

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA & BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2024
(Third Semester)

Common to – BA & BSc PROGRAMMES

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH – III DEVELOPING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS
THROUGH LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION - A (10x1=10 Marks)

I Change the Tenses in the following sentences as directed:

1. She writes an essay. (Future continuous)
2. Ravi is singing a song (Simple Past)
3. Ramu painted the wall. (Simple Future)
4. My father read the novel. (Present Perfect)
5. He danced well. (Present continuous)

Fill in the blanks with suitable verbs:

6. Sundar _____ to his friend's wedding last week. (go)
7. Usually, Mala _____ the newspaper in the morning. (read)
8. Ravi _____ the pamphlets yesterday. (issue)
9. I _____ with him just now. (talk)
10. She _____ the room when i entered. (clean)

SECTION - B

II Answer the following questions from Group A & B

(5x7=35 Marks)

Group A

Explain with reference with context:

11. a) He took me to his room over the Jumna Sweet Shop and told me I could sleep on the balcony. But the meal I cooked that night must have been terrible because Anil gave it to a stray dog and told me to off.

OR

- b) Listen!" I interrupted, drawing myself up and animating my features to their full extent and speaking with a withering scorn that should have blasted the man on the spot.

12. a) Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

OR

- b) Bread should be free,
shelter should be free,
fire should be free to all and anybody,
all and anybody, all over the world.

Cont ...

8. a) 'Feel at home!' 'Come again':
they say, and when I come
again and feel
at home, once, twice,
there will be no thrice-

OR

- b) If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim

Group - B

Answer all the questions in 150 words.

9. a) Describe the agreement between a banker and a lawyer in *The Bet*.
OR
b) Examine the character Schatz.
10. a) Discuss the uniqueness of Camilla in *The Ugly Duckling*.
OR
b) Outline the characteristics of the king in *The Ugly Duckling*.

SECTION - C

Answer ANY THREE the following questions (3X10=30 Marks)

11. Water exists in all plant and animal forms. Justify the statement with reference to Water:
12. Bring out the themes rendered in the poem *Once Upon A Time*.
13. Consider Tennyson's *Ulysses* as a Dramatic Monologue.
14. Enumerate the theme 'Love and Sacrifice' in *A Service of Love*.
15. Explicate the concept 'quest for identity' portrayed in *The Ugly Duckling*.

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COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH-IV - ENGLISH FOR CAREER

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 50 Marks

1. Read the following advertisement and write an application letter and resume:

(4+4=8)

**Tribune Model School**
Sector 29-D, Chandigarh – 160030
Teachers Required

English Teacher
Age below 30 years

- > A Graduate/Post Graduate.
- > B.Ed.
- > Minimum 1 year of experience.
- > Proficiency in written and oral English Language.
- > Conversant with the latest teaching trends and use of technology.

- ✓ A handwritten application (Not typed)
- ✓ Candidate's updated bio-data.
- ✓ A "Data sheet" -- to be downloaded and duly filled in with accurate information.

-- Data sheet is available in the download section at www.tribuneschoolchd.com

Important Instructions
www.tribunemodelschool.com → Download section (at the bottom of the page) → Data Sheet (on right hand side of the download section page), download 4 page document, take a print out, fill in the details and send it along with handwritten application and updates CV to the address mentioned below.

- Online applications will be not accepted.
- Only short listed candidates will be called for the interview process.

The above three documents should reach the school office within 10 days from publication of this advertisement.

Principal
Tribune Model School Sector 29-D, Chandigarh – 160030.
Phone No. 2656078/2637353

2. Assume that you are planning to purchase a new laptop and want to make an inquiry about the best model. How will you enquire with the shop owner? (4)

3. Write a telephonic conversation on the following concept:

You are asked by your grandmother to book a medical appointment with Dr.Xavier. Make a call and book the appointment. (3)

4. Change the tone of the following letter and make it a positive and effective letter: (3)

12.05.2024

P.Manikandan
XYZ Company, Madurai

Subject: Attendance Policy

Dear Manikandan,

Cont ...

You are hereby notified that your attendance record has been reviewed, and it has been determined that you have exceeded the allowed number of absences. As per company policy, any employee exceeding 5 absences within a 3-month period will face disciplinary action.

You are expected to improve your attendance immediately. Failure to do so will result in further action, up to and including termination.

Sincerely,
[Mr.Suruli]

5. Draft ANY ONE of the letters in the given context: (5)
 - A) Your online purchased product has been damaged during the delivery. Make a complaint to the company and claim for the refund.
 - B) You wish to do an English learning course from the institute 'Learn a Language'. Write a letter to enquire about course details, fees, duration etc.
 - C) Assume that you are managing the supply of books in the school library. Write a letter for placing the order for the books to the Harrows Publishing House Ltd.
6. Draft an agenda and minutes for the Literary Association club of your department. (2+3=5)
7. Prepare a report on the Annual Day function of your college. (5)
8. Critically review a novel or a short story that you have read recently. (5)
9. Write an example for the structured interview questions. (3)
10. A reputable mobile company is launching two models this month. Prepare an advertisement on it. (3)
11. Change the sentence into as directed: (6x1=6)
 - a) The wall was painted by Raja. (into Active voice)
 - b) Seetha has conducted the programme. (into Passive voice)
 - c) Blinded by a dust storm, they lost their way. (into compound)
 - d) He is too weak to carry this heavy bag. (Into complex)
 - e) He said, "Where is she going?" (into indirect)
 - f) He told Tom to lie down. (into indirect)

