Appendix I

Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is only to elicit information for a research study on the topic, "Communicative Competence in English: A study based on the Undergraduate Students in Kerala". The respondents are undergraduate students drawn from various colleges under the University of Kerala.

1. Name of the respondent : 

2. Date : 

3. Place of interview : 

4. Course studying for : 

5. Sex/Age : 

6. Religion : 

7. Caste : Forward / Backward

8. Place of Residence : Rural / Urban

9. Medium of instruction at school level : 

10. State the Board appeared for a) 10th b) 12th

11. Marks scored in English in a) Std 10 b) Std 12

12. Occupation and educational qualifications of: 
   a) Father :
   b) Mother :
   c) Sister :
   d) Brother :


14. Which is the last English novel you have read? When?
15. How frequently do you watch English programs on Television?

16. Do you find it difficult to understand the English used on BBC/CNN/NDTV/CNN-IBN channels?

17. What are your career goals?

18. Do you feel inhibited to express your views in English?

19. Have you ever enrolled in English tuition classes? If yes, when and why

20. Do you rely on guides to prepare for your exams?

21. In what language do you converse with your friends?

22. What changes would you like to be made in the present syllabus to better your Communicative skills?

23. Would you like your college to provide classes for spoken English on the campus?

24. Do you think that large classes in General English hinders you from expressing freely in English?

25. Do you feel that provision for spoken English should be incorporated into the present syllabus?

26. Do you think you would be more confident if you could communicate in English?

27. Do you plan to attend English speaking classes?

28. Are you satisfied with the courses in General English at the following levels:
   a) Degree 1st yr:
   b) Degree 2nd yr:

29. Is the present Literature content too elaborate for General English?

30. Do you think English should be taught using the bi-lingual method?

(Signature of Respondent)
It must have been an ordinary day in my life. I wish I could remember. I was talking to a friend who had called in, when my daughter came running in from outside. I could see a small trace of tears, but not many. I looked at her.

"Are you alright?" I asked.

"Yes, Mum." Elizabeth went to her room.

My friend left. I cannot even remember who it was. It was just an ordinary day.

Elizabeth and Alice, her sister, were playing on the veranda. I called them, just the same as usual. "Time for a bath and, to have tea." I got tea ready as I listened to them in the bath.

You have just run the bath for an eight-and six-year old, you don’t have to undress them or wash them---I wish you did. May be then I’d have had a dreadful day. May be then my world would have been turned upside down. But I would have known.

My husband came home from work and played with the dog for a few minutes before having his shower. "What’s for tea tonight" he asked.

"Spaghetti"

"Yum." came from the bathroom.

"Come on you two. Time to stop playing get out of that bath before you get waterlogged.”

They came into the kitchen all plain and clean, dressed in their cute pyjamas. Elizabeth set the table with Alice’s help---just the same as an ordinary day---and we enjoyed our meal. I didn’t notice that Elizabeth was upset or less talkative than usual, or if I did, I thought that she’d had a tiff with the friend she had been playing with. Alice was just the same.
APPENDIX III

Passage for Written Comprehension

From time immemorial, housewives have been accorded a high theoretical status. Housewives are assured that, by rearing the young and looking after the aged family members, they are engaged in performing the most important task in the world. In fact, since the family is considered the most fundamental unit in society, by looking after their households, women are said to be making a significant contribution to society as a whole.

Unemployed housewives consider themselves to be the lowliest of the low. A feminist writer finds that those dealing with housework and childcare are ranked at the bottom of the list. No wonder then that housewives have become so defensive. Ask a housewife what she is doing and she will come up with a defensive reply, "Oh nothing!", "getting bored!", "Just wasting my time!". Even housewives think they have become objects of contempt and they feel very negative about their status in society.

Even the working women take great pleasure in deriding their unemployed sisters. But this attitude towards unemployed housewives is very bad and has to change.

