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 (An Autonomous Institution affiliated to VTU, Belagavi)  
**First/Second Semester B.E. (Credit System) Degree Examinations**  
**Make up/Supplementary Examinations – September 2021**  
**20HU105/17HU114 – ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

Duration: 3 Hours

*Note: Answer any Five full questions.*

Max. Marks: 100

	Marks	BT*	CO*	PO*
1. a) Transcribe the words (i to v) into IPA and mark the stress. Also identify the words (vi to x).				
i) ask                      ii) seat                      iii) math                      iv) paper                      v) day				
vi) /nart/                      vii) /'fju:tʃə/                      viii) /bʌs/                      ix) /'fɪzɪks/                      x) /væn/	05	L*3	1	12
b) Describe Word Stress. State any four rules with examples.	10	L2	1	12
c) Point out the differences between British and American Accents.	05	L5	1	12
2. a) 'Communication faces barriers'. Justify the statement by elucidating the barriers with suitable examples.				
b) List out a useful phrase for each of the following:	05	L6	2	9,11
i) Introducing oneself				
ii) Introducing your senior				
iii) Making a request for a quote before purchasing				
iv) When meeting for the first time being introduced				
v) Responding to a greeting				
c) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of Telephone as a medium of communication.	05	L4	2	9,11
d) What preparations are necessary before a business call?	05	L2	2	9,11
	05	L1	2	9,11
3. a) Spoken and Written communication have differences. Point them out.	05	L2	2	9,11
b) Expound the essentials of Effective Communication.	05	L4	2	9,11
c) List the stages of a telephone call with useful phrases.	05	L1	2	9,11
d) What will you say in the following situations during a telephone conversation?				
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	L3	2	9,11
4. a) Compose a Letter of Application along with a Resume for the following advertisement. Candidates with a qualification of MTech required for the post of Junior Engineer (Telecom) with a minimum experience of 2 years. Should possess team skills and should be able to manage the workforce.	10	L6	4	2, 5,11
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b) Explicate each stage of a formal speech with its factors.	10	L3	4	5, 11

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In other European countries, it is always possible, in the class, to speak English if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher, you can learn in a more concentrated way even in India than being in Britain.

So, in conclusion, if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

- Describe the greatest advantage of listening to language.
- Explain a good way to learn English in India.
- List out ways to maximize opportunities to learn English.
- Give the antonym of 'worsen' from the passage.
- Give the synonym of 'expand' from the passage.
- Give the one-word substitute for 'not of high cost'.
- This is an \_\_\_\_\_ situation. (suffix of advantage).

10 L4 3

- b) "... not to lay down our liberties at the feet of a great man, or trust him with power which enable him to subvert their institutions."  
 Explain this statement with reference to Ambedkar's speech.

05 L4 3

- c) Illuminate why the poet has given human characteristics to the cockroach.

05 L2 3

6. a) Do as directed:

Rewrite using suitable prepositions:

- Ram came \_\_\_\_\_ we finished dinner.
- The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.
- He has lived here \_\_\_\_\_ 1995.

Rewrite using suitable articles:

- Sita is \_\_\_\_\_ most clever lady.
- It takes \_\_\_\_\_ medal in the games to feel proud.
- I submitted my project to \_\_\_\_\_ professor we met last week.

Give suitable question tags:

- Let's complete the game.
- Latha is selfish about others.

Rewrite with the proper form of the verb given:

- I \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to the goalkeeper. (have + kick)
- They still \_\_\_\_\_ to the team. (belong)

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	b)	'Headache is essential to maintain human relationship in working order.' In what way can this statement be authorized?	05	L6	3	1,4, 7, 8, 10,12
						1,4, 7, 8, 10,12
	c)	Soyinka uses satire in 'Telephone Conversation.' Comment.	05	L5	3	1,4, 7, 8, 10,12
						1,4, 7, 8, 10,12
7.	a)	Write an essay in about 500 words on 'Violent video games make people more violent in life.'	10	L6	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12
	b)	'Being honest never pays off.' Refute this statement in 100 words.	05	L6	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12
	c)	<b>Arrange the sentences into a paragraph by adding appropriate linkers and underline the linkers:</b> 1. Many do not understand it. 2. The prime motive of education is the development of an individual. 3. As an Adult, it should be shared to continue the cycle. 4. Leading a youthful life, this knowledge is perceived. 5. As a child, enormous knowledge is assimilated.	05	L3	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12
8.	a)	Compose an essay in about 500 words on 'Dependency on Mobile Phones among the present generation.'	10	L6	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12
	b)	Refute in 100 words the statement 'Failure is a stepping stone to success.'	05	L6	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12
	c)	<b>Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linkers given below:</b> (initially, because, though, finally, when) We were late one night and reached Victoria Terminus to take a train home. _____, the platforms were very crowded. We were so tired _____ of the movie we had watched the previous night at Minerva and went to sleep. Suddenly, we heard loud noises of gunfire. _____ we opened our eyes; people were running helter-skelter. _____ the gunfire came near, we sat on the bench without moving. _____, the whole ordeal was over within a minute. We were horrified by the scene around us at the station.	05	L3	5	2,3, 6,12
						2,3, 6,12

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

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