

Communication Skills
Course Code: UMCD101
Time: 3Hours
Full Marks: 100

Answer all the questions:

1. (a) Fill in the blanks from the options given below. (1x5=5)

(syllabic consonant, diphthong, vowel, syllable, phoneme)

(i) A combined vowel sound is known as a _____.

(ii) _____ is a minimal contrastive unit of speech.

(iii) The nucleus of a syllable is a _____.

(iv) A _____ can also occupy the position of a vowel in the structure of a syllable.

(v) A word consists of one/more than one _____.

(b) Transcribe the following words using IPA symbols. (1x5=5)

poor. about. principal. bottle. university

(c) Write any five words having a diphthong vowel sound in it. (1x5=5)

(d) Write the IPA script of the underlined letters: (1x5=5)

phone, both, brochure, gentleman, play

3 (a) Use following suffixes with suitable words and mention the part of speech of that word. (1x5=5)

-ate, -tion, -ly, -ize, -ive

(b) Identify the stem of the following word and its part of speech: (1x5=5)

undeveloped. dissatisfaction. marketability. nasalization. telecommunication

(c) Use single word for the following phrases (any five) (1x5=5)

Example: very large - huge

very lazy, very long, very loud, very hard-to-find, very hungry, very heavy, very perfect, very powerful

(d) Use formal vocabularies of the following words (any five) (1x5=5)



Example: So - therefore

say no, choose, buy, give, look for, may be, to go, to show, to end, to help

4. (a) Rewrite the following sentences with correct subject Verb agreement: (1x5=5)
- (i) A group of students (is/are) coming today.
 - (ii) Rabina and Tamara (doesn't/don't) want to go home.
 - (iii) The man with five kids (live/lives) on the street.
 - (iv) The players as well as the captain (want/wants) to win.
 - (v) The movie, including all the previews, (take/ takes) about two hours to watch.
- (b) Rewrite the following sentences with correct tenses of the verb. (1x5=5)
- (i) My sister (buy) him a dog for his birthday last week.
 - (ii) They said they were tired and (go) upstairs to sleep.
 - (iii) Rina (just lose) her keys on the pavement.
 - (iv) I (learn) English for seven years now.
 - (v) At the moment I (revise) English Grammar.
- (c) Answer the following questions as directed: (1x5=5)
- (i) Give the meaning of the idiom 'my hands are tied'.
 - (ii) Give the formal word of 'to end'.
 - (iii) What are the plain forms of 'wanna' and 'gimme'?
 - (iv) The antonym of 'foe' is.....
 - (v) The people in a story are called the actors/characters/guests. (Choose the correct one)
5. (a) Change the word order of the following sentences so as to make them more effective. (1x5=5)
- (i) They have been studying at home hard all the day
 - (ii) The inspector, at the end of a detailed investigation was able to find out the thief.
 - (iii) It is very surprising to that they have not yet arrived.
 - (iv) Many of the recently published novels are available in the library as well as the latest magazines.
 - (v) These habits must be developed at an early stage, I think.
- (b) Transform the following sentences with the clues given below: (1x5=5)



(i) The reason why he is so liked is because he is joyful by nature.

His jovial nature.....

(ii) My mother finished her cooking and then she went to take rest.

After finishing.....

(iii) In spite of his great intelligence he was once befooled.

He is really intelligent.....

(iv) Hard work means that you will succeed in life.

If you work hard,.....:

(v) My husband has stopped smoking. The doctor has asked him to do so.

My husband has stopped.....

6. (a) Write a letter to the warden of your hostel informing him about the malpractice of drugs in the hostel. (10)

(b) Write five qualities each of a good emailer and a bad emailer (10)

7. (a) Write the meanings of the following phrasal verbs. (1x5=5)

Look after, hold on, catch up, deal with, carry forward

(b) Write an essay on any one of the following: (in 300 words) (10)

(i) Character building in student life

(ii) Science and happiness

