7 or 8 from Unit - III

Unit - I

	Marks	BT*	CO*	PO*
a) Transcribe the words (i to v) into IPA and mark the stress. Also identify the words (vi to x).				
i) Pen ii) Flight iii) Rose iv) Judge v) Sun				
vi) /prompt/ vii) /misinterpret/ viii) /reel/ ix) /germ/ x) /start/	05	L*3	1	12
b) Describe the differences you find between British and American accents that you have studied.	05	L5	1	12
c) What are the different types of tones? Give examples.	05	L2	1	12
d) What do you know about word stress? Explain the rules of word stress with examples.	05	L2	1	12
a) Infer the term 'Communication'. How does it take place?	05	L3	2	9,11
b) 'Spoken Communication is different than Written Communication.' Prove this statement by differentiating them.	05	L4	2	9,11
c) Describe 'Telephone Etiquette'. List out the common telephone manners.	05		2	9,11
d) Make note of the important things to be kept in mind while giving information on the phone.	05		2	9,11
a) 'Communication is not always successful, it has its barriers.' Comment on the barriers of communication.	05	L3	2	9,11
b) Turn into polite requests or offer help (using Can, Could or Do you mind):				
i) Borrow the book, (To a stranger).				
ii) Post the letter at the post office, (Senior Colleague to Junior).				
iii) Help me with the dishes, (Mother to daughter).				
iv) Assist you with preparing the presentation, (Junior Colleague to Senior).				
Explain this topic to me once again, (Student to Teacher).	05	L4	2	9,11
c) 'Telephone Communication has advantages and disadvantages.' List them.	05	L1	2	9,11
d) Explain the preparations undertaken before a business call.	05	L2	2	9,11

Unit - II

a) Write a letter of application along with a resume for the following advertisement. Candidates with a minimum qualification of Ph.D. for the post of Assistant Professor (Aerospace Engineering) with a minimum experience of 2 years. Should possess excellent interpersonal skills and have a flair for teaching.	10	L2	4	2, 5, 11
b) List out the necessities in a welcome address	05	L2	4	2, 5, 11
c) Draft a vote of thanks speech for the Annual Music Fete in your college. Choose any well-known music personality as the chief guest	05	L3	4	2, 5, 11

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5. a) Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do.

Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly, the most common argument in favour of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

- i) What do you infer from the passage?
- ii) What is the most fascinating aspect of dolphins?
- iii) Give a suitable title to the passage.
- iv) Give the antonym of the word 'probable' by adding a suitable prefix.
- v) Find the one-word substitute for the phrase 'a higher level' from the passage.

- b) Compose a précis of the above passage.

- c) 'Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats is better than other methods.' Substantiate.
- d) 'The Cockroach is a poem with the touch of Karma rooted inside.' Prove.

6. a) Do as directed:

Rewrite using suitable prepositions:

- i) I'm looking _____ my wallet. Have you found it?
- ii) The ambulance carried the patient and raced _____ the streets.
- iii) He was living in 'Park Avenue' just _____ the road.

Rewrite using suitable articles:

- iv) I was thinking of buying _____ attractive vehicle.
- v) He developed into _____ honest man.
- vi) Sarcasm is _____ heart of writers.

Give suitable question tags:

- vii) It's warm and sunny today.
- viii) Look at the mountains flying by.

Rewrite with the proper form of the verb given:

- ix) I _____ to the speech of the Director of an IIT. (be + listen)
- x) Do you still _____ at the basketball club? (play)

- b) 'Headache' is an element of school days. Write briefly about it.

- c) The poem 'Telephone Conversation' is a cry of the oppressed. Comment.

Compose an essay in 500 words on 'My world, My dreams.'
 Refute the following statement, 'Education comes with a price.'
 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linkers given below:
 (however, although, until, so that, unless)
 'It is easy to teach English', say some;
 the class, they feel under-prepared. _____ when it comes to
 has life experiences brought into them, it is futile. This is done
 _____ literary sensibility is brought to the forefront.
 _____, engineers strive for excellence at every thought, they
 miss out on the touch of life. _____ this is driven upon, we
 can still say, 'English is easy.'

10 L6 5 2,3,6,12
 05 L5 5 2,3,6,12

Give an appropriate title and write an essay in 500 words on a
 person who has influenced your life.

05 L3 5 2,3,6,12

'It is good to think of oneself and then of others.' Refute this
 statement.

10 L6 5 2,3,6,12

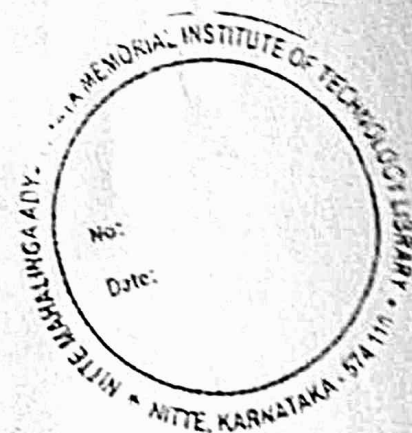
Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linkers given below:
 (though, therefore, as a result of, seldom, while)

05 L5 5 2,3,6,12

Football is good; _____ which it is being played by 2 out
 of every 3 students in Brazil. _____ not a well-to-do
 country, Brazil has given great stars to the game: Pele, Ronald and
 others. _____ it makes them idols. _____ the game is
 passion. _____ do they formally learn to play it.

