

# B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

Autonomous Institute Affiliated to VTU

## May 2023 Semester End Main Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Common to all Branches**

**Course Code: 21MA1HSCEN**

**Course: COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH**

**Semester: I**

**Duration: 2hrs.**

**Max Marks: 50**

**Date: 25.05.2023**

### Instructions:

1. Answer all the questions.
2. Internal choice is provided in Unit I and Unit V

### UNIT I

**I Answer the following in about 250 words. 10**

- 1 Explicate different types of barriers to communication that affect the process of communication.

**OR**

- 2 Elucidate the significance of *Kinesics*, *Proxemics*, *Haptics* and *Paralinguistic* features that are essential for effective communication.

### UNIT II

**II Select the right answers from the choices given. Each question carries one mark. 25**

**Choose the right phonetic transcription for the following words:**

- 3 Tomato  
(A) /to'mʌto/ (B) /tə'mɑ:təʊ/ (C) /ta:'mɑ:tar / (D) /tʃə'mɑ:tʃəʊ/

- 4 /kli:ʃer/  
(A) klystron (B) cliché (C) cliff (D) clearly

**Choose the word which is stressed correctly**

- 5 mutilation  
(A) muti'lation (B) 'mutilation (C) mu'tilation (D) mutila'tion

- 6 equate  
(A) 'equate (B) 'equa'te (C) e'quate (D) equ'ate

**Select the correctly spelt word:**

- 7 (A) relevance (B) rilavence (C) relavence (D) relevence

- 8 (A) colleeg (B) colleague (C) coleague (D) colleague

### UNIT III

#### III Choose the right answer by checking the correct usage of articles.

- 9 They come here once in \_\_\_\_\_ year.  
(A) an (B) the (C) a (D) no article
- 10 Mussolini was \_\_\_\_\_ Hitler of Italy.  
(A) an (B) the (C) a (D) no article

#### Choose the suitable prepositions from the options given:

- 11 It was known that Ajay was older \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
(A) to (B) from (C) than (D) into
- 12 The event is scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ 10AM to 3PM.  
(A) at (B) from (C) between (D) on

#### Choose the most suitable answer that identifies the homophones in the sentence.

- 13 Watching my \_\_\_\_\_ motivates me to work hard and succeed.  
(A) Idle (B) idol (C) ideal (D) idole
- 14 Is there any \_\_\_\_\_ shop nearby?  
(A) stationery (B) stationary (C) Both A and B are correct  
(D) none of the above

### UNIT IV

#### IV Choose the correct question tag to complete each sentence.

- 15 I'm generous and kind, \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) amn't I? (B) am not I? (C) do I? (D) aren't I?
- 16 There is an hour of time for the interview, \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) isn't it? (B) isn't they? (C) isn't there? (D) is there?

#### Give one-word substitution for the following expressions:

- 17 The study of cancer is \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) epidemiology (B) pathology (C) traumatology (D) oncology
- 18 Someone who has an urge to steal something \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) kleptomaniac (B) kleptomania (C) nymphomaniac (D) bibliomaniac

#### Choose the prefix or suffix from the options given to fill in the blanks:

- 19 One of you have to \_\_fold the paper to announce the name of winner.  
(A) en (B) un (C) if (D) re

- 20 Which of the following is the prefix of '....simiar'?
- (A) down (B) in (C) dis (D) un
- 21 Choose the suffix to complete the word: compat\_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) able (B) ence (C) ible (D) age

**Choose the pairs of words / phrases from the options given that best expresses a similar relationship to that of the given pair**

- 22 cinematography: visual
- (A) acoustic: audio
- (B) cinema: audition
- (C) characters: stories
- (D) role play: acting
- 23 lion: cubs
- (A) swan: pen
- (B) swan: cob
- (C) swan: flock
- (D) swan: cygnet

**Synonyms: Choose the word that is closest in meaning.**

- 24 Exaggerate:
- (A) understate (B) amplify (C) crucify (D) extraordinary
- 25 Reminiscence:
- (A) recollection (B) remaining (C) reminder (D) rebuild

**Antonyms: Choose the word that is opposite in meaning.**

- 26 Benefactor:
- (A) sponsor (B) supporter (C) patron (D) opponent
- 27 Harmony:
- (A) dissonance (B) silence (C) music (D) agreement

