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**First Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination, June 2022**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Language Course – I – English**

**EN 1111.1/EN 1111.2/EN 1111.3 : LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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

**(2020 Admission Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. What is entropy?
  2. Name two non-verbal cues.
  3. Which is the standard form of English used in BBC?
  4. What are Consonants?
  5. Identify the sounds underlined in the following words :  
(a) king (b) Think
  6. Mark stress in the following Words :  
(a) kindness (b) pity
  7. What is CV?
  8. What is a blog?
  9. What do you mean by gestures?
  10. What is netiquette?

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

- II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.
11. Distinguish between verbal and non-verbal communication.
  12. Explain entropy, redundancy and noise.
  13. Why is listening considered to be a conscious activity?
  14. What is intonation? Explain different intonation patterns with examples.
  15. What are the four main types of writing?
  16. How is a formal letter different from an informal letter?
  17. What are the different segments you should bear in mind while writing reports?
  18. Differentiate between intensive and extensive reading.
  19. Mention some barriers to effective reading.
  20. Give a brief description of the format of writing minutes.
  21. How can you successfully introduce yourself at a job interview?
  22. What is the role of eye contact in communication?
  23. Explain strong form and weak form of words with examples.
  24. Differentiate between pitch and intonation.
  25. Write a paragraph on different forms of editing.
  26. Mention some means to improve effectiveness in academic writing.
- (8 x 2 = 16 Marks)**

III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

27. Complete the conversation given below :

Raju : Excuse me sir, when is the next train to New Delhi today?

Station Master : \_\_\_\_\_

Raju : \_\_\_\_\_

Station Master : Yes, there is a train at five o'clock in the morning tomorrow.

Raju : That's great, \_\_\_\_\_

Station Master : Yes, you can do the booking right away.

Raju : \_\_\_\_\_

Station Master : Of course, we offer accommodation.

Raju : \_\_\_\_\_

Station Master : The rent varies according to the facilities offered. What kind of room do you need?

Raju : \_\_\_\_\_ How can I go to the dormitory?

Station Master : \_\_\_\_\_

Raju : \_\_\_\_\_

28. You are asked to anchor the Merit Day celebrations of your college. Prepare a script for the same.
29. Prepare a speech on Post-covid situation in the field of education.
30. You are the fine-arts secretary of your college. You would like to bring a celebrity artist for the Arts Festival as chief guest and you are talking to him/her over telephone. Prepare at least ten exchanges between you and the artist.
31. Write a blog on the traffic problems in your district.
32. You are interested to begin a startup company. Write an email to Kerala Startup Mission enquiring about the financial assistance you could avail for this business enterprise.
33. Write a script for a podcast on the analysis of a movie you have watched recently.
34. Edit the passage given below :

In developing countries, child marriage still exist and is responsibility for ruining many lives. Similarly, dowry is a very serious and common social issue that almost all classes of people partake in. Another prominent social issues is gender inequality which take away many opportunity from deserving people. Domestic violence especially against women are a serious social issue we must all fight against.
35. Prepare minutes of a meeting conducted by the Nature Club of your college in relation to the World Environmental Day. Imagine you are the coordinator of this Club.
36. Write a report on a proposal for organizing a theatre workshop.
37. Write a letter to your uncle giving him a description of your class project.
38. Prepare notes for the following passage :

Body speaks more eloquently than words. People comprehend through observing the speaker rather than merely listening to the words spoken loudly. Soft skills are about working on your personality, your behaviour patterns, your communication skills and inter-personal skills. You may not be getting grades for



your soft skills as against your hard skills which involve direct evaluation methods. Soft skills become more crucial because it involve your emotional and social intelligence as well.

Soft skills are developed over a period of time, through life situations and social interactions. Nature and nurture play equally important roles in this context. As an adult, one can improve one's life skills by becoming aware of one's self and working towards correcting them. Soft skills can be developed through constant practice and repeated patterns of behavior will get ingrained into a person's character.

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any **two** each in about three hundred words :

39. Write a paragraph on any two of the following :

- (a) College life
- (b) India as a nation
- (c) Online education

40. Employability Centre in your district is making a massive appointment drive. You make an enquiry with the employment officer about the kind of vacancies available according to your qualification and experience. Write the conversation.

41. Write a speech on the topic "Eco-tourism."

42. You would like to apply for the post of marketing executive in a top rated company. Prepare a cover letter and CV to apply for the same.

43. You are interviewing a famous sports person for the weekend edition of a news paper. Write the possible conversation.

44. You have been asked to write a report of the cultural fest held in your hometown recently for a leading daily. Write out the report, along with a suitable title.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**