

## QUESTION BANK – ENGLISH FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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2. What interests people in conversation?
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3. How can you avoid the listener from being bored?
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4. Who likes to listen to long talks about sickness?
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5. What does conversation cost?
- a. Money   b. nothing   c. physical effort

Write the antonyms of the words below (10 marks)

6. Rapid   7. Knowledge   8. Risky.   9. Destroy   10. Decrease

(use to – will – tried – used to – as a result)

11. We .....live in London, but now we live in Erbil.
12. I didn't .....ride my scooter when I was at college.
13. The houses in Masdar shade the streets,.....it helps keep the streets cool.
14. We all ..... to find a solution, but the problem was bigger than we imagined.
15. In the future I .....find a good job.

Q2:B: Write the meanings of these words (10 marks)

- (16. shade – 17. came across –18. team up with – 19. picked up –20. reveal)

Make known

understood

Get together with

Met

Dark places not in the sun

make grammatically and semantically correct sentences (5 marks)

21. Take after    22. Look after

22. Write an essay about how recycling can save our planet. (200 words) (5 marks)

**: What do the underlined words mean? According to the context. (4 marks)**

23. The top of her sweater:

24. The top of her glass:

25. Am banning Sara from talking shop:

26. we just need someone to do run-of-the-mill office administration:

**Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words (5 marks):**

27. Yesterday we ..... Erbil Zoo. (Visit – visited – visiting)
28. We ..... an early breakfast tomorrow. (Will have – had – having)
29. Which ..... the air more? Bicycles or cars? (Pollution – pollutes -pollute)
30. What is ..... about Denmark? (Special – specialize – specialty)
31. Why do you think we have a.....? (Government – governs – governing)
32. Choose the correct words to complete the paragraph (6 marks):

((. commutes – copy – cross – place – reason – traffic))

Where I live no one ..... To work by bicycle. Why? The main .....is that people travel a long way to get to their jobs – sometimes an hour by car. There is a lot of ..... On the roads, and we don't have special lanes for bicycles. Cars don't have to stop when a cyclist wants to ..... The road. In other words, it's not a safe ..... To ride a bicycle. Some big cities may ..... Denmark's plans, but my town probably never will.

**33. Mention four brief points of activities that student learning teams should do (2 marks).**

read the following passage and choose the correct answers (10 marks):

Do you know that around 270 eucalyptus trees or 460 bamboo plants are saved when we produce one ton of hand-made paper? It is ecofriendly hand-made paper that also checks pollution of water, land and air. Large quantities of polluting chemicals are used by paper mills. Hand-made paper is the best form of recycled paper. It has a fine surface for writing. It is also strong enough for making drawings.

Paper manufacturing is a very old tradition. It was invented in China nearly two thousand years back. Indians used the leaves of palm trees for writing. Papyrus is a kind of paper made from a reed of the same name. It grew on the banks of the River Nile, and was used in Egypt.

The hand-made paper industry flourished in India during the Mughal period. But it died with the setting up of paper mills in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mahatma Gandhi revived it during the freedom movement. Today it is a fast-growing industry.

34. Why is hand-made paper becoming more and more popular?

- a. because it is eco-friendly    b. because it is crystal white  
c. because it is cheap

35. what did the Indians use for writing when there was no paper?

- a. Clay      b. palm tree leaves      c. bamboo tree

36. Why did the hand-made paper industry die in India in the 18th and 19th centuries?

- a. Because it was an old tradition      b. because it had a bad surface for writing      C. because paper mills got established.

37. What is Papyrus?

- a. Paper made from a reed of the same name      b. paper made from eucalyptus trees      c. paper made from recycled products

38. What is handmade paper good for?

- a. Cleaning surfaces      b. drawing      c. making origami

39. Write the antonyms of five of the words below (10 marks)

1. Safe 2. Minority 3. Ignorance 4. Create. 5. Incorrect 6. Slow  
7. Approximate

Fill in the blanks (10 marks)

(made – used to – looked – therefore – use to)

40. We .....play tennis every day, but now we prefer golf.

41. Did you ..... Ride a bicycle when you were in elementary school?

42. This city is small, and there aren't any cars, ..... people can walk to most places.

43. Yesterday she ..... at the problem from all angles.  
44. He ..... his thought visible in writing the novel.

Write the meanings of these words (10 marks)

(Solar - get off track - vice versa - peers - respect)

45. The other way round.  
46. Become distracted or lose focus  
47. From the sun  
48. Good opinion of someone  
49. Classmates

Make grammatically and semantically correct sentences (5 marks)

50. Drifted apart    51. Get along  
51. Write an essay about a person who inspires you (200 words). (5 marks)

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Q1:B: Write the antonyms of the words below (10 marks)

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(shade – came across – team up with – picked up – reveal)

Make known = reveal

Understood = picked up

Get together with = team up with

Met = came across

Dark places not in the sun = shade

Q3:A: make grammatically and semantically correct sentences (5 marks)

1. Take after    2. Look after **(depends)**

Q3:B: Write an essay about how recycling can save our planet. (200 words) (5 marks) **(depends)**

