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**FIRST SEMESTER INTEGRATED P.G. DEGREE (SUPPLEMENTARY/  
IMPROVEMENT) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022  
(FOR 2021 ADMISSIONS) AND NOVEMBER 2021  
(FOR 2020 ADMISSIONS ONLY)**

Common Course (English)

ENG 11 A 01—TRANSACTIONS – ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

(2019 to 2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

**Part I (Speaking Skills)**

I. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 20).  
Each question carries 2 marks :

- 1 You are late for the Birthday party of your best friend. How will you inform your friends ?
- 2 You are expecting a friend of yours for dinner at your home. Express your thoughts on your friend's punctuality using *highly unlikely*.
- 3 *Off course, I can arrange that* is the reply to a telephone call. Frame a suitable question used in telephonic English for this reply.
- 4 Rearrange the given jumbled sentence to get the correct expression used for extending an apology ; *caused / I am / for / sorry / inconvenience / the*.
- 5 Identify the vowel sounds from the words, **true** and **tour** and categorise them accordingly as monophthong or diphthong.
- 6 Identify the sounds of the underlined letters in **church** and **television** and transcribe them.
- 7 *Where my books kept ?* Look at the question and rewrite it correctly. Justify your corrections.
- 8 The mangoes are Rs. 250 per kg. Frame a "Wh" question for this sentence.
- 9 *She has been working hard on the project all week.* Identify the main verb and the helping verb in the sentence.

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- 10 *The performance is on Monday and I am really looking forward to it.* Identify the phrasal verb and write its meaning.
- 11 *He was born into a wealthy family and hence doesn't care others feelings.* Write the idiomatic expression for the underlined words.
- 12 *She jeopardised her chance at the talent fest owing to her foolishness.* Write the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

II. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered . (Ceiling 30). Each question carries 5 marks :

- 13 Prepare a short telephonic conversation in which phrases like *may I remind you that, I am afraid, cancel*, etc. occur.
- 14 Elucidate the ways in which the given words differ in articulation and meaning. Support your answers with examples.

*Project (N) & Project (V)*

*Record (N) & Record (V)*

- 15 Each given sentence has one word missing. Write it in and justify your answer.

*It has raining continuously since morning and I can't go out for a walk.*

*When I reached the station, the train already left.*

- 16 Reorder the given sentences and identify the tense in them.

*decided / on / a / they / plan / have.*

*tomorrow / will / she / leaving / be.*

- 17 Choose one phrasal verb and use it in two sentences of yours : *call at / let off*.

- 18 Choose one idiom and use it in two sentences of yours :

*to be in one's good books / cock and bull story*

- 19 The sentences below consist of some grammatical mistakes. Identify the mistakes and rewrite them correctly. Justify your corrections :

*I not coming tomorrow the party.*

*It raining continuously from morning.*

III. Read the following questions and answer any one of the following :

20. Make up a reasonable long conversation which contains expressions used for polite requests/persuasions/suggestions and their responses.

**Speakers :** Nina and Ammu

**Situation :** Ninu and Ammu both are going to the mobile store to buy a mobile handset and they both are discussing the various options available to buy.

- 21 **Read the text and do as directed.**

**Excerpt from The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy**

May in Ayemenem is a hot, brooding month. The days are long and humid. The river shrinks and black crows gorge on bright mangoes in still, dut-green trees. Red bananas ripen. Jackfruits burst. Dissolute bluebottles hum vacuously in the fruity air.

Then they stun themselves against clear windowpanes and die, fatly baffle in the sun. The nights are clear but suffused with sloth and sullen expectations.

But by early June the southwest monsoon breaks and there are three months of wind and water with short spells of sharp, glittering sunshine that thrilled children snatch to play with.

The countryside turns an immodest green. Boundaries blur as tapioca fences take root and bloom. Brick walls take moss-green. Pepper vines snake up electric poles. Wild creepers burst through laterite banks and split across the flooded roads. The countryside turns an immodest green. Boundaries blur as tapioca fences take root and bloom. Brick walls turn moss-green. Pepper vines snake up electric poles. Wild creepers burst through laterite banks and spilt across the flooded roads. Boats ply in the bazaars. And small fish appear in the puddles that fill the PWD potholes on the highways. It was raining when Rahel came back to Ayemenem

Slanting silver ropes slammed into loose earth, ploughing it up like gunfire. The old house on the hill wore its steep, gabled roof pulled over its ears like a low hat. The walls, streaked with moss, had grown soft and bulged a little with dampness that seeped up from the ground. The wild, overgrown garden was full of the whisper and scurry of small lives.

In the undergrowth, a rat snake rubbed itself against a glistening stone. Hopeful yellow bullfrogs cruised the scummy pond for mates. A drenched mongoose flashed across the leaf-strewn driveway. The house itself looked empty. The doors and windows were locked. The front verandah bare. Unfurnished.

But the sky-blue Plymouth with chrome tail fins was still parked outside, and inside. Baby Kochamma was still alive. She was Rahel's baby grandaunt, her grandfather's younger sister.

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Her name was really Navomi, Navomi Ipe, but everybody called her Baby. She became Baby Kochamma when she was old enough to be an aunt. Rahel hadn't come to see her, though.

Neither niece nor baby grandaunt laboured under any illusions on that account. Rahel had come to see her brother, Estha. They were two-egg twins. "Dizygotic" doctors called them. Born from separate but simultaneously fertilized eggs. Estha Esthappen-was the older by 18 minutes.

**Read the following sentences and choose the correct options.**

- a) Baby grandaunt was expecting Rahel to visit her. *True/False*
- b) Rahel and Estha were dizygotic twins, born from separate but simultaneously fertilised eggs. *True/False*.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

*Re-read the text and choose the correct answer.*

- c) *A drenched* mongoose flashed across the leaf-strewn driveway. Which among the following is closest meaning to the italicised word ?
  - a) Soak.
  - b) Run.
  - c) Overflow.
  - d) Swamp.
- d) "Neither niece nor baby grandaunt laboured under any illusions on that account". Which among the following best expresses the idea of the given sentence in the story ?
  - a) Both the niece and the aunt had false hopes of meeting each other.
  - b) Both the niece and the aunt had no false hopes of meeting each other.
  - c) Both the niece and the aunt were confused.
  - d) Both of them had mixed feelings.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences. The answers need not be directly stated in the passage.**

- e) What happens to the countryside when it rains in Ayemenem ?
- f) Who is Baby Kochamma ? What do you understand by her relation with Rahel ?
- g) What happens to the river in May in Ayemenem ?

(3 × 2 = 6 marks)