

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

First Semester BE/B.Tech

Technical English - 1

[Common to all Programmes] Course Code: 18EGH18

Model Question Paper

Examination: **Three Hour**

Maximum Marks: **100**

Instructions to the candidates

- i) Answer all the 100 questions, each question carries one mark.
- ii) Marking two answers for the same question makes the answer invalid.

Choose the correct option from those given in each of the sentences below.

1. The direction in which the formal communication flows is always_____.
A. Upward B. Downward C. Horizontal D. All of the Above
2. Communication in an organization should ideally flow_____
A. From top to bottom B. From bottom to top C. Both ways D. None of these
3. Which one of the following cannot become a type of written communication_____?
A. Pictures and visual aids B. Meetings and conferences
C. Letters and suggestions D. Rules and Instructions
4. Consider the following statements about communication,
 1. It is a process of interaction with people and environment
 2. Two or more individuals interact and influence the ideas, beliefs and attitudes of each other.
 3. They can exchange information through words, gestures, signs and symbols, expressions etc.Answer using the following codes: A. 1 and 2 B. 2 and 3 C. 1 and 3 D. 1, 2 and 3
5. Which of the following is/are not included in the tools of verbal communication?
A. Listening B. Reading C. Writing D. Graphics
6. Which of the following statements explain Interpersonal skills?
A. The skills that a person uses to interact with other people.
B. People skills or communication skills
C. It explains how people relate to one another D. All the above.
7. Which of the following is not a way to improve interpersonal skills?
A. Think positively, and enter the mindset to work well with others and maintain good relationships. B. Criticise others or yourself. B. Do not criticize others or yourself.
C. Be patient. D. Be clear
8. Consider the following:
A. Common frame of reference B. Mutual Interest
C. Common Language D. Common environment
Which of the above is/are features of effective communication? Answer using codes:
A. 1, 2, 3 and 4 B. 1, 2 and 3 C. 1 and 2 D. 1 and 3
9. In communication, when people do not talk much, question even less, and actually do very little it is called,
A. Assertive style B. Passive style C. Passive – aggressive style D. Aggressive style

29. Australian government will bring together anti-terror laws. (Which word is a nominative noun?)
A. bring B. Australian C. anti-terror D. government
30. They discussed the problems, but could not find the solution. (Which word is a uncountable noun?)
A. could not B. find C. solution D. discussed

choose the whether the underlined nouns are common, proper, collective or abstract.

31. Honesty is the best policy. A. Common B. Proper C. Collective D. Abstract
32. Solomon was famous for his wisdom. A. Common B. Proper C. Collective D. Abstract
33. James is a bright student . A. Common B. Proper C. Collective D. Abstract
34. My family lives in that house. A. Common B. Proper C. Collective D. Abstract
35. A committee of five was appointed. A. Common B. Proper C. Collective D. Abstract

Silent and non Silent Letters

Select the missing silent letters from the options given. Check the spelling carefully.

36. I ___now London very well. A. w B. k C. w D. k
37. Reading is easier than ___riting. A. ing B. r C.w D. ng
38. I always ___rap up warm in winter. A. a B. s C. g D. w
39. Did you see the mangled ___eck? A. wr B. ek C. s D. n
40. People read ___salms and sing hymns in church. A. p B. psa C. ssl D. pis

Choose the most suitable answer that identifies the homophones in the sentence.

41. India _____the cricket match by 26 runs. A) One B) Won C) Ones D) Owned
42. The fisherman _____ a big fish. A) Court B) Caught C) Catch D) Collect
43. The doctor took blood from my _____. A) Vein B) Vain C) Vaian D) Vyine
44. It was good to be back in _____. A) Sink B) Sync C) synchronic D) Sinken
45. She _____after standing for two hours in a queue. A) Fainted B) Feinted C) Faint D) Feint

Questions (46-50) test your ability to use articles. Select the correct option in the series.

46. Travelling by flight is really _____ experience to be remembered. (A) an (B) a (C) the (D) no article
47. The sun rises in _____ east. (A) an (B) a (C) the (D) no article
48. I go to _____ school every morning. (A) no article (B) the (C) a (D) an
49. I carried _____ umbrella with me while going to school. (A) the (B) an (C) a (D) no article
50. Ravi is _____ tallest boy among his friends. (A) an (B) the (C) no article (D) a

Speech Sounds

51. Which of the following has / ə / sound : (A) but (B) am (C) about (D) aunt
52. Diphthong is a : (A) Pure vowel sound (B) Pure consonant sound
(C) Vowel glides or mixed vowel sounds (D) none of the above

Preposition : Choose the suitable prepositions and darken correct option in the series (1) (2) (3) & (4) from the options given.

