

**FIRST SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
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English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTION : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS
(2017 Admissions)

Maximum : 80 Marks

Time : Three Hours

Part I (Speaking Skills)

I. Answer any six out of the following seven questions :

1 "I beg to differ" is :

- (a) An expression of fear. (b) An expression of agreement.
(c) An expression of preference. (d) An expression of disagreement.

2 Which among the following is the politest way of request ?

- (a) Give me your pen.
(b) Can you give me your pen.
(c) I want you to give me your pen.
(d) Would you mind giving me your pen ?

3 Which among the following is the politest way to state your difference in opinion ?

- (a) You are wrong.
(b) Your idea sounds bad.
(c) That is not going to work.
(d) The way I see it is different from yours.

4 "I would rather sit at home than go to the boring party" is an example of :

- (a) Refusal. (b) Preference.
(c) Order. (d) Agreement.

5 "I am sure you will overcome it in no time" is an example of :

- (a) Opinion. (b) Comforting.
(c) Suggestion. (d) Guessing.

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6 Which of the following expresses generalizing ?

- (a) The school has great infrastructure and also well trained teachers.
- (b) I would like to speak about certain neglected issues.
- (c) On the whole, it was a wonderful experience.
- (d) Although the girl liked literature, she chose a course in history.

7 "To make the point clear, let us take a look at certain pictures" is giving :

- (a) A suggestion.
- (b) An example.
- (c) An opinion.
- (d) A reaction.

(6 × ½ = 3 marks)

II. Match the items in column A with those in column B :

A

B

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| 8 Shall we go to the cinema today ? | (a) Not at all. I'd be glad to. |
| 9 Is she enjoying her holidays ? | (b) Yes, of course ! I borrowed it yesterday. |
| 10 Would you mind repeating the sentence ? | (c) I'm afraid. He isn't home. |
| 11 Have you eaten ? | (d) I hope she is. |
| 12 Are you sure that you borrowed the book ? | (e) Yes, we have. |
| 13 Can I speak to Mr. John. | (f) I'd like to but I can't reach it. |
| 14 Can I borrow the book ? | (g) Count me in. |
| 15 Could you pass the bottle ? | (h) Certainly, but don't forget to return it. |

(8 × ½ = 4 marks)

III. From the given situations choose any *two* and make up a short dialogue (not less than six exchanges).

16 Speakers : Teacher and the leader of the class.

Situation : The teacher has received multiple complaints from other teachers that her students tend to make a lot of noise during class hours. The teacher speaks to the leader asking him to maintain discipline in the classroom in the absence of teachers.

17 Speakers : Doctor and patient

Situation : A patient is having high fever for a week and goes to the doctor only after the situation worsens. The doctor reminds him that his health is important and it is necessary to see a doctor when he is ill without waiting too long.

18 Speakers : A security guard and a police officer.

Situation : A theft has occurred in an apartment and the police officer asks the security guard whether he had seen the thief. The security guard tells that he could not catch the thief though he tried and explains other details to the officer.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

IV. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to get correct expressions used for disagreeing with someone :

19 Agree I views your cannot to topic on that.

20 Don't worth it I effort think is the.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

Part II (Pronunciation)

I. Read the following questions and choose the correct options :

21 The last sound in the word "say" is a _____.

- (a) Pure vowel. (b) Diphthong.
(c) Consonant. (d) Glide.

22 The consonant sound /k/ occurs in :

- (a) Chair. (b) Child.
(c) Cease. (d) Cold.

23 In the word "below," the stress falls on the _____ syllable.

- (a) First. (b) Third.
(c) Second. (d) None of the above.

24 The sound /aI/ in five is a :

- (a) Diphthong. (b) Consonant.
(c) Pure Vowel. (d) None of the above.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

II. Identify the sounds of the letters shown in bold and write their transcription :

25 **Think**.

26 **That**.

27 **True**.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

III. Answer the following :

28 Select the word which has the same vowel as in **mat** :

- (a) Farm. (b) Track.

29 Select the word with a diphthong :

- (a) Couple. (b) Great.

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- 30 The silent letter in the word "comb" is _____.
- 31 The vowel represented by 'E' in **Get** is a diphthong. True/False.
- 32 There are twelve pure vowels in the English language. True/False.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Part III (Grammar)

I. Choose the correct sentences from those given :

- 33 (a) I loses your address.
 (b) I lost your address.
 (c) I losed your address.
- 34 (a) While I was walking down the street, it begin to rain.
 (b) While I was walking down the street, it began to rain.
 (c) While I was walking down the street, it began to raining.
- 35 (a) He droves well.
 (b) He drived well.
 (c) He drives well.
- 36 (a) This is one of my favourite books.
 (b) This is one of my favourite book.
 (c) One of favourite books are this.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

II. Complete the following correctly :

- 37 They have moved into a new apartment. The tense of the sentence is _____.
- 38 If I had enough money, I would come with you. The verbs in the sentences are _____ and _____.
- 39 Write a sentence politely asking someone to close the door.
- 40 Write a sentence politely refusing your friend's party invitation because you have an interview to attend.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Answers of some questions are provided below. Write down the questions :

- 41 No, the boss thinks that you are a wonderful employee.
- 42 We are allowed to wear the clothes of our choice only during celebrations but there is a strict dress code to be followed on other days.