05 L3 5 2,3,6,12

Bloom's Taxonomy, L* Level; CO* Course Outcome; PO* Program Outcome



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Second Semester B.E. (Credit System) Degree Examinations

Make up/Supplementary Examinations – July 2019

18HU105 / 17HU114 - ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

Note:

- Q.1 in Unit - I is compulsory
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- Q.4 in Unit II is compulsory
- Answer Q.5 or 6 in Unit - II
- Answer Q.7 or 8 in Unit - III

Unit - I

1. a) Transcribe the words (i to v) and mark the primary stress
 i) Measure ii) Special iii) Flight iv) Ask v) Opt
 Write the words (vi to x) from IPA to English.
 vi) /tæn/ vii) /ə'trækt/ viii) /kæn'ti:n/ ix) /'ju:nɪən/ x) /tɜ:n/
- b) Which part of the word is stressed in compound words? Give a few examples to substantiate.
- c) Auxiliaries have their normal weak forms and strong forms. Explain the statement citing examples.
- d) What is the use and importance of Phonetics?

Marks BT* CO* PO*

05 L*3 1 12

05 L2 1 12

05 L2 1 12

05 L1 1 12

05 L1 2 9,11

05 L2 2 9,11

05 L2 4 2,5,11

2. a) Which are the qualities desirable to be a good communicator?
- b) Classify and discuss the barriers of communication.
- c) What kind of preparation is required before making professional calls?
- d) Write an appropriate response in each of the below situations over the telephone call

i. You can't hear the other person.

ii. You want him/ her to repeat something.

iii. He/ She is speaking too fast.

iv. You are struggling to hear the other person.

v. You have had difficulty in understanding the last name of the person.

05 L2 4 2,5,11

05 L1 2 9,11

05 L2 2 9,11

05 L1 4 2,5,11

05 L3 4 2,5,11

3. a) Define communication and explain the difference between Spoken and Written Communication?
- b) What is semantic barrier? How can poor knowledge of language lead to ineffective communication?
- c) Write briefly on the ground work required before a formal telephone communication.
- d) Is telephone communication advantageous or disadvantageous? Elucidate.

Unit - II

4. a) Write a letter of application along with a well drafted and relevant Resume for the advertisement given below.
 Input Zero Technologies Pvt. Ltd (www.inputzero.com), an IT service based organization.
 We are currently looking for B.E./MCA Fresher with excellent coding skills.
 Qualification: B.E./ MCA; Good Analytical Skills; Good in Communication; Ready to relocate as per project requirement within India or Outside India

10 L2 5 2,3, 6,12

- b) When proposing a vote of thanks what are the requirements to be kept in mind?
- c) Draft a speech to welcome the basket ball players from other colleges for a national level tournament at your college campus.
5. a) Many people suffer health issues related to malaria. It is recognized that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp, but because the static water is the breeding place of the mosquitoes which begin their life as a larva in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in static water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools. And by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a film of kerosene oil which by depriving the larva of air, kills them.
1. Where does Malaria seldom occur?
2. Which water breeds mosquitoes?
3. Find the antonym of 'rarely' from the passage.
4. How can we destroy the mosquitoes carrying malaria?
- b) Write a précis of the above passage.
- c) Of the six hats, which is the most important one? Why?
- d) What is the reason for the cockroach's restlessness?
6. a) Rewrite the sentences following the applicable instruction.
- i) **Add appropriate article.**
- a) I am ____ university student.
- b) I would love to talk to one of ____ managers.
- c) One of the students said, "____ professor is late today."
- ii) **Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb.**
- a) My mother ____ in a college (teach).
- b) It is not worth ____ so much money for this concert. (pay)
- c) Before leaving for the US, Anil ____ farewell to all his relatives (bid).
- iii) **Add suitable suffix/ prefix for the word in bracket and complete the sentence.**
- a) The film was so ____ that we left before the end. (bore)
- b) The student had paid the fine so it was ____ to deny him admission. (logical).
- iv) **Add appropriate preposition**
- a) We should not spend money ____ luxuries.
- b) I don't like walking alone in the street ____ night.
- b) How did the drill inspector tackle the students who falsely complained of a 'splitting headache'?

- c) Why is the landlady dumbfounded by the second episode of silence?

05 L2 3 1,4,
7,8,
10,12

Unit – III

7. a) Write an essay in 500 words on the following topic:

Popularity of sports in India

10 L2 5 2,3,
6,12

- b) Refute the following statement:

Internet use by children should be censored

05 L2 5 2,3,
6,12

- c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate linkers given below and rewrite the completed sentences. (*as well as, after, though, while, in spite of, but*)

- 1) the rains stopped, I went for a walk.
- 2) He went out he had finished work.
- 3) They robbed a bank ... a post office.
- 4) I was driving home I saw a terrible accident.
- 5) Maria did not get a promotion her qualifications.

