

**BA ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE
FIRST SEMESTER [REPEAT]
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH - I
BAAG - 106**

SET A

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

$$1 \times 20 = 20$$

Choose the correct answer from the following:

Objective

1. Choose the word that is *opposite* in meaning to "SATIATE":
a. Starve
b. Satisfy
c. Relief
d. Fill
2. Choose the word that is *opposite* in meaning to "RUMINATE":
a. Consider
b. Contemplate
c. Ignore
d. Mull
3. Choose the correct synonym of "FAÇADE":
a. Front of a building
b. Haughtiness
c. Complexity
d. Hypocrisy
4. Choose the correct synonym of "CHAUVINISM":
a. Blind Patriotism
b. Defeatism
c. Political Trickery
d. Obstinacy
5. Choose the correct synonym of "FLAGRANT":
a. Scandalously bad
b. Widely scattered
c. Particularly
d. Poisonous
6. The correct meaning of the idiom "A culture vulture" is:
a. someone who is very keen to experience art and literature
b. someone who wants to defend ancient culture
c. someone who is ashamed of one's own culture
d. someone who looks at her/his culture critically
7. The correct meaning of the idiom "A death blow" is:
a. to be nearly dead
b. to be deeply afraid of death
c. to beat someone to death
d. an action or event which causes something to end or fail.
8. The correct meaning of the idiom "The jewel in the crown" is:
a. someone who has many skills
b. something that one wants
c. the most valuable thing in a group of things
d. the jewel in the crown of the king
9.of the guests has arrived at the venue yet.
a. Few
b. Neither
c. Both
d. Either

10. There isn't.....coffee left in the pot.
 - a. Some
 - b. Few
 - c. Any
 - d. Many
11. He has invited.....of his friends to the wedding.
 - a. All
 - b. Many
 - c. Several
 - d. Most
12. Choose the correct form of tense-"By the time you arrive, they.....the meeting":
 - a. Will finish
 - b. Had finished
 - c. Will have finished
 - d. Have finished
13. Choose the correct form of tense-"She.....in that company for five years before she was promoted":
 - a. Works
 - b. Worked
 - c. Had worked
 - d. Has been working
14. Choose the correct form of tense -"We.....the documents by the time the manager arrives":
 - a. Will complete
 - b. Complete
 - c. Will have completed
 - d. completed
15. Identify the part of speech- The children ran quickly across the field.
 - a. Adverb
 - b. Adjective
 - c. Verb
 - d. Noun
16. Identify the part of speech- He is a brilliant scientist.
 - a. Noun
 - b. Verb
 - c. Adjective
 - d. Adverb
17. Identify the part of speech- They left the party after an hour.
 - a. Conjunction
 - b. Preposition
 - c. Adverb
 - d. Pronoun
18. Identify the part of speech- Although he was tired, he continued working.
 - a. Conjunction
 - b. Adjective
 - c. Preposition
 - d. Pronoun
19. Change the voice- "The chef prepared a delicious meal."
 - a. A delicious meal is prepared by the chef
 - b. A delicious meal has been prepared by the chef
 - c. A delicious meal was prepared by the chef.
 - d. A delicious meal had been prepared by the chef
20. Change the voice- "The homework has been completed by the students."
 - a. The students have completed the homework
 - b. The students completed the homework
 - c. The students were completing the homework.
 - d. The students had completed the homework

(Descriptive)

Time : 2 Hr. 30 Mins.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Write a precis of the following passage by reducing it to 1/3 of its original length: 10

In today's fast-paced digital world, the influence of technology on human lives is undeniable. The internet has become an integral part of our daily routines, impacting how we communicate, learn, and work. On one hand, technology has simplified tasks, connected people worldwide, and made vast amounts of information accessible at our fingertips. However, this ease and accessibility come with their own set of challenges. One of the most significant concerns is the growing dependence on digital devices, which is changing the way people interact and function.

