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Question Paper Version : A

**First / Second Semester B.E./B.Tech Degree Examination,  
Dec.2024/Jan.2025**

## Professional Writing Skills in English

Time: 1 hr.]

[Max. Marks: 50

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Answer all the **fifty** questions, each question carries one mark.
2. Use only **Black ball point pen** for writing / darkening the circles.
3. **For each question, after selecting your answer, darken the appropriate circle corresponding to the same question number on the OMR sheet.**
4. Darkening two circles for the same question makes the answer invalid.
5. **Damaging/overwriting, using whiteners** on the **OMR** sheets are strictly prohibited.

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1. Identify the correct phrasal verb "I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my old clothes to make space for the new ones".  
 a) thrown in                      b) thrown off                      c) thrown out                      d) thrown up
  2. Which phrasal verb means "to begin to understand something"?  
 a) Catch on                      b) Hold on                      c) Put on                      d) Turn on
  3. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence :  
 "I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this report before tomorrow's meeting".  
 a) bring up                      b) bring out                      c) bring in                      d) bring forward
  4. What is the meaning of the word "Capricious"?  
 a) Friendly and outgoing                      b) Predictable and reliable  
 c) Unpredictable and impulsive                      d) Serious and solemn
  5. Choose the correct definition of "Obfuscate".  
 a) To clarify or elucidate                      b) To confuse or obscure  
 c) To enlighten or illuminate                      d) To simplify or streamline
  6. What does the word "cogent" mean?  
 a) Weak or unconvincing                      b) Clear, logical and convincing  
 c) Indecisive or hesitant                      d) Fanciful or imaginative
  7. Select the synonym for "perfidious".  
 a) Loyal                      b) Trustworthy                      c) Faithful                      d) Treacherous

8. Arrange the following sentences in the correct order :
- i) He woke up early in the morning      ii) After breakfast, he went for a jog  
 iii) Then, he took a shower      iv) Finally, he got ready for work.  
 a) i, ii, iii, iv      b) iii, ii, i, iv      c) ii, iv, iii, i      d) iv, iii, ii, i
9. Arrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph :
- i) The company announced a new product launch.  
 ii) Customers eagerly awaited the release.  
 iii) The product received positive reviews from critics.  
 iv) Sales exceeded expectations.  
 a) i, ii, iii, iv      b) iii, ii, i, iv      c) ii, iii, iv, i      d) ii, i, iii, iv
10. Identify the error in the sentence : "She don't have enough time to finish the project".  
 a) she      b) don't      c) have      d) enough
11. Choose the correct sentence :
- a) The children is playing in the park yesterday  
 b) The children was playing in the park yesterday  
 c) The children were playing in the park yesterday  
 d) The children are playing in the park yesterday.
12. Identify the error in sentence : "The price of these shoes are too high".  
 a) The price      b) of these shoes      c) are      d) too high
13. Choose the correct sentence :
- a) She enjoys to read      b) She enjoys reading  
 c) She enjoys reads      d) She enjoys read
14. Identify the error in the sentence : "He speak French fluently".  
 a) He      b) Speak      c) French fluently      d) No error
15. Choose the correct sentence :
- a) The news are interesting      b) The news is interesting  
 c) The news were interesting      d) The news an interesting
16. Which option best completes the collocation : "\_\_\_\_\_ a shower"?  
 a) Take      b) Do      c) Make      d) Have
17. Identify the correct collocation : "\_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee".  
 a) Make      b) Do      c) Have      d) Take
18. Choose the correct collocation : "\_\_\_\_\_ a decision".  
 a) Make      b) Do      c) Have      d) Take
19. What is the contraction of "they are"?  
 a) Their      b) They're      c) There      d) Theres
20. Choose the correct contraction : "He will not" becomes \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) He'll not      b) He's not      c) He won't      d) He'sn't
21. Identify the contraction of "could not" :  
 a) Couldn't      b) Could'nt      c) Could'not      d) Could'nat