05 L1 5 2,3,
6,12

8. a) Compose an essay in 500 words on the following topic:

The disadvantages of smartphones

10 L2 5 2,3,
6,12

- b) Refute the following statement:

The penalty for drunk driving should be jail time

05 L2 5 2,3,
6,12

- c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate linkers given below and rewrite the completed sentences. (*in order to, due, so, so that, so as to, however, because*)

- 1) Our flight was cancelled....bad weather.
- 2) He works very hard...get a promotion.
- 3) I got up late this morning....I had to take a taxi.
- 4) We crept out of the house....my father wouldn't notice us.
- 5) The book is interesting...the film is boring.

05 L1 5 2,3,
6,12

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November - December 2019

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Unit – I

Marks

1. a) Transcribe the following into IPA and mark the Primary Stress (i-v) and transcribe the words from IPA into English (vi-x).
i) Van ii) Engineer iii) Reader iv) Educate v) Special
vi) /'gæʊld/ vii) /'nʌmbə/ viii) /mæ'ʃi:n/ ix) /'meʒə/ x) /dɪ'mɒkrəsi/
b) What is rhythm and tone in English language? 5
c) Discuss the problem sounds in English with examples. 5
d) List out the normal weak forms and strong forms of Auxiliary verbs. 5
2. a) List out the various forms of greeting people. 5
b) Discuss the barriers to communication. 5
c) What are the preparations for a business call? 5
d) Discuss the etiquette for telephone communication. 5
3. a) Which is the most common expression for requests? Give a formal and informal situation and response for a request to pass a glass of water. 5
b) What is useful before asking for permission? Give a few expressions to deny permission. 5
c) List out the advantages and disadvantages of telephone as a medium of communication. 5
d) Explain the stages of a telephone call. 5

Unit – II

4. a) Write a letter of job application for the post of Financial Analyst in Finalys Corp, Mumbai. Attach your resume. 10
b) What are the things to be kept in mind while proposing a vote of thanks? 5
c) Prepare a farewell speech to be delivered on retirement of one of your teachers. 5
5. a) Read the passage and answer the questions below:
Sir Isaac Newton had the prescience to appreciate that his study of natural phenomena was of great import to the scientific community and for society as a whole. It is because of Newton's work that we currently understand the effect of gravity on the earth as a global system. As a result of Newton's investigation into the subject of gravity, we know today that geological features such as mountains and canyons can cause variances in the earth's gravitational force. Newton must also be acknowledged for the realization that the force of gravity becomes less robust as the distance from the equator diminishes due to the rotation of the earth as well as the declining mass and density of the planet from the equator to the poles.
i) What is the main purpose of the author?
ii) What was the main contribution of Sir Isaac Newton?
iii) What are the implications of the variations in earth's geological features?
iv) Why does the force of gravity change from the equator to the poles?

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- b) Write a precis of the above passage.
 c) Discuss Ambedkar's views on how democracy should be maintained?
 d) How did the drill inspector tackle the students who falsely complained of a 'splitting headache'?
6. a) Rewrite the following sentences as directed:
 Insert appropriate prepositions
 i) It isn't good _____ health.
 ii) He went _____ meet the King.
 iii) She has been living _____ bread and water since the past week.

Add appropriate articles

- iv) Gold is _____ precious metal.
 v) Honest boys speak _____ truth.
 vi) He looks as stupid as _____ owl.

Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs in the brackets.

- vii) Ravi _____ (be) recommended for the job.
 viii) Fishermen _____ (live) by the sea.

Add appropriate question tags.

- ix) They live in the new house.
 x) I haven't finished the work.
- b) According to Narayan, what does a headache mean for the following people?
 i) a mother-in-law ii) a husband iii) a school-going child
- c) Why does the poet use the word 'giant' to describe the cockroach?

Unit – III

7. a) Write an essay in 500 words on the following topic:
 Engineering and Human Welfare
 b) Refute the following statement:
 Development and sustainability cannot go hand in hand.
 c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate linkers given below and rewrite the completed sentences.
 (Despite, because, therefore, yet, moreover, on the other hand)
 i. We were delayed by an hour; _____, we were allowed to get in.
 ii. Sangita was not allowed to sing _____ she had not registered.
 iii. _____ the heavy rains, the water bodies weren't full.
 iv. Homework was pending; _____ they had to clean up the room.
 v. The teacher was out, _____ the children created hullabaloo.
8. a) Write an essay in 500 words on the following topic:
 Education and the Scientific Outlook
 b) Refute the statement: Students should not get into politics.
 c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate linkers given below and rewrite the completed sentences.
 (though, however, while, on the other hand, in spite of)
 i. Aloysius was appointed a few months ago; _____ he quit the job last week.
 ii. I never scolded him _____ he deserved more than a scolding.
 iii. The Committee found him suitable _____ his inaccuracies.
 iv. Apples, peaches and oranges were costly, _____ bananas and mangoes were cheaper.
 v. the children played, they saw an elephant.