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Question Paper Version : A

**First Semester B.Arch/B.Planning Degree Examination, Dec.2023/Jan.2024**  
**Communicative English**

**(COMMON TO ALL BRANCHES)**

Time: 2 hrs.]

[Max. Marks: 100

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES**

1. Answer all the Hundred questions, each question carries **ONE** mark.
2. Use only **Black ball point pen** for writing / darkening the circles.
3. For each question, after selecting your answer, darken the appropriate circle corresponding to the same question number on the OMR sheet.
4. Darkening two circles for the same question makes the answer invalid.
5. **Damaging/overwriting, using whiteners** on the **OMR** sheets are strictly prohibited.

**Fill in the blanks by choosing correct answers from the options given:**

1. The four main language skills are reading, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking and writing.  
a) listening                      b) understanding                      c) interpreting                      d) comprehending
2. When writing a formal letter, its important to include a \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning, addressing the recipient appropriately.  
a) closing                      b) address                      c) salutation                      d) greeting
3. A sentence that expresses strong feelings and ends with an exclamation mark is called an \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) exclamatory sentence                      b) imperative sentence  
c) declarative                      d) interrogative
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are words that have the opposite meaning of another word.  
a) Synonyms                      b) Homophones                      c) Antonyms                      d) Homonyms
5. Prepositions are words that indicate the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence. Ex. "The book is \_\_\_\_\_ the table".  
a) under                      b) above                      c) on                      d) beside

**Tick the correct answers for the following MCQ's:**

6. What is the primary barrier to effective Communicative English?  
a) Lack of vocabulary                      b) Incorrect grammar usage  
c) Shyness and fear of making mistakes                      d) Inadequate listening skills

7. Why is a limited vocabulary a barrier to effective English communication?
  - a) It hinders the ability to understand grammar rules
  - b) It restricts the speaker's ability to express ideas clearly
  - c) It affects the speaker's pronunciation and accent
  - d) A limited vocabulary has no impact on English communication.
8. In English communication, what does "active listening" refer to?
  - a) Focusing on the speaker's body language
  - b) Interrupting the speaker to ask questions for clarification
  - c) Paying attention and engaging with the speaker's message
  - d) Taking notes during the conversation.
9. What does "paralinguistic features" refer to in English communication?
  - a) The use of idioms and proverbs
  - b) The study of English literature
  - c) Vocal cues such as tone, pitch and pace of speech
  - d) The ability to write effectively in English.
10. Which of the following is a barrier to effective English communication when using digital platforms?
  - a) Having access to language translation tools
  - b) The availability of spell check and grammar check features
  - c) Difficulty in conveying emotions through text messages
  - d) The convenience of using emoji's for expression.

**Fill in the blanks with the help of the options given:**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of understanding, interpreting and responding to the emotions of others.
  - a) Empathy
  - b) Active listening
  - c) Emotional intelligence
  - d) Non-verbal communication.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is an essential non verbal communication skill that demonstrates interest and openness.
  - a) Eye contact
  - b) Empathy
  - c) Articulation
  - d) Trustworthiness
13. Using "I" statements instead of "you" statements can promote \_\_\_\_\_ during disagreements.
  - a) honesty
  - b) assertiveness
  - c) empathy
  - d) inclusivity
14. The use of facial expressions, gestures and body language to convey emotions is known as \_\_\_\_\_ communication.
  - a) non verbal
  - b) active
  - c) assertive
  - d) empathetic
15. When communicating in a group, it's essential to practice \_\_\_\_\_ and allow everyone to express their opinions.
  - a) validation
  - b) inclusivity
  - c) trustworthiness
  - d) empathy

**Tick the correct option:**

16. What does intrapersonal communication refer to?
  - a) Communication between two or more people
  - b) Communication within oneself
  - c) Communication through written messages
  - d) Communication using electronic devices.





29. In the IPA, which symbol represents the vowel sound in the word "bed"?  
 a) /i/                      b) /E/                      c) /u:/                      d) /ae/
30. The vowel sound /ə/ is commonly known as :  
 a) long "a"                      b) schwa                      c) Diphthong                      d) silent "e"

**Choose the correct silent and non silent letters:**

31. Which of the following letters is considered a silent letter in the word "knee"?  
 a) K                      b) N                      c) E                      d) K and N
32. Identify the word with a silent "p":  
 a) phone                      b) pneumonia                      c) park                      d) pack
33. Which letter is silent in the word "doubt"?  
 a) b                      b) O                      c) U                      d) T
34. In the word "honest", which letters are silent?  
 a) H                      b) O and N                      c) T and S                      d) E and S
35. Which letter is not silent in the word "Wrestle"?  
 a) W                      b) R                      c) S                      d) T

