APPENDIX 5

Revised questionnaire after first pilot study

A questionnaire to B.E students

Place of schooling: city ____
                           Town ____
                           village ____

Medium of instruction in school: mother tongue ____
                                       English ____

1. Do you think English is necessary for your future career: Yes ____
                                                       No ____

2. You need English to
   a) read books __
      b) get a good job ___
      c) go abroad ___
      d) pass the exams ___
      e) use for social purposes ___
      f) speak in job related situations ___

3. After completing your Engineering Degree
   Course you wish to
   a) go abroad for study/job ___
      b) take up a job in India ___
      c) start your own industry ___

Problems in Listening

4. You have difficulty with listening and understanding:
   a) classroom and guest lectures ___
      b) radio, TV ___
      c) telephone talk ___
      d) conversations among friends ___
      e) TOEFL ___
      f) interviews ___
      g) group discussions ___

Problems in Speaking

5. You have difficulty in:
   a) asking questions in class ___
      b) clearing doubts with friends ___
      c) discussing with your teachers, friends and classmates ___
      d) participating Group Discussion ___

6. How frequently do you use of English for the following communicational purposes:
   a. Discussion with teachers: Always ___
      Often ___
      Sometimes ___
      Never ___
   b. Study-discussion with classmates: ___ ___ ___ ___
c. Social conversations outside College

Solutions to the difficulty in communicating in English:

7. The English syllabus should provide opportunities to train in listening and speaking.
   Yes ___ No ___

Problems in Reading (understanding)
8. You have difficulty with reading and understanding:
   a) foreign books ___
   b) Indian books ___
   c) newspaper ___
   d) technical journals ___
   e) novels ___
   f) TOEFL reading comprehension questions ___

9. How often do you use English for the following purposes:
   a. Consulting technical books, textbooks, notes, etc.: Always Often Sometimes Never ___ ___ ___ ___
   b. Reading novels and other magazines for pleasure: ___ ___ ___ ___

10. i) To understand your 'major' subjects you read authors:
   a) Indian ___
   b) Foreign ___
   c) Both ___
   ii) You have difficulty with:
       a) their sentence structure ___
       b) content ___
       c) organisation of the content ___

Problems in Writing
11. You have difficulty with writing:
    a) in answering questions in Tests and exams ___
    b) assignments ___
    c) papers for presentation at seminars ___
    d) projects, reports and letters in job situation ___
    e) e-mails ___

12. When you want to express ideas in writing:
    a) you write ungrammatical sentences ___
    b) your development of ideas is poor ___
    c) you are unable to show proper relationship between sentences ___
    g) you are not happy with your arrangement of ideas in a passage ___
    h) your logical thinking is unsatisfactory ___

Other Matters
13. According to you, which skill is more important for your need:
    Listening ___ Speaking ___ Reading ___ Writing ___
14. According to you, which skill is easy to learn
   Listening ___
   Speaking ___
   Reading ___
   Writing ___

15. Which skill is more difficult to learn
   Listening ___
   Speaking ___
   Reading ___
   Writing ___

16. In which skill you are weak
   Listening ___
   Speaking ___
   Reading ___
   Writing ___
   All ___
   None ___

17. Write the name of the textbook you use _________________________

18. You feel that the textbook is useful in developing your language skills: yes ___
   no ___

19. Your English textbook is :
   a) boring ___
   b) interesting ___
   c) enjoyable ___

20. Your teacher fully depends on the textbook : yes ___
    no ___

21. If the answer to Question 20 is 'no', your teacher uses:
   a) any other books ___
   b) handouts ___
   c) nothing ___

22. Do you really need to have a textbook to learn these items: yes ___
    no ___

23. Do you want your English teacher to train you to cope with the following:
    ( tick items you want to be taught )
    a) to write TOEFL ___
    b) to attend interviews ___
    c) to participate in group discussion ___
    d) to present papers in seminars and conferences ___

24. The kind of lessons / topics you want to have in your textbook / syllabus:
   a. life histories of scientists, discoverers, because by reading them
      you may be inspired to become great in future ___
   b. selected short stories, novels, poems, scientific essays ___
   c. selected pieces of scientific and technical information on topics like
      energy, food production, computers, industry, pollution and environment etc. ___
   d. selected poems, essays, novels and dramas from English literature ___
   e. a collection of articles and letters to the editor from newspapers ___
25. Apart from regular textbook, would you like to have self-access learning materials like non-detailed, supplementary texts through which you can improve English language skills: yes ___ no ___

26. You think that for learning English
   a. one syllabus prescribed by your university is fine ___
   b. one common syllabus for all universities in Tamilnadu as in +2 is necessary ___
   c. it is desirable to have several syllabuses for you to choose from ___

27. When would you like English to be taught during:
   First year: ___
   second year: III semester ___
                  IV semester ___
   third year: V semester ___
                 VI semester ___
   fourth year: VII semester ___
                VIII semester ___

28. You feel that you were not taught English well in your school: yes ___ no ___

29. You want grammar
   a) to be taught all over again ___
   b) to be revised ___
   c) not to be taught ___

30. Any other suggestions and comments about I B.E English Course and Syllabus: