

**FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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(CBCSS)

English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTIONS : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

**Part 1 (Speaking Skills)**

I. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 20).

Each question carries 2 marks :

- 1 You want to watch the new movie released in the theatre. How will you suggest this to your friends ?
- 2 You forgot to hand over some books to your friend who has improvement exam on the coming days. Express your regret using *should have*.
- 3 *Sure but later* is a reply to a telephone call. Frame a suitable question used in telephonic English for this reply.
- 4 Rearrange the given jumbled sentence to get the correct expression used for interruption : necessary /interrupt/I don't /but it / want to / now / seems a.
- 5 Identify the vowel sounds in *Spoon* and *Hike* and categories them as monophthong or diphthong.
- 6 Identify the sounds of the underlined letters in *Check* and *Thick* and transcribe them.
- 7 *I have seen him yesterday*. Rewrite the sentence correctly. Justify your corrections.
- 8 *It's purple*. Frame a "Wh" question for this sentence.
- 9 *Sam and Dave will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the class*. Identify the verb and helping verb in the sentence.
- 10 *We 're hoping to get away for a few days at Easter*. Identify the phrasal verb in the sentence and write its meaning.

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- 11 *She decided to get married with him only after her studies.* Write the idiomatic expression for the underlined words.
- 12 *I'm disappointed in your work; it has fallen below your usual standard.* Write the meaning of the underlined word in the given sentence.
- II. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 30).  
Each question carries 5 marks :
- 13 Prepare a short telephonic conversation in which phrases like *I'm afraid, hang on, speaking* etc. occur.
- 14 Elucidate the way in which the given words differ in articulation and meaning. Support your answers with examples.  
*Import (N) and Import (V)*  
*Permit (N) and Permit (V)*
- 15 Each given sentence has one word missing. Write it in and justify your answer.  
*He hot like pop music.*  
*Your brother work in a restaurant ?*
- 16 Reorder the given sentences and identify the tense in them.  
*badly / violin / plays / the / very / Jeena*  
*weather / cloudy / tomorrow / according / to / the / report / it will be*
- 17 Choose one phrasal verb and use it in two sentences of yours. *Turn up / Tell off*
- 18 Choose one idiom and use it in two sentences of yours.  
*A bone of contention / A shoulder to cry on*
- 19 The sentences below consist of some grammatical mistakes. Identify the mistakes and rewrite them correctly. Justify your corrections.  
*John gets up at 7 o'clock every day because he catch the train at 8 o'clock.*  
*Mary has been visiting Russia six times already. She has a real affinity for the country.*
- III. Read the following questions and answer any one of the following :
- 20 Make up a reasonably long dialogue which contains expressions used for polite requests/ persuasions/suggestions and their responses.  
*Speakers : John and Devu*  
*Situation : John decided to watch a play and invited Devu. On the other hand Devu wanted to go for a film.*

(10 marks)

21. Read the text and do as directed.

### *The Train*

On a warm spring afternoon, Bindiya and her brother went outside to play. Bindiya was eight and Bineesh was ten. "Let's go to the bridge," Bindiya said, "if we stand on the bridge, we can see fish in the river." "I don't know...", Bineesh said. Mom told us : "don't go on the bridge." She said it is dangerous." "Oh Come on!" Bindiya said. "I'm not afraid. Are you?"

Bindiya and Bineesh walked on to the bridge and began looking for fish in the river. The bridge was a train bridge. Three times a day trains went over the bridge. But Bindiya and Bineesh were not thinking about trains. They were thinking about the fish. The children were standing in the middle of the bridge when they heard a loud noise. "A train is coming," Bineesh yelled. "Run!" Bineesh ran to the end of the bridge. He was safe.

Bindiya ran too, but she fell. She got up and continued running. "Hurry! Hurry!" Bineesh yelled from the end of the bridge, "the train is coming!" Bindiya looked behind her and saw the train. It was coming fast! Bindiya ran towards her brother. Then she fell a second time. She fell right on the train track. She looked back again at the train. The train was very close now! There was no time to get up and run, so Bindiya didn't move. She stayed where she was lying between the rails of the train track. She put her head down and waited for the train to go over her. Bineesh stood at the end of the bridge and screamed.

A few seconds later all twelve compartments of the train went over Bindiya. Some times the bottom of the train touched Bindiya's back, but she was not hurt. After it went over her, Bindiya stood up and yelled to Bineesh "don't tell mom !"

Of course Bindiya's mother found out about Bindiya and the train. Bindiya's mother was angry and happy at the same time. She was angry that Bindiya went on the bridge, but she was relieved that Bindiya was alive.

And Bindiya ? How is she? Bindiya's mother says, "Bindiya is fine, but sometimes she goes to sleep and then wakes up crying. And she doesn't like the sound of the trains."

Read the following sentences and choose the correct option.

- (a) Bindiya and Bineesh were thinking about trains. False/True.
- (b) Bineesh was deeply worried about his sister. False/True.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

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Re-read the text and select the correct answer.

- (c) "She said it is *dangerous*." Which among the following is closest in meaning to the italicized word ?
- (a) Harmful. (b) Risky.  
(c) Bad. (d) Unhealthy.
- (d) "Bindiya's mother was angry and happy at the same time." Which among the following best expresses the idea of the given sentence in the story.
- (a) Bindiya's mother was confused.  
(b) Bindiya's mother had mixed feelings.  
(c) Bindiya's mother was shocked.  
(d) Bindiya's mother had no emotions.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. The answers need not be directly stated in the passage :

- (e) Why did Bindiya and Bineesh go to the train bridge ?  
(f) Why did Bindiya tell Bineesh not to tell about the incident to their mother ?  
(g) Why did Bindiya not get up and run when she fell the second time ?

(3 × 2 = 6 marks)

[1 × 10 = 10 marks]