## UNIT V

V

**Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow:**

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The diseased citizen poses a curious problem for the law. On the one hand, law must protect his rights under the doctrine of universal equality and guarantee of equal protection to all. On the other, some of these rights may need to be suspended in the name of public good. How do we understand this ambiguous relation that the diseased citizen bears to law and the social order? Can we see it as an 'inclusive exclusion' that undermines governmental reason, by posing a limit to its principle of inclusiveness, its techniques of integrating individuals into a totality? Is this 'inclusive exclusion' the outcome of a liminality, of being neither 'in' the social order nor 'out' of it but 'in-between'?

On January 30, 1998, Vijaya, wife of a pump operator at Singareni Collieries Company Limited, underwent a hysterectomy at the Company's hospital, during which she was transfused blood infected with HIV. Subsequently diagnosed with AIDS, she filed a petition in the Andhra Pradesh High Court against the Company for negligence. The Court ordered Singareni Collieries to pay her Rs. 1 lakh in compensation for expenses incurred by her, in addition to any damages awarded by a civil court. The Court also ruled that in the case of HIV-positive people, their right to life and liberty may "be placed in jeopardy or even sacrificed for the public good."

If on the one hand law protects the rights of diseased people, on the other it withdraws its protection in the name of a 'public good'. The question I ask is: given this double relation in which law holds the diseased body, given this duplicity of the law, how does it pose the problem of citizenship? When, in other words, does citizenship become a problem?

I pose this question in the context of what the Indian state terms "social justice," the objective of which is to recognize the political value of inclusiveness to democratic governance. Given that the ordering of a society its government respond to bodies that can neither be excluded nor included? Further, how do such 'paradoxical' bodies underline the constitution of citizenship, which is the political form in which the state holds its people?

- 28 **Give a suitable title for the passage given above.**
- 29 **The law withdraws the rights of diseased people in the name of \_\_\_\_\_**
- right to life and liberty
  - citizenship
  - public good
  - problem
- 30 **The word 'paradoxical' would mean \_\_\_\_\_.**
- Seemingly absurd or self-contradictory
  - Seemingly clear and intelligible
  - Seemingly logical or consistent
  - none of the above
- 31 **Which of the following is the diseased body addressed by the author in the above passage?**
- Vijaya's body
  - Pump operator's wife's body
  - The body diagnosed with HIV positive
  - All of the above
- 32 **As per the above passage, the objective of social justice is \_\_\_\_\_**
- to recognize the political value of inclusiveness to democratic governance
  - to protect the rights of diseased people
  - to withdraw its protection in the name of a 'public good'
  - to order the companies like Singareni Collieries to pay compensation amount for the negligence

**Choose one of the following to draft a cover letter and résumé.**

- 33 Write a **letter of application** in response to the following advertisement which appeared in “The Times of India” dated 29 April 2022. Enclose your **résumé** along with the cover letter drafted. **10**

WANTED

MARKETING MANAGER

For a reputed firm in Bengaluru

Advertisement no. #MM2022A1

Applicant should be a graduate with any bachelor’s degree. Should have an excellent communication skill. Candidates with experience in advertising are preferred.

Apply with full particulars and the emoluments expected, within a week to the Public Relations Officer, JSS Enterprises, Plot no 10, Whitefield, Bengaluru 560066, Phone: 8040303200, Email: publicrelation@jss.ac.in

**OR**

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WANTED

ASSOCIATE SOFTWARE ENGINEER (Full-time)

Advertisement no. #ASE2022HCLSEZ5

Applicant qualified with any of the following degrees with at least 60% marks: BE/BTech (in Computer Science, Information Science, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication); MCA; MSc in Computer Science; ME/MTech in Computer Science or Electronics and Communication engineering areas.

Candidate must have the knowledge of one of the programming languages: C/ C++/ Java along with data structures and algorithms.

Apply with full particulars and the emoluments expected, within a week to:

The Manager

HCL Technologies Ltd

Bangalore SEZ

No.129, Jigani Bommasandra,

Link road, Jigani Industrial Area

Bangalore-562106

Phone Number: 8067810000

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