

**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015****First Semester**

B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies (Two Main)

**GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS**

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A***Answer all questions from this section.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

Correct the following sentences :—

1. I am not used to walk long distances.
2. I will be eighteen on my next birthday.
3. He is a person who everyone likes.
4. There are a lot of water in the well.
5. Everyone of the girls lost their pencils.

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

6. He is desirous ——— visiting Thiruvananthapuram.
7. This notes is written ——— a pencil.
8. We should all aim at excellence ——— our work.
9. The college students travelled ——— train during the excursion.
10. I have not seen her ——— a long time.

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B***Answer any eight of the following questions.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

Rewrite as directed :

11. Change into passive voice :
  - (a) Somebody cleans this house everyday.
  - (b) He posted the letter yesterday.
12. Rewrite into complex sentences :
  - (a) On arriving at the foot of the hill, he blew his trumpet.
  - (b) Finding the door unlocked, the thief entered the house.

**Turn over**

13. Insert the correct tense of verb in the following :—  
(a) They erected sign posts in order that the road ——— (be) known.  
(b) As soon as he ——— (hear) the news he wrote to me.
14. Insert Articles wherever necessary :  
(a) Tagore was great poet.  
(b) Time makes worst enemies friends.
15. Combine the following pairs of sentences by making use of a participle :—  
(a) The porter opened the gate. We entered.  
(b) We started early. We arrived at noon.
16. Analyse the following sentences :—  
(a) It is easy to find faults.  
(b) Sickness made the child irritable.
17. Change into Direct Speech :  
(a) He told us that he had waited an hour.  
(b) He said that he had come to see them.
18. Turn the following into Indirect speech :—  
'So help me Heaven' ! he cried,  
'I will never be late'.
19. Supply the correct tag :  
(a) Kiran hardly goes to school.  
(b) They have not seen a cinema before.
20. Change the degree :  
(a) Kashmir is one of the most beautiful places I have seen.  
(b) Very few moral leaders of the world were so great as Nehru.
21. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns :  
(a) We always like boys ——— speak the truth.  
(b) The letter ——— you wrote never arrived.
22. Change into active voice :  
(a) Without effort nothing can be gained.  
(b) We shall be blamed by everyone.

(8 × 2 = 16)



**Part C**

*Answer any six of the following questions.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. Write a letter to your friend describing your favourite hobby.
24. Write a paragraph on the influence of cinema on youth.
25. Write a dialogue between you and your friend on the use and abuse of plastics.
26. Expand the proverb into a paragraph :  
Slow and steady wins the race.
27. Write a paraphrase of the following stanza :  
On Linden, when the sun was low,  
All bloodless lay the untrodden snow  
And dark as winter was the flow  
Of Iser, rolling rapidly.
28. What are modal auxiliaries ? Use each of them in sentences.
29. What is an adjective ? What are the different types ?
30. What are the common greetings and salutations ?
31. What are synonyms and antonyms ? Give suitable examples.

(6 × 4 = 24)

**Part D**

*Answer any two of the following in about 300 words each.  
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. Write an essay on 'Water conservation'.
33. Prepare a C.V. for applying for the post of an accountant.
34. Write a group discussion with four participants on the pros and cons of life in a great city.
35. Write a report for your college magazine on the inter collegiate cricket tournament.

(2 × 15 = 30)