- 43 My opinion is way different from his on this topic.
44 India is going to win the finals and the cup is definitely ours.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Reorder the following jumbled sentences :

- 45 Chef the dish in preparing the kitchen is the.
46 Perfect is the world in nobody.
47 Plan go but made to we a beach to raining started it the had.
48 Do wasting instead our of time productive we could something.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

V. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

- 49 She don't do the homework.
50 He asked me what was the time.
51 Reena said me that she would call you the next day.
52 He broken the window.

(4 × 1½ = 6 marks)

Part IV (Reading)

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

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Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

I. Read the following sentences and write the correct answer :

- 53 Marie and Pierre were people who shared similar interests in scientific research. True/False/Not Given.
- 54 Marie was the second woman to be given a professorship at the world famous university; Sorbonne. True/False/Not Given.
- 55 She became disillusioned about her work when she suffered a fatal illness due to her long exposure to radium. True/False/Not Given.
- 56 Marie received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium in the year 1915. True/False/Not Given.
- 57 Marie dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world despite the consequences. True/False/Not Given.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Read the questions given below and choose the most suitable option :

- 58 Marie and Pierre were married in the year :
- (a) 1890. (b) 1894.
(c) 1895. (d) 1898.
- 59 Marie's father was a professor of which subject ?
- (a) Maths. (b) Chemistry.
(c) Economics. (d) Physics.
- 60 Why did Marie leave Poland in 1891 ?
- (a) She wanted to experience a different culture.
(b) For higher studies.
(c) To get a job.
(d) She did not like to stay at Poland.
- 61 How many children did Marie have ?
- (a) A son and a daughter. (b) Two sons.
(c) Two daughters. (d) Two sons and one daughter.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Read the passage and try to guess the meaning of the following words in the given context. Write the correct options :

62 Amicable :

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| (a) Friendly. | (b) Hostile. |
| (c) Competitive. | (d) Courageous. |

63 Disgruntled :

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|-------------|------------------|
| (a) Afraid. | (b) Unsatisfied. |
| (c) Harsh. | (d) Pleased. |

64 Fatal :

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (a) Deadly. | (b) Foul. |
| (c) Unhappy. | (d) Harmless. |

65 Fade :

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Vanish quickly. | (b) Lose colour. |
| (c) Stop suddenly. | (d) Slowly disappear. |

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Write the correct answer :

66 Marie Curie was a _____.

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|----------------|--------------------|
| (a) Economist. | (b) Scientist. |
| (c) Ecologist. | (d) Mathematician. |

67 Marie Curie earned her Master's degree in :

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|--------------|----------------|
| (a) Maths. | (b) Chemistry. |
| (c) Biology. | (d) Physics. |

68 Pierre died in the year :

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| (a) 1900. | (b) 1902. |
| (c) 1905. | (d) 1906. |

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

V. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

69 What were Marie Curie and Pierre's major scientific accomplishments ?

70 What did Marie Curie receive the Noble Prize for ?

(2 × 2 = 4 marks)

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Part V (Vocabulary)

I. Match the words in column A with the words in column B :

| A | B |
|-------------|--------------|
| 71 Major | (a) Damaged. |
| 72 Fast | (b) Rooted. |
| 73 Badly | (c) Agree. |
| 74 Strongly | (d) Asleep. |
| 75 Deeply | (e) Problem. |

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from those given below to fill in the blanks. You have to use them in the correct tense form :

Go off, move forward, running out, call of, count on.

- 76 We are _____ of fuel.
 77 A bomb _____ near the cinema theater.
 78 The strike was _____.
 79 The police officers _____ bravely.
 80 I can _____ my friends when I'm in need of help.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

III. Choose the correct meanings of the idiomatic expressions used in the following sentences :

81 Her health is improving by leaps and bounds :

- (a) Very slowly. (b) Startlingly rapid progress.
 (c) A state of being worried. (d) Showing negative.

82 He has no time to waste as his exams are round the corner :

- (a) Far. (b) After months.
 (c) Very near. (d) None of the above.

83 When I went to the college, I was like a fish out of water :

- (a) Uncomfortable with the new environment.
 (b) Very satisfied and happy.
 (c) Standing outside the college.
 (d) None of the above.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

IV. Choose one phrasal verb and one idiom each to make your own sentences :

84 At your wits end/a shoulder to cry on.

85 Hang out/figure out.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)