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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course – I – English

EN 1111.1/EN 1111.2/EN 1111.3 : LISTENING, SPEAKING AND READING

**(Common for B.A./B.Sc. (EN 1111.1), B.Com. (EN 1111.2) & Career Related
2(a) (EN 1111.3)**

(2016 – 2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentences.
 1. What is a voiceless sound?
 2. What is scanning?
 3. How many vowel sounds are there in English language?
 4. How many syllables are there in the word 'Phonetics'?
 5. What annoyed the ladies-in-waiting?
 6. Write the syllabic structure of the word 'law'.
 7. Where does the action of the play 'The Brink of Silence' take place?
 8. Write a word in which /h/ is silent.

9. Write the phonetic symbol that stands for the letters 'ere' in the word 'there'.
10. What is intonation?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. Comment on the title 'The Dear Departed'.
12. Write about the linguistic or semantic barriers to listening.
13. Transcribe the following words Pay, Boot.
14. What roles do graphics and visual aids play in promoting reading?
15. What is extensive reading?
16. Imagine that you are at the enquiry counter of a railway station. Prepare a dialogue between you and the information officer.
17. Word stress.
18. Write about the relationship between Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert.
19. Write about the character of Mr. Gaultier.
20. What are diphthongs? List them with examples.
21. Write polite requests for the following (a) asking for another glass of water (b) enquiring for the way to the nearest hospital.
22. What is skimming? Give two examples.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer any **six** questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
23. Write about the classification of sounds in English RP.
24. Strong forms and weak forms
25. Write about the setting of the one act play 'The Brink of Silence' by Esther E Galbraith.
26. Transcribe the following words: save, zoo, nice, bath, smooth, cheap.
27. Complete the following conversation given below.

A: Good afternoon, Sir! How can I help You?

B: _____

A: Please come over here, Sir. Let me see your shoe size. Would you be interested in formal or casual shoes?

B: _____

A: _____

B: Puma is the one I am using now. Its durable and comfortable to wear.

A: _____

B: But this doesn't have enough cushioning to protect my feet besides the colour is bit gaudy.

A: _____

B: Yeah, these shoes are good and the colour is also nice. How much do they cost?

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: You are welcome.

28. Scan the following poem and find answer to the following questions

I went down to the river,

I set down on the bank.

I tried to think but couldn't,

So I jumped in and sank.

I came up once and hollered

I came up twice and cried!

If that water hadn't a-been so cold

I might've sunk and died.

But it was Cold in that water! It was cold!

I took the elevator

Sixteen floors above the ground.

I thought about my baby

And thought I would jump down.

I stood there and I hollered!

I stood there and I cried

If it hadn't a-been so high

I might've jumped and died.

But it was High up there! It was high!

So since I'm still here livin',

I guess I will live on.

I could've died for love—

But for livin' I was born

Though you may hear me holler,

And you may see me cry—

I'll be dogged, sweet baby,

If you gonna see me die.

Life is fine! Fine as wine! Life is fine!

- (a) Why does the speaker go to the river?
- (b) What prevents the speaker from jumping down?
- (c) Comment on the lines 'I could've died for love, But for livin' I was born'
- (d) Suggest a suitable title for the poem.

29. Read the passage intensively and answer the following questions

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally, they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

- (a) How did Magellan lose the king's favour?
 - (b) What was in Magellan's mind when he set sail for Spain with five ships?
 - (c) How did Magellan die?
 - (d) What is the significance of Magellan's voyage?
30. What happened to the expedition of Gilbert Dorton?
31. Write about the deviations of Indian English from Received Pronunciation?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** each in about **300** words.

32. Writing about the different stages of listening and the barriers that affect it.
33. Describe organs of speech and their functions.
34. Write about the methods to improve your reading skills.
35. A family of four is planning the daughter's birthday. Construct the conversation between them.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)