Appendix 1  

**Questionnaire for Students**

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Thank you.

1. Name : _______________________________________

2. Course and Discipline : _______________________________________

3. Year of Study : _______________________________________

4. Which instruments / gadgets / machines / facilities / device you have of your own or at your place?

a) TV  □

b) Computer  □

c) Internet  □

d) Mobile Phone  □
5. Which instruments / gadgets / machines / facilities / device you have at your college?

a) TV

b) Computer

c) Internet

d) DVD

e) Multi Media Projector

6. How often do you make use of these instruments / facilities (TV, Radio, DVD, Computer, Internet etc) for various purposes.

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**Social / Family / Personal:**

- SMSs, E-mails.
- Chatting, Blogs, Twitters.
- Phone Calls
- Social Websites like Facebook, Orkut etc.

**Educational:**

- Surfing Websites For Preparing Study Materials
- Project Work, Assignments, Term Papers, Power Point Presentations etc.

**Educational and Entertainment:**

- Viewing Channels Like ‘Discovery’, ‘National Geography’
- English News Channels
- Movies in English
- Subject Related CDs or DVDs etc.

7. How often do you make use of various languages / types of languages to exchange your personal information, views, opinions, beliefs etc through SMS and E-mail?
8. If you make use of English, why do you do so for your personal e-mails or SMSs when you have options for other languages also?

a) As it is a widely used and commonly accepted language used for the purposes.

b) As it is the only language for the operation and utility of the modern electronic gadgets / ICT, its use becomes obvious for communication also.

c) Most of e-mails and SMSs (generally of business category) are in common use makes it an obvious option.
d) English is so common with the ICT that when it comes to sending E-mails or SMSs, I, unknowingly, turn to it every time.

e) It is because e-mails and SMSs are generally short and informative in nature which can be best expressed in the operational language of the instrument or the device.

9. What do you feel while making use of English to exchange your personal information, views, opinions, beliefs etc through SMS, e-mails, ‘Facebook’, ‘Orkut’ etc?

a) I learn a number of words in English language.

b) I learn a number of English sentence constructions without formally learning them.

c) Feel free because I do not have to worry about the correctness and accuracy of words and grammar.

d) I feel free to use whatever word or sentence (even Gujarati or Hindi etc.) that comes to my mind to put forward the meaning and that has aroused my self-confidence as an independent language user.

e) The very necessity of English in its most informal form has changed my attitude to English.

f) Most of the time English words, phrases and expressions get added into my knowledge of the language without my being aware of it.

g) It gives me a good chance to create beautiful expressions, couplets, witty answers etc. as it gives me enough time and ease to think before sending the message.
h) It gives me a chance to think and to feel the difference between the varieties of language – appropriateness and acceptability of words and expressions, grammatical constructions etc. – while sending or receiving messages to/from various persons like friends, relatives, teachers, elderly or respectable persons etc.

i) Get so much habituated with certain words, phrases and sentences that they almost become part of daily conversation.

j)  

10. Do you get interested in the ‘business SMSs’?
   
   Yes  
   No  

11. If ‘yes’, why?
   
   a) It provides good information about business  
   b) It is sometimes entertaining  
   c) It is a good source to learn business terminology  

12. If ‘no’, why?
   
   a) Find them bogus and humbug.  
   b) Feel awe reading business language.  
   c) Sometimes do not understand business language.  
   d) Not interested in business and such SMSs.
13. What do you do when you come across any word, phrase or sentence the meaning of which is beyond your knowledge?

a) Try to make out meaning from the context

b) Refer to the dictionary

c) Approach the teacher or any other person with sufficient knowledge of English.

d) Take the help of friends to make out the meaning.

14. Do you succeed in making out meaning of a new word or phrase or sentence most of the time?

Always  □  Often  □  Sometimes  □  Rarely  □

15. Why do you feel you succeed in making out meaning?

a) As SMSs, e-mails etc are related to events or activities of our daily life, it is easy to understand the context and thus can easily make out the meaning.

b) Generally, the language of SMSs, e-mails is that of our daily conversations and so easy to make out the meanings of any individual word, phrase or sentence.

16. Do you get the meaning / s confirmed afterwards?

Yes  □  No  □

17. If ‘yes’, how?

a) Consult the dictionary
b) Make use of Online dictionary or encyclopedia or search engines like Google etc

c) Take help of friends.

d) Take help of my teacher.

18. If ‘no’, why?

a) I am always confident about the meaning from the context and so do not feel the need.

b) The meaning gets confirmed itself when the word recurs in the same or the other context.

