B.A. 5th Semester (General) Examination, 2023 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Course: SEC-3

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt questions from either 'Group-A' or 'Group-B'

Group-A

Technical Writing

1. Answer any five of the following questions:

 $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What is visual communication?
- (b) Where is memorandum used?
- (c) What is the basic difference between formal writing and informal writing?
- (d) What is communicative competence?
- (e) What is a manual?
- (f) What do you mean by 'agenda' in a formal meeting?
- (g) What is the purpose of notice writing?
- (h) What is code-mixing in communication?
- 2. Answer any two of the following questions:

 $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Discuss the major differences between writing and speech.
- (b) What are the four primary functions of communication?
- (c) What are the common errors committed while writing a technical document?
- (d) What are the functions of a handbook?
- 3. Answer any two of the following questions:

10×2=20

- (a) What are the key factors for effective communication?
- (b) Write a formal report on a survey that you have conducted on the issue of ragging in higher educational institutions.

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- (c) You are the Secretary of the Green Club of your institute. Issue a notice to all the members and staff mentioning that use of plastic is banned inside the campus.
- (d) What is the objective of an instruction manual? What are the steps one should follow and what are the common errors one should avoid while writing a manual?

Group-B

Business Communication

1. Answer any five of the following questions:

 $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What is the role of communication in the management of business?
- (b) Distinguish between formal and informal communication.
- (c) Why is accuracy the most important element in a business report?
- (d) What is a bibliography?
- (e) What is the full form of "e-mail"? Mention two advantages of e-mail.
- (f) What are the different types of minutes?
- (g) What is the purpose of a presentation?
- (h) Mention any two presentation skills.
- 2. Answer any two of the following questions:

 $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) "Communication is the life blood of any organization." Elucidate.
- (b) What is consensus? Discuss its merits and demerits.
- (c) What are the etiquettes one should follow while sending or receiving e-mails?
- (d) Briefly describe the steps involved in designing a presentation.
- 3. Answer any two of the following questions:

 $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Discuss the characteristics of a good communication system.
- (b) Explain the characteristics of a good presentation.
- (c) Write an e-mail to the manager of a bank requesting for a statement of your bank account.
- (d) Draft a report, as a Sales Manager of your company on increasing competition from rival enterprises and suggestions to overcome it.