**Fill in the blanks:**

36. \_\_\_\_\_ you please pass me the salt?  
 a) Can                      b) Kan                      c) Caan                      d) Cann
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ rises in the east and sets in the west.  
 a) Sun                      b) Son                      c) Sunn                      d) San
38. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my math homework before tomorrow.  
 a) Complete                      b) Complet                      c) Compleete                      d) Complte
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient civilization still amaze archaeologists.  
 a) Ruins                      b) Ruinz                      c) Ruiins                      d) Ruhins
40. The hikers reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain after a long trek.  
 a) Summit                      b) Summitt                      c) Sumit                      d) Sunmit

**Choose the correct nouns and pronouns:**

41. Which of the following is a common noun?  
 a) Teacher                      b) John                      c) Apple                      d) Deepa
42. Identify the proper noun in the following sentence:  
 "The Eiffel tower stands tall in Paris"  
 a) tower                      b) stands                      c) tall                      d) Paris
43. Select the abstract noun in the sentence "Hope is the key to success"  
 a) hope                      b) key                      c) success                      d) is

44. Identify the indefinite pronoun in the sentence "Everyone enjoyed the party"  
 a) everyone                      b) enjoyed                      c) party                      d) the
45. Choose the correct possessive pronoun to complete the sentence "The book is \_\_\_\_\_"  
 a) her                      b) hers                      c) she                      d) them

**Fill in the blanks with proper conjunctions:**

46. She wanted to go to the movies, \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining heavily outside  
 a) for                      b) and                      c) but                      d) nor
47. Mark likes to play basketball, \_\_\_\_\_ his brother prefers soccer.  
 a) so                      b) and                      c) yet                      d) because
48. The museum was crowded with visitors, \_\_\_\_\_, it was raining heavily outside  
 a) furthermore                      b) nevertheless                      c) moreover                      d) however
49. I will study hard \_\_\_\_\_ I want to pass the exam  
 a) nor                      b) because                      c) so                      d) since
50. John loves ice cream, \_\_\_\_\_, he is lactose intolerant  
 a) despite                      b) otherwise                      c) hence                      d) nevertheless

**Fill in the blanks with proper articles:**

51. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun rises in the east.  
 a) The                      b) An  
 c) A                      d) None of the above
52. She wanted to buy \_\_\_\_\_ dress that was on display, but it was too expensive  
 a) The                      b) An  
 c) A                      d) None of the above
53. They live in \_\_\_\_\_ house with a beautiful garden.  
 a) The                      b) An  
 c) A                      d) None of the above
54. Can you pass me \_\_\_\_\_ salt, please?  
 a) The                      b) An  
 c) A                      d) None of the above
55. He is \_\_\_\_\_ university student, majoring in computer science.  
 a) The                      b) An  
 c) A                      d) None of the above

**Choose the correct prepositions and fill in the blanks:**

56. The detective found the clue hidden \_\_\_\_\_ the floorboard.  
 a) beneath                      b) onto                      c) by                      d) across











94. MTI can lead to miscommunication and misunderstanding, especially in
- a) Formal writing
  - b) Business communication
  - c) Informal conversations
  - d) Silent reading
95. To minimize MTI, South Indian speakers can focus on improving their
- a) Writing skills only
  - b) Listening skills only
  - c) Speaking skills and pronunciation
  - d) Reading skills and vocabulary
96. What is the term used to describe the process of reducing Mother Tongue Influence (MTI) in spoken language?
- a) Language Adaptation
  - b) Language Modification
  - c) Mother Tongue Suppression
  - d) Neutralization
97. Which of the following techniques involved imitating native speakers to reduce Mothers Tongue Influence?
- a) Mother Tongue Avoidance
  - b) Accent Replication
  - c) Phonetics practices
  - d) Mimicking
98. Which techniques focuses on conscious efforts to replace MTI – specific sounds with sounds from the target language?
- a) Phonetic Transcription
  - b) Articulation Exercises
  - c) Sound substitution
  - d) Phonetic approximation
99. What does the term “code-switching” refer to in the context of MTI neutralization?
- a) Using multiple languages in a conversation
  - b) Completely eliminating MTI from speech
  - c) Speaking in a robotic and monotonous tone
  - d) Using slang and informal language.
100. Which of the following is ‘NOT’ a way to neutralize MTI?
- a) Studying linguistics
  - b) Practicing tongue twisters
  - c) Using MTI in every sentence
  - d) Listening to native speakers.