1. What status has been given to housewives from time immemorial?
2. How are women supposed to be making a significant contribution to society?
3. What is the actual status of a housewife?
4. What reply does a housewife give when she is asked about the work she is doing?
   Why?
5. What is the attitude of the working women towards their unemployed sisters?
Appendix IV

Listening Comprehension

A Parachuter under training

I shall never forget my first jump from an aeroplane. There were ten of us, and I was the first to step out. ‘Don’t worry’, said the trainer, ‘the parachute always opens’. I was not quite sure. However we climbed into the plane, above us swing the doorway and soon we were in the air. We looked around and grinned at each other. Then silent sympathy made us feel a little better. I was the first to be called “stand in the door way”, said the trainer. He tapped my shoulder and then said, “Go and I went”. I had no sensation of falling possibly because I was passing nothing on the way down. After a moment my feet jerked up in front of me. I looked up and there was above me a billowing white expanse. The parachute had opened. Suddenly the ground seemed to be rushing at me and a voice called out “keep your feet together”. A “thumb” and I had landed.
Appendix Va

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Appendix VI

Model Question Paper
First year B.A/B.Sc/B.Com

Paper I Prose

Time: 3 hrs.  
Marks: 100

I. Annotate four of the following (six choices)  
   4 × 5 = 20

II. Answer the following in two or three sentences  
    10 × 2 = 20

III. Answer four of the following in about eighty words (six choices)  
     4 × 5 = 20

IV. Answer any two of the following in about three pages (Four choices)  
    2 × 15 = 30

V. a) Use appropriate synonyms for words and phrases in italics  
    (Sentences taken from the text)  
    5 × 1 = 5

b) Insert suitable articles and prepositions (5 insertions). A passage  
   from the text  
   5 × 1 = 5

Paper II  Novel. Functional Grammar and Communicative skills

Time: 3hrs  
Marks: 100

I. Write an essay on anyone of the following in about three pages  
   (Based on the novel- two choices)  
   1 × 15 = 15

II. Answer two of the following about eighty words  
    (Based on the Novel-Four choices)  
    2 × 5 = 10

III. Read the passage carefully and answer the full questions:  
    A passage moderate length for comprehension  
    5 × 2 = 10

IV. Letter writing  
    1 × 10 = 10
V. Report writing  

VI. a) Rewrite as directed: (Items for transformation)- Grammar  

b) Correction of sentences- (five)  

VII. To write a personal topic (5 sentences)  

VIII. To write a situational dialogue (6 sentences)  

IX. To write a general topic (5 sentences)  

a) Five words for phonetic transcription only monosyllabic words  

b) Marking of primary stress (five simple word)  

Second year B.A/B.Sc/ Examination  

Paper III Drama and Poetry  

Time: 3hrs  
Max Marks: 100  

I. Annotate any six of the following taking two from each group  
   a. Drama- Shakespeare  
   b. Modern Drama- G.B Shaw  
   c. Poetry- (Four choices in each poetry)  
   6 × 5 = 30  

II. Write an essay on any one of the following in about three pages:  
   (Based on Shakespeare drama- Two choices)  
   1 × 15 = 15  

III. Write an essay anyone of the following in about three pages  
   (Based on Modern drama -two choices)  
   1 × 15 = 15  

IV. Write an essay on anyone of the following in about three pages  
   (Based on poetry- two choices)  
   1 × 15 = 15  

V. Answer any five of the following in about eighty words  
   (Based on the three texts -3:3:2 8 choices)  
   5 × 5 = 25
Appendix VII

Transcript conventions followed

[p]: short pause

[P]: longer pause

×××: missed conversation

----: incomplete utterances

___: overlap of words

The following transcripts are selected samples from the extempore speech of the informants which formed part of the test in oral proficiency. The respondents were free to chose any topic that was of interest to them. However fluency was the most requisite criteria for evaluation apart from appropriate vocabulary, pronunciation and intonation. In order to retain the authenticity of the transcript the utterances are reproduced verbatim without any change or modification of errors.

Respondent 1

I am Aswathy and I am doing 1st B.Com in S.N.C.W. I am going to speak something about, value of friendship in each and everyone’s life. Every one of us like to have someone to support us when we are comforted with lots of problems. Similarly I too have a best friend. My best friend is my mother. She is comforter and she always supports me when I am faced
with lot of tensions and worries and lots of problems. Specially when in faced with my exam tensions. She consoles me a lot. I am lucky to have a mother like her and she is my best friend. And we all just our friends a lot and she is the most trust worthy person in this world. A person to confide all our problems. A person who can console us. She is like my own .... [p] she is really a nice .... [p] she supports me a lot She cares a lot for me. I think no one ....[p] I am really lucky to have a mother who supports me a lot in my troubles. She understands me a lot. She is the best person I ever saw I can share everything with her. I think ..... Thank you.