53. My parents live_____ New Zealand now. (A) in (B) to (C) live (D) now
54. We slept _____ the open sky. (A) under (B) below (C) in (D) on
55. Our friends in the apartment ___ us are really noisy. (A) over (B) below (C) above (D) inside
56. I am planning to meet all my friends _____ these holidays. (A) on (B) within (C) during (D) over
57. I was waiting ___ the bus stop. (A) on (B) at (C) in (D) for
58. There are two students _____ the class. (A) next (B) in (C) on (D) front

59. The oranges are not in the basket. They are _____ the table. (A) in (B) between (C) on (D) next
60. My pencil is _____ the books and the notebooks. (A) between (B) inside (C) outside (D) above

Word Stress : Select the correctly spelt/ stressed word

61. I want to be a photographer.
(A) PHO-to-graPH-er (B) PHO-to-graph-er (C) pho-TO-graph-er (D) pho-TO-Graph-er
62. How do you pronounce this word?
(A) PRO-nOUnce (B) pro-NOUNce (C) pro-NOUNCE (D) PRO-nounce
63. We had a really interesting conversation.
(A) con-ver-SA-tion (B) con-VER-SA-tion (C) con-VER-sa-tion (D) con-VeR-sa-tion

Tag Questions : Choose the correct question tag to complete each sentence.

64. Nobody called, _____ (A) do they? (B) didn't they? (C) did they? (D) do not they?
65. They will wash the car, _____ (A) will it? (B) won't they? (C) wouldn't they? (D) do not they?
66. We must lock the doors, _____ (A) mustn't they? (B) shouldn't we? (C) mustn't we? (D) do they?
67. I'm right, _____ (A) amn't I? (B) am not I? (C) aren't I? (D) do I?
68. So you bought a car, _____ (A) did you? (B) haven't you? (C) weren't you? (D) don't I?
69. You wouldn't like to invite my Dad, _____ (A) did you? (B) would you? (C) won't you? (D) don't you?
70. We won't be late, _____ (A) won't we? (B) will we? (C) are we? (D) don't we?

Synonyms: Choose the word that is closest in meaning.

71. Mendacity : (A) Insolence (B) Risk taking nature or recklessness
(C) Untruthfulness (D) Susceptibility
72. Juxtaposing : (A) Posting (B) Placing side by side (C) Contrasting (D) Combining
73. Obscure : (A) Block (B) Obstruct (C) Constrain (D) Vague
74. Altercation : (A) Adjustment (B) Option (C) Row (D) Modification
75. Massive : (A) Lump sum (B) Strong (C) Little (D) Huge
76. Difer : (A) Indiferent (B) Defy (C) Differ (D) Postpone
77. Animosity : (A) Agony (B) Hostility (C) Wrath (D) Displeasure
78. Boisterous : (A) Ultimate (B) Suave (C) Noisy (D) Childish
79. Effluent : (A) Abundant (B) Costly (C) Full (D) Waste
80. Decadence : (A) Destroy (B) Declining (C) Sick (D) Go weak

Antonyms: Choose the word that is opposite in meaning.

81. Absence : (A) untidy (B) wise (C) presence (D) above
82. Abundant : (A) wrong, left (B) scarce (C) accidental (D) wide
83. Accept : (A) wet, left (B) aid, help (C) worst (D) refuse

Prefixes and suffixes : Choose the correct prefix or suffix from the options given to complete the gap.

84. In many countries it islegal to keep a gun in your house (A) ill (B) un (C) il (D) el
85. Which of the following is the suffix of 'Suit....'? (A) Ary (B) Able (C) Ness (D) un
86. Which of the following is the prefix of '....Polite'? (A) im (B) dis (C) in (D) il
87. The assignment is ...complete. (not finished). (A) not (B) un (C) in (D) on
88. I just can't believe it! The story is ___believable! (A) un (B) in (C) not (D) unn
89. I had a sleep__ night last night (I did not sleep). (A) less (B) able (C) ing (D) ept

Select the correct or preferred spelling for each of these commonly misspelled words.

Which of the following spellings is correct?

90. (A) accommodate (B) accomodate (C) acommodate (D) accomodate
91. (A) argument (B) arguments (C) arguemint (D) arguemintes
92. (A) acknowledgment (B) acknowledgement (C) acknowlegment (D) acknowlegement

Choose the correct verb/ tense form from the options given to complete the gap.

93. Our Holy Books tell us that man ----- mortal. (A) is (B) was (C) will be (D) are
94. The teacher asked the boys whether they ----- the problems.
(A) solve (B) have solved (C) had solved (D) solves

Choose the pairs of word/ phrases from the options given that best expresses a similar relationship to that of the given pair.

95. Patient : Hospital, (A) Teacher : School (B) Pilot : Aeroplane (C) Litigant : Court (D) Priest : Church
96. Truck : Cargo, (A) Ship : Water (B) Aircraft : Fuel (C) Bus : Passengers (D) Theatre : Movie
97. Entomology : Insects (A) Oncology : Cancer (B) Gerontology : Germs
(C) Tontology : Tortoises (D) Phonology : Telephones
98. See : Invisible (A) Sell : Insoluble (B) Alien : Inalienable
(C) Satisfy : Insatiable (D) Differ : Indifferent
99. Duck : Drake (A) Bull : Cow (B) Dog : Kennel
(C) Deer : Fawn (D) Goose : Gander
100. Gemini : Zodiac (A) Star : Galaxy (B) Ministry : Government
(C) May : Year (D) Channels : Television
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