Appendix 7

A questionnaire to IV year students

Name: (optional)
Year:
College:
University:
Mother tongue:

(tick your choices)

Place of schooling:
   city ____
   Town ____
   Village (rural quota) ____

Medium of instruction in school:
   mother tongue ____
   English ____

Category: OC / BC / MBC / SC / ST

1. I need English for my future career
   Yes ____
   No ____

2. I need English to
   a) get B.E Degree
   b) get a good job
   c) speak with teachers and others
   d) go for higher studies
   e) speak and write in job related situations

Language Skills
Listening

1. I needed English to listen and understand
   a) classroom lectures
   b) conversation with classmates

2. I have had no difficulty in doing this
   yes
   no

3. i. It has been difficult for me to follow the
   a) lectures (content)
   b) language (medium)
   c) speed (quickness)

   ii. I had difficulty with listening and understanding:
   a) classroom and guest lectures
   b) radio, TV
   c) telephone talk
   d) conversations among friends
   e) TOEFL Questions
   f) interviews
   g) group discussions
   h) superiors and colleagues
4. Because I didn't have sufficient
   a) subject knowledge
   b) knowledge of English
   c) practice in listening to English

Speaking
5. I need to speak to
   a) ask questions
   b) clear doubts with classmates

6. I had no difficulty in speaking
7. I am not sure
   a) what others are saying
   b) what to ask
   c) how to say what I want to say
   d) when to ask

8. Because I didn't have sufficient
   a) subject knowledge
   b) knowledge of English
   c) practice in speaking in English

Reading
9. I need to read and understand
   a) foreign authors
   b) Indian authors
   c) technical journals

10. I have had no difficulty in doing this
11. It has been difficult for me to understand
    a) what is written (content)
    b) how it is written (medium)

12. Because I did not have sufficient
    a) subject knowledge
    b) knowledge of English
    c) practice in reading books in English

Writing
13. I needed to write
    a) assignments
    b) answers to questions

14. I have had no problem in doing this
15. My writing has been
    a) poor
    b) not satisfactory

16. Because I did not have sufficient
    a) subject knowledge
    b) knowledge of English
    c) practice in writing long answers
Possible solutions
17. To be able to do well as a student of engineering
d) higher secondary school English syllabus and examination question pattern could have prepared me _____
e) a short English bridge course could have been arranged before I was put along with others on equal footing _____
f) I think I could have learnt from my classmates if they had been willing to help _____
18. Because none of (a), (b) or (c) has happened
a) I have problems in communicating in English _____
b) and my confidence level is low _____
Other matters
19. The first year syllabus I had helped _____
               did not helped me sufficiently. _____
20. The English book I used helped _____
               did not helped me sufficiently. _____
21. I could have been given help as part of regular timetable in fifth or sixth semester to perform (communicate) well in group discussion interview _____
               so that I could have got a good job.
22. To teach, my English teacher used
   a) only the English book _____
   b) English book and other books _____
   c) handouts _____
23. I think engineering students a) need a textbook _____
   b) don’t need a textbook _____
   c) need only teacher’s help _____
   d) need properly prepared material by the teacher