Time taken – 2 minutes 20seconds

**Respondent 2**

My name is Lekshmi Priya and I am doing my II.DC in **Botany**. I am studying in Women’s college Trivandrum I am from Palaghat. I would like to say a few words on English speaking. Now days English has become an important language because everybody needs it and we can say that we can’t survive without knowing English because we are all going out in search of jobs and their we need a good English if at all our language is poor we won’t get any job. If we have a masters degree in any of Maths, Science and all that we won’t be getting a single job without our language power. It
all depends on English. We want to make sure our pronunciation is good.

Thank you

Time taken - 1 minute 50 seconds

Respondent 3

My name is Santhi Krishna. I wish to say something about my college. It was near MSM... I am doing II DC Statistics... In my class there are 30 students and 3 teachers are studying statistics subsidiary study Physics and Mathematics. In our college our Principal is Salim Sir. Our college is near NH 47. There are thousands of students studying in our college. Our campus is very beautiful. Our friends are very good and... In our college there were NCC and NSS... We choose NSS for societal work... I like Malayalam. Our teachers are good and they are... Thank you

Time taken - 2 minutes 33 seconds

Respondent 4

I Harikrishnan studying II. B.Com – want to talk about College life... College is a special feeling when you come here. First I was not coming to College in First year. I was full of troubles because of ragging all those things. Because of all that I didn’t come to College after few days... all elders were very friendly talking then made a good come back and have a
great talk with them. After all they have just made me as their brother [P].....

All teachers were extremely helpful and first year went as quick as I didn’t see. All you have to do it just come for a ×××× should ×××× get admission in a good college to enjoy your life and you have to spend life in that college and achieve your goal.

Time taken - 3 minutes 57 seconds

Respondent 5

Hi friends’ My name is Udayaraj K.U and I am doing my B.Sc in MG College. I like to share my views about my goals in life. It just about IAS as you know it stands for Indian Administrative service.. For the lakhs in India they are trying to be IAS student.

From the state of Kerala we like to share so many views of life and culture of India and the views of Kerala people is they are very weak in English and they are trying level best to be best in IAS.

A lot of people going to be IAS level in many ways IAS is noble process in the India and having a lot of time to spend ×××××

The ruling capacity can be changed by IAS –Thankyou.

Time taken – 2 minutes 26 seconds
Respondent 6

My name is Reshma. My father’s name is JP. My mother’s name Rajani and my brother’s name Rahul prakash. I am staying in Thazhava. My famous film star Mohanlal. . . . . . . . . [P] My famous film Manthrikam. I love my family. My family is in 15 members. My father’s job is the driver. My mother is housewife. My family is the small family. . . . [p] I would like it family. My . . . . . . . . My . . . . . . . . I am study B.A Economics first year. first year. father’s job is the driver. My mother is housewife. My family is the small family. . . . [p] I Study the college, DB College. Thank you.

Time taken – 3 minutes 5 seconds

Respondent 7

I am Mohammad Dilal studies MSM college B.Com 1st year. Speaking about Cricket. My favourite game is cricket . . . In college team . . . I am liking Indian cricket team. . . I’m a good fast bowler. I want to improve . . . with my good base bowling. . . that’s all. . . My favourite Sachin. . . . bowling side Zaheer khan. I would like to watch all matches in Indian cricket. . . World cup is coming up 13 days before I’m taking . . . I want to like win the game in Indian team in World cup that’s all . . . Thank you.

Time taken – 2 minutes 47 seconds
Respondent 8

My name is Mary Previtha. I am studying St.Michaels college 2nd year B.A and in hostel. My hostel is very beautiful. My warden’s name is Mother Clarina my friend and all are friends are very help my all life........[P] My hostel is... [p] in front a garden is very beautiful..... and most of spend of my time is playing and studying..... Second year I am ...... I am staying in hostel...... is very beautiful That’s all

Time taken- 2 minutes16 seconds

Respondent 9

My College .................[p]

There are few political parties. There are SFI, KSU, AISF.... [p] Politics is because they fight against in xxx just but it had...... [P] because...... it is fought because the student be violent ...... in most properties were damaged in College That’s all Thank you

Time taken - 1minutes 6 seconds

Respondent 10

My family

I would like my parents ----------------- my parents are very closely-----------

My mother house wife---------
I would like my family and  xxxxxx

My father looking very well---------

A close relation for my father and mother------------------- [P]-----------------

My brother very cute xxxxxx and xxxxxx He would like chatting

That’s all my family ---------thank you

Time taken – 2 minutes 30 seconds