19. How do the instructions, declarations, suggestions, reminders, warnings etc that appear in dialogue boxes while playing games, working with various programmes and softwares etc on mobile or computer add into your knowledge of English?

a) I read and try to understand all by myself.

b) I try to read to understand but also take the help of my friends or teacher to check the correctness of my understanding.

20. What do you say about watching / viewing / listening to news reports, commentaries on games, channels like Discovery and National Geography, Films, other programmes in English on TV / radio / internet?

a) It avails good opportunities to listen to a number of varieties of English.

b) Find it comparatively easy to follow Indian accent

c) Find it comparatively hard to follow foreign accent.
d) The visuals make it comparatively easy to understand the context.

e) It is a good source to learn words in English.

f) The subjects / topics and their presentation (audio and visuals) are very attractive.

g) Apart from the class-room, it is the only avenue where English gets dashed into my ears.

h) Watching / listening every day or constantly helps internalize the language

i) Pronunciation, intonation, rhythm etc. get improved.

j) Sometimes it helps open up or search out established or new social and cultural contexts for the appropriate use of words, phrases, expressions etc.

21. How do you find movies in English so far as English is concerned?

a) Foreign accents (British or American etc.) are difficult to understand.

b) Can make out the meaning/s through the visuals.

c) Viewing the movie for the second or more times make it easy to understand the dialogues / language.

d) The use of dialects / regional accents makes it difficult to follow the language.

e) The story, the cinematography, the sceneries, the musical effects, the actions, the choreography etc together appeal my aesthetic sense that, in turn, help me decode the language not only phonetically but also syntactically and semantically.

22. What do you say about viewing a film in your mother tongue or second language with English subtitles?
a) It is very interesting to learn a language like that.

b) It gives both words and sentences (vocabulary and syntax)

c) It is comparatively easy to learn the language because of the mother tongue or the second language.

d) It is a good chance to learn words in various contexts.

23. What do you say about the advertisements in English?

a) Generally as they are based on contemporary issues, it enhances vocabulary and also general knowledge.

b) Generally as they are witty, they arouse interest and also eagerness to find out meaning/s of word/s used in various contexts.

c) The skillful use of visuals and language – usually uncommon and sometimes rare – arouse interest and eagerness.

d) As they are culture specific, they make use of words, expressions etc in the native or local contexts and so language grasping remains easy as well as entertaining.

24. What do you say about your learning of grammar (morphology and syntax) and words (vocabulary) in the language class-room?

a) It makes the foundation for further learning of the language.

b) It gets reinforced with the use of the modern electronic gadgets like TV, Radio, Computer and Internet etc.

c) It is complementary in acquiring language further.
d) It is not that much helpful as it is not essential to acquire language for its everyday use.

e) It is not that much helpful as constant and frequent touch with the language through electronic gadgets like TV, Radio, Computer and Internet etc. also enhances the understanding of the grammar and vocabulary.

25. Learning poetry / drama / prose with the help of audio-visual aids…

a) The related visuals / the full audio-video versions make it easy to understand the central idea.

b) Explains the meanings of words / phrases etc.

c) Clarifies the social / cultural / political / geographical / historical contexts of the text / discourse which, in turn, explain the appropriateness of the words and sentences used.

d) Meaning gets enhanced as the underlying tone of the genre gets reflected through the audio and visuals.

26. Learning other subjects (History, Economics, Science etc) through the modern media…

a) Boosts general vocabulary along with the subjective terminology.

b) Avail a wide varieties of sentence patterns and grammatical structures.

c) Interest in the subject lead to exploring it far and deep which, in turn, avails a large quantity of words and varieties of sentence patterns.

d) Very interesting as it increases my subject knowledge
e) Learn many new words or terms, expressions etc that I generally do not come across in the class.

f) My knowledge of English gets boosted as my perceptions and conceptions of my subject get wider and deeper.

g) Better perception of the concepts with the help of computer and internet help me think critically in English on and about my subject / area of interest on my own.

h) It keeps me well aware of the latest trends / findings / currents / researches etc of my subject and thus my English vocabulary and knowledge of grammar also gets wide base to flourish.

i) What I learn in the class-room gets signified with numerous other theories / opinions / views / researches etc on the internet that, in turn, broaden my base of understanding and expression.

27. If your use of modern media makes you think critically in English on and about your subject / area of interest, does it empower you to discuss your ideas and thoughts in English with friends in an informal way?

Yes ☐ No ☐

28. If ‘yes’, do you feel the confidence to participate in any formal academic discussion in your class or at some seminar or conference?