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(Fourth Semester)

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COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH – IV - ENGLISH FOR CAREER

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

I Read the following advertisement published in The Hindu dated 25.04.2024 and write a letter of application and resume. (4+4=8)

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL
(Managed and controlled by DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi)
(A co-educational English Medium Sr. Sec. Public School Affiliated to CBSE, Delhi)
Sector- II, T.H.A. Rajinder Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghazibabad
Phone No. : 0120-2631202, 2631206
www.davpssahibabad.org, Email : davps_sbd@sify.com

INVITES APPLICATION

From Trained and experienced candidates with bright academic career, proficiency in co-curricular activities, computer literate, comfortable with the use of technology and excellent written & communication skills for the following posts on salary as per VI pay commission:

PGT : English, Bio-Technology, Physics.
TGT : English, French, Hindi, Computer Science, Music & Physical Education(Female)
PRT : Science, Maths, Social- Science, English, Hindi, Nursery-Teacher

Eligibility : (a) Post Graduate/Graduate, B.Ed. (as applicable) CTET qualified candidates for primary and Elementary stage preferred (b) At least three years experience in the similar capacity (c) MCA, B. Tech for computer science Submit application on prescribed form which can be down loaded from school website or can be obtained from school within 15 days of the date of publication of the advertisement. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

PRINCIPAL

II Write an impressive profile assuming yourself to be the CEO of a reputed company. (4)

III Write a telephonic conversation between a gym instructor and a customer regarding the routine workouts. (3)

IV Change the tone of the following letter to make it a complaint letter. (3)

Hometown, TX 77008

November 12, 2023

Smith
Customer Relations Director
Sofa Showroom
555 Broadway
Dwarkapudur, Bangalore 15

Re: Broken sofa
Order Number: S-7654

Dear Mr. Smith:

On October 1, 2023, I bought a Plush sofa model number 25811 from the Sofa Showroom website. I paid Rs 65000 on my credit card for the sofa and delivery. Sofa Showroom delivered the sofa to my home on March 20, 2024.

Cont...

Unfortunately, your product has not performed well because the sofa is defective. One of the legs broke off on March 24, 2024. The sofa is unsteady and rocks while I sit on it, so it is not comfortable or relaxing. I have not used this sofa in a way that would cause any damage. I filed reports about this problem on the Sofa Showroom's website Customer Service page on 25 and 28. I left my email and asked someone to contact me, but no one has written back. To resolve the problem, I would like your company to pick up this sofa, for free, and refund the amount I paid. I have enclosed copies of my records, including my receipt, delivery invoice, and photos of the broken sofa. I look forward to your reply and a resolution to my problem. I will wait until April 05, 2024 before I contact my state consumer protection office or get other help.

Contact me at the above address or by phone at 96380 26676

Sincerely,

Very dissatisfied customer

Enclosures: Receipt, Delivery invoice, Photo

V Draft a business letter in the given context. Answer any one.

(5)

1. You manage the supply of books in the school library. Write a letter for placing the order for the books to the Vikas Publishing House Ltd.

2. You are in-charge of purchase for Turbo Automobiles Ltd. Last week you made an order which is still pending. Write a letter to the manager of 'Tools & Spares' for the cancellation of the aforementioned order.

3. Your ward would like to throw his birthday party at a fast food restaurant. However, you are not sure if the restaurant provides the facility of a proper birthday party. Write an inquiry letter to the manager of the restaurant for the same.

VI You are the GM of a reputed company. You have arranged for a meeting with the staff regarding the opening of a new branch. Draft an agenda and write the minutes of the meeting. (2+3=5)

VII As the apartment association incharge prepare a report in 200 words on the activities conducted throughout the year for the benefit of the inmates of ABZ apartments. (5)

VIII Critically review a short story/ a novel that you have recently read. (5)

IX Answer the following structured interview questions (3)

Interviewer: Good morning sir, may I know whether you are acquainted with anyone in this Company?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: What made you choose our company?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: Why do you think you are a good candidate for this position?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: Where do you see yourself in five years' time?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: What is the biggest mistake you've made in your career?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: What experience did failure teach you in life?

Interviewee: _____.

Interviewer: All the best, we will mail the results to you in a week's time.