With smartphones and computers available around the clock, people often find themselves glued to screens for extended periods, leading to a decline in face-to-face interactions. Many argue that this has impacted personal relationships and decreased empathy, as digital communication lacks the nuance of in-person conversations. For instance, messages can be easily misinterpreted without vocal tone or body language, leading to misunderstandings. The prevalence of social media also brings about an illusion of connectivity, where individuals believe they are socially active while, in reality, they may be increasingly isolated. Studies have shown a link between extensive social media use and mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, as individuals compare their lives with idealized versions of others online.

The implications of technology extend beyond personal relationships. In educational settings, the digital revolution has transformed how students learn and interact with information. Online resources and e-learning platforms have made education more accessible, but they also raise questions about the quality of learning. While students can readily access information, critical thinking skills may diminish as they rely on search engines rather than analyzing and synthesizing knowledge independently. Furthermore, with online classes becoming the norm, especially post-pandemic, students face the challenge of staying motivated and engaged without the structured environment of a classroom. Teachers, too, find it difficult to gauge student engagement and understanding when physical presence is replaced by a virtual one.

Another area where technology has had profound effects is the workplace. Remote working has become more common, with employees able to work from home or anywhere with an internet connection. While this offers flexibility and reduces commute time, it also blurs the boundaries between work and personal life. Many people now struggle to "switch off," leading to increased stress and burnout. Employers, on the other hand, face new challenges in maintaining team cohesion and morale in a virtual workspace. Without daily in-person interactions, building a unified company culture becomes difficult, and employees may feel isolated despite frequent virtual meetings.

Moreover, as technology evolves, so does the need for constant updates in skills and knowledge. This demand for continuous learning can be overwhelming, especially for older generations who may not be as tech-savvy. The digital divide is another issue that creates disparities, as not everyone has equal access to technological resources, potentially widening social and economic gaps.

In conclusion, while technology has undoubtedly brought convenience and innovation, it also poses challenges that require careful consideration. Finding a balance between leveraging technology for its benefits and mitigating its negative impacts is crucial. Encouraging responsible usage, promoting digital literacy, and fostering real-life connections alongside digital ones are steps toward ensuring that technology serves humanity in a sustainable way. (600 words)

2. Punctuate the following passage: 10
 As the sun began to set over the quiet town Sarah decided to take a walk She grabbed her keys her phone and her favorite book and stepped outside The cool evening air greeted her as she strolled down the tree lined streets Birds chirped softly in the branches above and the occasional bark of a distant dog broke the silence Sarah loved these moments of peace away from the noise and busyness of everyday life As she reached the park she found a bench sat down and opened her book This was her favorite way to end the day with a good story and the calm of nature all around her.
3. Imagine you are the Cultural Secretary of your college. Recently, your college organized an inter-collegiate cultural fest, *Youth Vibe 2024*, which included various events like dance, music, drama, and art competitions. Write a report on the event for your college magazine. Include details such as the purpose of the fest, a description of the events, the number of participants, special guests, and the overall outcome of the event. (Word Limit: 150-200 words) 10
4. You are Rahul/Rahima, a student of Class 12 at XYZ Senior Secondary School. You recently suffered a leg injury and have been advised complete bed rest for two weeks. Write an application to your school principal requesting medical leave for the specified period. Include details about your injury and attach a doctor's note if necessary. (Word Limit: 100-150 words) 10
5. Punctuate the following passage: 10
 Mr Thompson a teacher with over twenty years of experience believes that education is more than just textbooks and exams Learning he often tells his students is about understanding how to think and question His classroom filled with posters of famous scientists writers and artists is a place of discussion and exploration One day he brought in a simple rock he asked his students what they thought it was At first they laughed but as they looked closer they began to wonder Is it a fossil Could it be part of a meteorite Mr Thompson smiled pleased that they were thinking beyond the obvious This was exactly what he wanted them to do explore question and learn.
6. Write a paragraph on the following topic" 10
 "A Book That Changed Your Life."
7. Write a paragraph on the following topic: 10
 "A Place You Would Like to Visit."
8. Write a paragraph on the following topic: 10
 "Your favorite day of the week."

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