

Gov. Degree College Akhnoor

BA/B Sc/B Com/BCA Semester 6th Examination CBCS Private

Sub: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)

Course Code: UENTS 601

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum marks: 40

Credits: 2

Attempt any four questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

Q1. Discuss Edgar Allen Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" as a classic of Gothic fiction.

Q2. There is beauty in the sounds that exist in the everyday world. Enumerate the sounds most appreciated by Ruskin Bond.

Q3. Eryn Paul finds much to admire about the German work ethic. Elaborate.

Q4. Alfred Noyes' poem "The Highwayman" is rich in impactful imagery. Comment on the word pictures drawn in the poem.

Q5. You have cleared the Indian Administrative Services Exam and passed your interview. Write a speech **expressing gratitude** to all the people who have helped and supported you along the way.

Q6. On the basis of your reading of the passage below, **make notes** on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary.

Studying English for an hour once a week isn't usually enough to make any real progress. The best way to quickly improve your English is to spend at least a few minutes practicing every day. Immerse yourself as much as possible every time you study, and challenge yourself to listen to, read and even say things in English that you think might be too difficult for you. If you want to speak English fluently, you need to make it an essential part of your everyday life.

The right attitude can make the difference between failure and success. Stop thinking of yourself as someone who is *learning* English, and start thinking of yourself as someone who *speaks* English. It's a small change, but it will make you feel more confident and help you to use the English you already know more effectively.

This also means you need to start thinking in English. If you want to say the word "apple" in English, for example, right now you probably think of the word in your native language first, and then try to think of the correct word in English. Instead, try imagining a picture of an apple, and then just think the English word "apple." Real fluency happens when you stop mentally translating conversations.

When most students listen to a native English-speaker, they focus on

understanding what all the words mean. This is definitely important, but there is a lot more you can learn from listening. Try listening not just to what the words mean, but to how the person says them. Notice which words the person links together in a sentence, or when they say “ya” instead of “you.” Try to remember these details the next time you speak and your English will begin to sound more natural.

Q7. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb in the bracket.

- ❖ My car _____ 1 _____ (break) down when I was driving home from work. I _____ 2 _____ (fix) it if I _____ 3 _____ (know) what was wrong. But I didn't so I _____ 4 _____ (have) to take it to the garage.
- ❖ When he _____ 5 _____ (found) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He _____ 6 _____ (already write) his first computer programme six years earlier.
- ❖ Coffee is a beverage ___ 7 ___ (drink) by many past generations of people. What most people do not realize is that coffee is ___ 8 ___ (make) from beans ___ 9 ___ (pick) from trees. The best coffee is made from freshly ___ 10 ___ (grinding) beans.

Q8. Rearrange the following jumbled words and phrases to form proper sentences:

1. threat/earth/global/to/on/today/is/warming/the/biggest/life/single
2. average/used/term/earth's/rise/the/describe/in/temperature/is/to/unnatural/the
3. the/warming/increased/driver/dioxide/primary/global/is/carbon/of
4. impact/already/warming/is/creating/global/significant
5. drugs/invented/one/man/of/useful/is/penicillin/most/the
6. by/its/heal/we/help/bacteria/can/with/wounds/caused
7. few/in/use/this/discovery/beginning/the wonder/and/very/people/of knew/its
8. lives/soldiers/it/of/of/thousands/hundreds/saved/the/of
9. today/with/their/the/in/gadgets/children/born/are/hands
10. games/and/surf/they/to/video/love/internet/play