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First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Language Course – I — English

EN 1111.1/EN 1111.2/EN 1111.3.: LISTENING, SPEAKING AND READING

**(Common for B.A./B.Sc. (EN 1111.1), B.Com. (EN 1111.2) and Career
Related 2(a) (EN 1111.3)**

(2016 to 2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. What is the gap between the vocal cords called?
2. What is a voiced sound?
3. What is a syllable?
4. What is word stress?
5. What is scanning?
6. In which play does the character Gaultier appear?
7. How many Diphthongs are there in English?

P.T.O.

8. How many syllables are there in the word 'economically'?
9. Mark primary stress in the word 'above'.
10. Write a word in which the sound /p/ is silent.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What is the difference between listening and hearing?
12. The police suspect that there will be an attempt of assassination and advises the Queen to cancel her customary ride to the park.
13. /p, t, k, f, s, h/ are examples.
14. Intonation is the way the pitch of your voice goes up and down as you talk something.
15. Indian English or IndE is one of the oldest regional varieties of the English.
16. What are passive and active articulators?
17. What is reading?
18. What is phonics?
19. What is scanning ? Give two examples.
20. Transcribe the following words: above, college.
21. What are the three things Abel Merry weather says she has to do on Monday?
22. Describe the characters in the play "the pie and the Tart".

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

23. Attempt a conversation between a Travel agent and a tourist who is visiting Keralam for the first time.
24. Describe the character of Amelia Slater.

25. What are the differences between intensive reading and extensive reading?
26. Scan the following poem and find answer to the following questions

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It's had tacks in it,

And splinters.

And boards torn up,

And places with no carpet on the floor—

Bare.

But all the time

I've been a-climbin' on,

And reachin, landin's,

And turnin, corners.

And sometimes goin' in the dark

Where there ain't been no light.

So boy, don't you turn back.

Don't you set down on the steps

'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.

Don't you fall now—

For I've still goin', honey,

I've still climbin'.

And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

- 1) What kind of life has the mother lead?
- 2) What does the speaker encounter on the stairs?
- 3) What are the three pieces of advice the speaker gives the boy?
- 4) What is the meaning of crystal stair in the poem?

27. You are Ravi, a sales man at a mobile shop. Construct a conversation between you and a customer who has come to purchase a mobile phone.
28. Word stress.
29. Write about the barriers to reading.
30. Explain the significance of the title "The Brink Of silence".
31. Read the passage intensely and answer the following questions

On a hike in East Africa 2 million years ago, you might well have encountered a familiar cast of human characters: *anxious mothers cuddling their babies and clutches of carefree children playing in the mud: temperamental youths chafing against the dictates of society and weary elders who just wanted to be left in peace: chest thumping machos trying to impress the local beauty and wise old matriarchs who had already seen it all. These archaic humans loved, played, formed close friendships and competed for status and power — but so did chimpanzees, baboons and elephants. There was nothing special about humans. Nobody, least of all humans themselves, had any inkling that their descendants would one day walk on the moon, split the atom, fathom the genetic code and write history books. The most important thing to know about prehistoric humans is that they were insignificant animals with no more impact on their environment than gorillas, fireflies or jellyfish.*

- 1) What are the familiar cast of human characters?
- 2) Why prehistoric humans were described as insignificant?
- 3) What are achievements of modern man mentioned in the passage?
- 4) List the animals to which prehistoric humans are compared.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two**, each in about **2 or 3** pages.

32. What is reading? What are the sub-skills of reading?
33. Write about the pathos and humour in the play "the Pie and the Tart".
34. Describe the organs of speech and speech mechanism.
35. Imagine that you are the reporter of a famous news channel, prepare and interview done by you with a famous film star.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)