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# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

## BENGALURU

### Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

**Date:** 10-10-2025

**Time:** 11.45am to 01.15pm

<b>School:</b> SOIS	<b>Program:</b> BCA, BCAAIML, BCADS	
<b>Course Code:</b> ENG1902	<b>Course Name:</b> Foundations of English Communication	
<b>Semester:</b> I	<b>Max Marks:</b> 50	<b>Weightage:</b> 25%

<b>CO - Levels</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>CO2</b>	<b>CO3</b>	<b>CO4</b>	<b>CO5</b>
<b>Marks</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>			

#### Instructions:

- (i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
- (ii) *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*

#### Part A

**Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.**

**5Q x 2M=10M**

<b>1</b>	List the four essential skills involved in communication.	<b>2 Marks</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>CO1</b>
<b>2</b>	What is the difference between active listening and passive hearing?	<b>2 Marks</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>CO2</b>
<b>3</b>	List any two benefits of English in the social and cultural sphere.	<b>2 Marks</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>CO1</b>
<b>4</b>	What does “evaluation” mean in active listening?	<b>2 Marks</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>CO2</b>
<b>5</b>	Mention any two advantages of nonverbal communication.	<b>2 Marks</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>CO1</b>

#### Part B

**Answer the Questions.**

**Total Marks 40M**

<b>6.</b>	Discuss the various types of barriers to effective communication. Illustrate their impact with the help of examples.	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO1</b>
<b>Or</b>				
<b>7.</b>	Compare and contrast organizational and psychological barriers to effective communication. In what ways do they influence understanding and interaction?	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO1</b>

<b>8.</b>	Discuss the significance of reflecting/paraphrasing and asking open-ended questions in ensuring clarity and deeper engagement with the speaker.	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO 2</b>
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**Or**

<b>9.</b>	Discuss the different ways of practicing active listening in academic, professional, and interpersonal contexts. In what ways do these practices improve the quality of communication?	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO 2</b>
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<b>10.</b>	Explain the role of English as a global language in academic life. How does proficiency in English contribute to the academic success of students?	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO 1</b>
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**Or**

<b>11.</b>	Discuss how command of English contributes to professional mobility, leadership roles, and long-term career success.	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>CO 1</b>
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<b>12.</b>	<p>Read the following passage and make notes using the Linear method of note-taking:</p> <p>Critical thinking is an essential academic skill that involves analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information to form reasoned judgments. Unlike rote memorization, which simply recalls facts, critical thinking requires questioning assumptions, recognizing biases, and weighing evidence before reaching conclusions. It is not about accumulating knowledge but about applying logic and reasoning to make sense of complex issues.</p> <p>The process of critical thinking typically begins with observation and inquiry. Learners must first identify the problem or question and gather relevant information. Once the information is collected, analysis follows: this stage involves examining evidence, identifying patterns, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. Evaluation then requires assessing the credibility and reliability of sources, as well as considering alternative perspectives. Finally, synthesis brings together the findings into a coherent conclusion or solution.</p> <p>Developing critical thinking skills offers several benefits. It enhances academic performance by enabling students to engage more deeply with course material. It improves decision-making, as individuals are better equipped to assess options and anticipate consequences. Moreover, critical thinking fosters independence, creativity, and adaptability—qualities that are highly valued in professional and real-world contexts. In essence, it equips individuals with the intellectual tools necessary to navigate an increasingly complex</p>	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>CO 2</b>
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<b>Or</b>				
<b>13.</b>	<p>Read the following passage and make notes using the Mind Mapping method of note-taking:</p> <p>Modern technology has become deeply integrated into society and influences multiple aspects of daily life. In the field of communication, innovations such as smartphones, instant messaging, and social media have made it possible for people to connect across the globe within seconds. These tools allow for rapid information exchange and closer personal interaction, yet they also contribute to concerns about privacy, reduced face-to-face interaction, and digital dependency.</p> <p>Education has also been transformed by technology. Online courses, virtual classrooms, and digital libraries have widened access to knowledge for students worldwide. At the same time, issues such as unequal access to reliable internet connections and devices highlight the digital divide, making educational opportunities uneven.</p> <p>Healthcare has benefited from advances like telemedicine, wearable devices, and artificial intelligence in diagnostics. These tools have improved patient care, disease prevention, and monitoring. However, questions of data security, privacy, and the ethical use of medical technology continue to challenge the field.</p> <p>Entertainment has shifted dramatically through streaming platforms, interactive video games, and virtual reality. These developments provide greater choice, creativity, and convenience for audiences, but excessive use may result in social isolation, reduced physical activity, and unhealthy dependence on digital leisure.</p>	<b>10 Marks</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>CO 2</b>