

**APPENDIX I**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

A Study of Students' Exposure of English Language

**Profile of the Respondent :**

1. Name of the student : Sir/Selvi \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sex : Male/Female
3. Age : \_\_\_\_\_ Years
4. Mother Tongue : \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other languages Known : \_\_\_\_\_
6. Area of residence : Rural / Urban
7. Course of Study (at present) : B.A./B.Sc. in \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: I/II/III
8. Name of the Institute : \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are you able to communicate in English with others ? Yes / No
10. If no, what difficulty do you face while communicating?
  - (i) Poor vocabulary
  - (ii) Weak construction
  - (iii) Mispronunciation
  - (iv) Lack of Comprehension
11. In which context do you often use English?
  - (i) At classroom
  - (ii) At home
  - (iii) with friends
  - (iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
12. With whom do you feel easy to communicate in English?
  - (i) Parents
  - (ii) Teachers
  - (iii) Friends
  - (iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

**Exposure to Media:**

13. Do you read English Newspaper? Yes/No
14. Which of the following news – items do you feel easy to read
  - (i) Politics
  - (ii) Sports & Games
  - (iii) Current affairs
  - (iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you watch the English News Bulletin in T.V.? Yes/No
16. If Yes, which of the following impresses you most?
  - (i) Pronunciation
  - (ii) Catchy visuals
  - (iii) Personality of the reader(s)
  - (iv) Current affairs

17. Do you listen to the English News over the Radio? Yes/No

18. If yes, which of the following attracts you most?

- i) Pronunciation
- ii) Information
- iii) Current affairs
- iv) Short duration

19. Do you see English films?

- i) Often
- ii) Rarely
- iii) Once in a while
- iv) Never

20. Are you able to follow the dialogues closely? Yes/No

21. If No, what prevents you from doing so?

- i) Pronunciation
- ii) Lack of interest
- iii) Visuals
- iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Skills:**

22. In which of the following contexts do you get a chance to listen to English language?

- i) Classroom
- ii) Media
- iii) Peer-group
- iv) Home

23. Are you able to comprehend the message without any difficulty? Yes/No

24. If No, which of the following makes it difficult for you?

- i) Pronunciation
- ii) Lack of interest
- iii) Lack of comprehension
- iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

25. Where do you get the chance of speaking in English?

- i) At home
- ii) In classroom
- iii) With friends
- iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

26. While speaking do you have full control over the language? Yes/No

27. If No, what prevents you?

- i) Poor pronunciation
- ii) Poor vocabulary
- iii) Fear of committing mistakes
- iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

28. Do you have the habit of reading English? Yes /No

29. If Yes, what type of reading materials do you select?

- i) Text-books
- ii) Non-textbooks
- iii) Magazines
- iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_

30. Do you write in English? Yes/ No

31. If yes, in which of the following contexts do you use English for writing?
- i) Note-making
  - ii) Letter-writing
  - iii) Articles
  - iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
32. While writing do you feel any difficulty in expressing your ideas? Yes/No
33. If Yes, what strategy do you follow to communicate the message?
- i) Partial use of mother-tongue
  - ii) Leaving blanks
  - iii) Coining words
  - iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
34. While speaking with others do you sometimes search for words? Yes/No
35. If Yes, what strategy do you follow to continue the conversation?
- i) Topic avoidance
  - ii) Pauses
  - iii) Appeal to authority
  - iv) Coining words
  - v) Using mother tongue in between
  - vi) Gestures
36. Whom do you consult to overcome the difficulty in communicating in English?
- i) Parents
  - ii) Teachers
  - iii) Peer-group
  - iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
37. How do you feel while looking at the advertisements in Tamilised English words or Anglicised Tamil words?
- i) Convincing
  - ii) Acceptable to some extent
  - iii) Not acceptable
  - iv) Totally wrong
38. You like to communicate in English mainly because of
- i) The compulsion of parents
  - ii) Influence of the peer-group
  - iii) Its common usage
  - iv) Self interest
39. How do you communicate in with others?
- i) Think in English and express in English
  - ii) Think in Tamil and translate it into English
  - iii) Think in Tamil and express it in Tamil and English
  - iv) Others \_\_\_\_\_
40. Your opinion about an ideal communication
- i) Should be grammatically correct
  - ii) May be convey in Tamil and English
  - iii) Should be only in English