22. What is the correct word order for a question in English?  
 a) Subject – Verb - Object                      b) Object – Verb – Subject  
 c) Verb – Subject - Object                      d) Subject – Object - Verb
23. Which option represents the correct word order for an affirmative sentence in English?  
 a) Subject – Object - Verb                      b) Object – Verb – Subject  
 c) Verb – Subject - Object                      d) Subject – Verb - Object
24. Choose the correct word order for a negative sentence in English :  
 a) Object – Verb – Subject                      b) Subject – Verb - Object  
 c) Verb – Subject - Object                      d) Subject – Object - Verb
25. Identify the correct word order for a sentence in English :  
 a) She eats breakfast every morning                      b) Eats she breakfast every morning  
 c) Every morning she eats breakfast                      d) East breakfast she every morning
26. Choose the sentence in the passive voice :  
 a) She wrote a letter                      b) A letter was written by her  
 c) She is writing a letter                      d) She has written a letter
27. Choose the sentence with the correct transformation into reported speech :  
 “He said, “I will help you tomorrow”.”  
 a) He said that he would help me the next day  
 b) He says that he will help me tomorrow  
 c) He said that he help me tomorrow  
 d) He said that he helped me the next day
28. Which part of the sentence contains the error :  
 “The children is playing in the park yesterday”.  
 a) The children                      b) is playing                      c) in the park                      d) yesterday
29. Find the error in the sentence : “He are a talented musician”.  
 a) He                      b) are                      c) a talented musician                      d) No error
30. Where is the error in the sentence : “The cake is laying on the table”.  
 a) The cake                      b) is laying                      c) on the table                      d) No error
31. Identify the correct usage of the word “whom” :  
 a) To who shall I address this letter?                      b) Whom did you see at the party?  
 c) Whom is responsible for this mess?                      d) Whom wants to go to the concert?
32. Choose the correct transformation of the sentence into reported speech :  
 “She said, ‘I have already finished my work’.”  
 a) She said that she already finished her work  
 b) She says that she has already finished her work  
 c) She said that she had already finished her work  
 d) She says that she had already finished her work.

33. Select the option with correct subject – verb agreement :
- The committee is discussing the issue now
  - The committee are discussing the issue now
  - The committee were discussing the issue now
  - The committee am discussing the issue now.
34. Identify the error in the sentence : “She don’t have enough time to finish the project”.
- She
  - don’t
  - have
  - enough
35. Which part of the sentence contains the error :  
“The children are playing in the park yesterday”.
- The children
  - are playing
  - in the park
  - yesterday
36. Find the error in the sentence : “He are a talented musician”.
- He
  - are
  - a talented musician
  - No error
37. Where is the error in the sentence : “The cake is laying on the table”.
- The cake
  - is laying
  - on the table
  - No error
38. Which sentence demonstrates correct subject – verb agreement?
- There is many books on the shelf
  - There are many books on the shelf
  - There was many books on the shelf
  - There were many books on the shelf
39. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- Neither of the boys are going to the party
  - Neither of the boys is going to the party
  - Neither of the boys were going to the party
  - Neither of the boys am going to the party
40. Choose the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- The news are interesting
  - The news is interesting
  - The news were interesting
  - The news am interesting
41. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- The majority of the population is happy with the new policy
  - The majority of the population are happy with the new policy
  - The majority of the population were happy with the new policy
  - The majority of the population am happy with the new policy
42. Choose the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- My family is going on vacation next week
  - My family are going on vacation next week
  - My family were going on vacation next week
  - My family am going on vacation next week
43. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- The price of these shoes are too high
  - The price of these shoes is too high
  - The price of these shoes were too high
  - The price of these shoes am too high



44. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence :  
“She \_\_\_\_\_ her homework before dinner”.  
a) finish                      b) finishes                      c) finished                      d) finishing
45. Which sentence uses the verb “to swim” in the past tense correctly?  
a) She swimmmed across the lake                      b) She swam across the lake  
c) She swims across the lake                      d) She has swum across the lake
46. Identify the sentence with the correct form of the verb “to be” in the present progressive tense :  
a) He are studying for the exam                      b) He am studying for the exam  
c) He is studying for the exam                      d) He be studying for the exam
47. Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence :  
“She was able to think on her \_\_\_\_\_ during the presentation”.  
a) head                      b) feet                      c) nose                      d) ears
48. Which idiom means “to tell someone a secret”?  
a) Spill the beans                      b) Hit the sack                      c) Kick the bucket                      d) Break the ice
49. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence :  
“Can you please \_\_\_\_\_ the window? It’s getting hot in here”.  
a) break up                      b) break down                      c) break in                      d) break out
50. What does the phrasal verb “to put off” mean?  
a) To postpone                      b) To turn off                      c) To put away                      d) To put on

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