X Illustrate a suitable advertisement for the caption: *The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe, eat cake!* (3)

XI Change the sentence as directed. (6x1=6)

1. She studies Biology. She plans to pursue a career in research. (Change into compound sentence)

2. I went for a walk, and I met my friend at the park. (Change into complex sentence)

3. The research team conducted a series of experiments, analyzed the data, and published their findings in a prestigious scientific journal. (Change into passive voice)

4. The ancient city was discovered by archaeologists in the remote desert, revealing artifacts dating back thousands of years, and it is now being studied extensively. (Change into active voice)

5. "We are going to the beach tomorrow," he exclaimed. (Change into direct speech)

6. He explained that he would have to postpone the meeting until the following week.

(Change into indirect speech)

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END

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DECEMBER 2024
(Second Semester)

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COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH-II - ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Section A

I. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS: (5x1 = 5 Marks)

1. Fill in the Blanks of the Following Paragraph with appropriate Linkers:

Technology has transformed our lives in many ways. (1) _____ the invention of the internet, communication has become much easier and faster. (2) _____, social media platforms allow people to connect with each other across the globe. (3) _____, there are concerns about privacy and security online. (4) _____ the advantages of digital platforms, it is crucial to protect personal information. (5) _____, technology is a powerful tool, but it must be used responsibly.

II. Select any one of the given topics to write a descriptive paragraph: (1x4 = 4 Marks)

1. A Festival or Cultural Event
2. A Day at the Amusement Park
3. A Childhood Memory
4. Your Favorite Place

III. Construct an essay on any one of the topics: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

1. The First Day of College
2. The Best Birthday Party Ever
3. A Walk in the Park

IV. Draft a paragraph on the given topic sentence selecting relevant information: (1x6= 6 Marks)

Topic sentence: Humans are surrounded by a thousand enemies threatening their health, and thereby their happiness.

1. The World Health Organization looks after the health of the people of the world.
2. Some of these enemies are so small that they cannot be seen by the unaided eye
3. Nowadays there are electron microscopes, which magnify objects a million fold.
4. But the size of the enemy is not clue to the extent of the harm it can case.
5. In fact the greatest of our enemies are the viruses and bacteria, infinitely small creature that cause and spread some of the deadliest diseases.
6. Microbiology is the scientific study of micro-organisms.

V. Write an expository paragraph on any one of the given topics: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

1. The Impact of Social Media
2. The Importance of Teamwork
3. The Benefits of Exercise

VI. Read the Following Passage and Prepare a Note – Making: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

Regular Exercise is essential for maintaining physical and mental health. Regular physical activity helps improve cardiovascular health by strengthening the heart and increasing blood circulation. It also aids in weight management, as it burns calories and helps regulate metabolism. Beyond physical benefits, exercise significantly boosts mental health. Engaging in regular workouts can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, as it releases endorphins, often referred to as "feel-good" hormones. Moreover, exercise can improve sleep quality, leading to better overall well-being. To reap these benefits, it is recommended to engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week, such as walking, swimming, or cycling.

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VII. Write a Narrative essay on any one of the Topics:**(1x10 = 10 Marks)**

1. The Day I Overcame My Biggest Fear
2. A Time I Stood Up for What I Believe In
3. The First Time I Made a Friend

VIII. Answer any one of the Following:**(1x10 = 10 Marks)**

1. Write a letter to the Principal of the College requesting permission for an Industrial Visit.
2. Draft a letter to the Editor of the Newspaper on Promoting Recycling and Waste Management of your locality.

IX. Draft a circular as the principal of the College on Scholarship and Financial Aid

Opportunities available at the college.

(1x5 = 5 Marks)**X. Prepare a Précis of the Following Passage:****(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

Butterflies are fascinating creatures that go through a remarkable transformation known as metamorphosis. The life cycle of a butterfly consists of four distinct stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

The journey begins when a female butterfly lays eggs on a host plant. These tiny eggs can be found on the underside of leaves to protect them from predators. After a few days, the eggs hatch into larvae, commonly known as caterpillars. During this stage, caterpillars eat voraciously, growing rapidly and shedding their skin several times.

Once the caterpillar has grown sufficiently, it enters the third stage, called the pupa or chrysalis. Inside this protective casing, the caterpillar undergoes a remarkable transformation. This stage can last from a few days to several weeks, depending on the species and environmental conditions.

Finally, the adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis. At first, its wings are soft and crumpled, but they soon expand and dry, allowing the butterfly to take its first flight. Adult butterflies play a crucial role in pollination and contribute to the ecosystem by helping plants reproduce.

Understanding the life cycle of a butterfly not only highlights the beauty of nature but also emphasizes the importance of protecting their habitats to ensure their survival.

XI. Punctuate the Following Passage:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

As the sun began to rise the sky transformed into a canvas of vibrant colors the birds chirped cheerfully welcoming the new day sarah eager to start her morning routine brewed a cup of coffee and opened the window what a beautiful morning she exclaimed taking a deep breath of fresh air after enjoying her coffee she decided to go for a walk in the nearby park the park was filled with people children playing joggers passing by and couples strolling hand in hand she felt grateful for moments like these where nature and life came together in harmony

XII. Frame sentences using the Following Phrasal Verbs:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

1. Give up
2. Hang on
3. Take off
4. Let in
5. Break down

XIII. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate Concord:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

1. The dogs _____ at strangers. (barks/bark)
2. Everyone _____ invited to the party. (is/are)
3. Half of the cake _____ gone. (is/are)
4. The cat and the dog _____ playing in the yard. (is/are)
5. Either the manager or the assistant _____ available to help you. (is/are)

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