Yes ☐ No ☐
29. If ‘no’, what do you think the reasons are behind not being able to speak in English in public at formal gatherings like class, seminars, conferences etc.?

a) I doubt the authenticity of my ideas and thoughts.  

b) I doubt my knowledge of English.  

c) I fear that my speaking skill is not up to the mark.

30. Do you think it (modern media TV, Radio, Mobile Phones, Computer and Internet etc.) interests you because…

a) It opens up the whole sky of knowledge  

b) You feel the absolute freedom to move from one matter / point to another at your own pace and liking.  

c) In so doing you learn the language even without feeling the pain for it.

31. Do you think working independently (without teacher-mediation) on internet…

a) Sets you free from the teacher’s mediation, the prescribed syllabus and books which, in turn, boosts your interest and enthusiasm.  

b) You feel both safe and secluded, in your own private den with the whole world in, where you can easily recognize your problem areas and can solve them with the help of the e-resources available.  

c) You recognize the problem areas and also find solutions with the help of class-room teaching.
32. If you study in Gujarati medium college, what do you feel surfing websites of your subject in English?

a) My knowledge of the subject terminology in Gujarati help me understand their English equivalents.

b) My understanding of my subject – history, concepts, theories etc. – to some extent help me make sense of what I come across of my subject in English on internet.

c) Coming across words (terminology) and sentences / expressions frequently help me internalize them and make me used to their use.

33. Have you ever taken up any on-line course?

Yes ☐ No ☐

34. If ‘yes’, how it is different from other regular – off line – courses so far as English is concerned?

a) It is more challenging as it does not have direct teaching and so the interpretation and understanding of the terminology and the theories become difficult.

b) Sometimes even the use of dictionaries – traditional or online – hardly help.

c) Sometimes the importance or centrality or significance of certain words or terms or theories cannot be perceived in the right contexts, that in turn, make them incomprehensible.
35. Do you think that Power Point Presentation (PPT) makes difference in your understanding of a topic in English?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

36. If ‘yes’, what do you think the reasons are?

a) The view of the points on the large screen helps concentrate attention on words, phrases, sentences used.

b) Oral presentation along with the slides helps learn pronunciations of words / phrases.

c) Oral presentation along with the slides helps learn elaboration of points with authentic expressions and sentences.

d) The visual – viewing of the slides on the screen – effects stay for a longer time in the mind that, in turn, reinforces the perceptions and conceptions.

37. Do you view / read blogs?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

38. If ‘yes’, in which language you like to read blogs?

English [ ] Mother Tongue [ ] Any Other [ ]

39. You prefer to read blogs…
a) On the basis of the language in which it is written

b) On the basis of your liking for the person

40. Whose blogs attract you the most?

a) Film-stars

b) Politicians

c) Social-workers

d) Academicians

e) Industrialists

f) Sports-persons

g) Thinkers

h) Bureaucrats

i) Religious Leaders

j) Any Other

41. Why do you think you like to visit / read their blogs?

a) It is interesting to know about what they think and do.

b) It remains more interesting when their thoughts and beliefs match with those of mine.

c) It is still more interesting when their thoughts / opinions / views etc happen to justify my behaviour.

d) It gives a kind of feeling of intimacy with my loved and modeled ones.
42. Do you write your own blog?

Yes

43. If ‘yes’, in which language you write?

English

Mother Tongue

Any Other

44. If you write in English, why do you write in it?

a) It is a common language accepted by the people.

b) It is a widely used language of the modern media.

c) I have almost got used to it for writing with modern electronic gadgets like mobile, computer etc.

45. Why do you write it?

It gives me a good chance to express myself.

a) I feel it is a good chance to reach friends, well-wishers, admirers and the mass.

46. Do you read comments on twitters?

Yes

No

47. If ‘yes’, why do you think you like to read all those comments on twitters?

It is interesting to know about what they think and do.
a) It remains more interesting when their thoughts and beliefs match with those of mine.

b) It is still more interesting when their thoughts / opinions / views etc happen to justify my behaviour.

c) It gives a kind of feeling of intimacy with my loved and modeled ones.

d) It is generally related to contemporary issues and so interests me much.

48. What do you say about the language used in blogs and twitters?

    It is easy to understand as it is about the contemporary issues.

a) It is easy to understand as they make use of small or short sentences / expressions.

b) It is easy to understand as they are generally devoid of the loftiness of the literary language and the terminology of registers.

c) Sometimes it is difficult to understand when slang is used.

d) It avails a good chance to learn native and non-native varieties of English.