

B.Voc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022  
SECOND SEMESTER

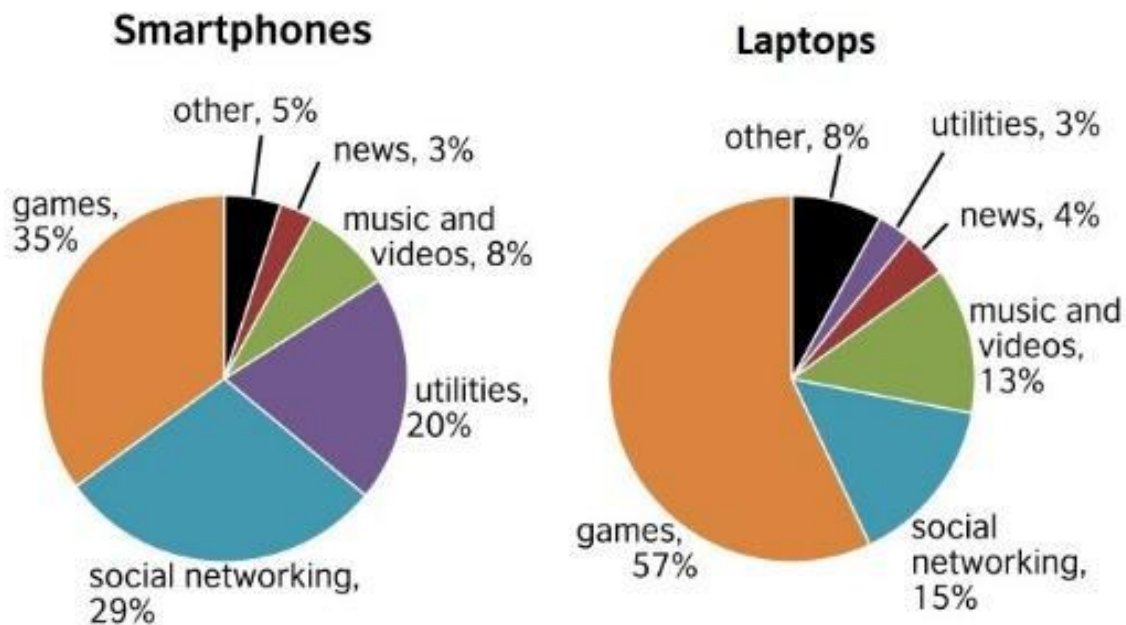
COURSE: FOUNDATION CORE  
TITLE: ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION – II

TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

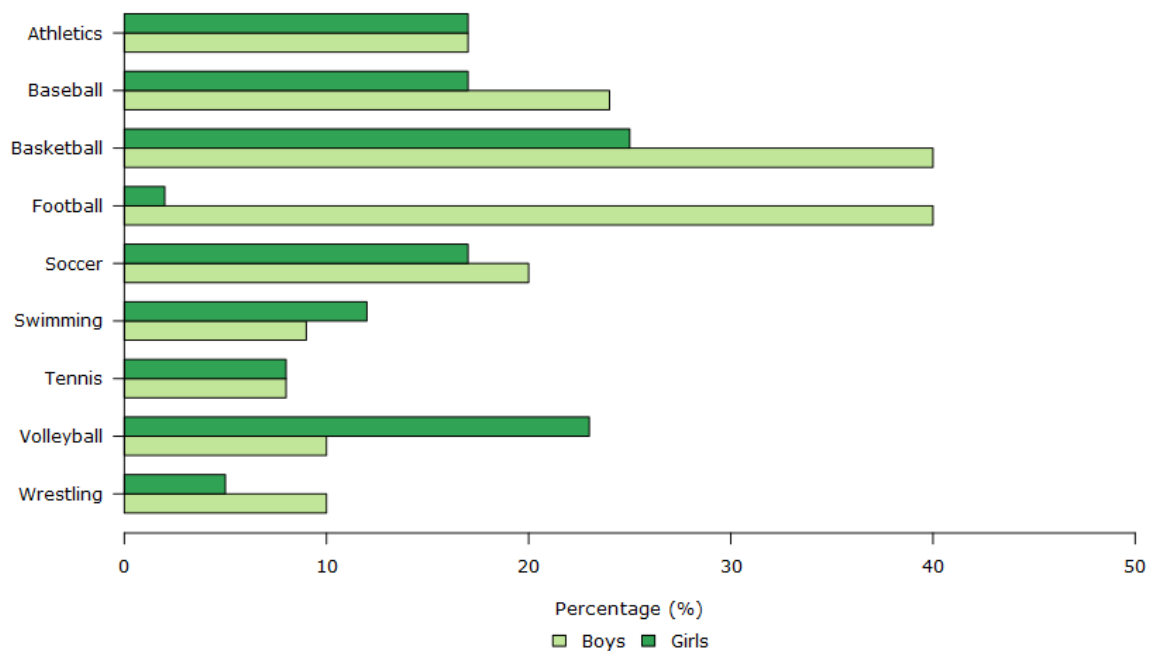
I. Look at the pie charts given below and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

**TIME SPENT ON SMARTPHONES AND LAPTOPS , BY CATEGORY**



1. People spend the highest amount of time on \_\_\_\_\_ in both devices. (1)
2. Identify the two categories on which people spend the least amount of time while using their tablets? (2)
3. People spend the same time on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ while using their smartphones and laptops respectively. (2)
4. On which device do people watch music and videos for a longer period? (1)
5. Which device do people use more for social networking? (1)
6. Which device do people use less for utilities? (1)
7. What percentage of time do people spend following news on their smartphones? Is this higher or lower than the time spent on laptops? (2)

**II. Look at the bar graph given below and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)**



1. Which two activities have equal percentage of boys and girls participating? (2)
2. In which activity is the percentage of boys participating much higher than that of girls? (1)
3. What percentage of boys participate in wrestling? (1)
4. Which are the two activities in which boys participate most? (2)
5. In which two activities do girls participate more than boys? (2)
6. In which activity do a higher percentage of girls participate—swimming or basketball? (1)
7. Girls participate more than boys do in soccer—True or False? (1)

**III. Read the following interview and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)**

**An Interview with Sania Mirza**

FirstPost  
Tanuj Lakhina  
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*Sania Mirza returned to the world of tennis at the Wimbledon tournament on Thursday after a four-year gap. Partnering Bethanie Mattek-Sands in the women's doubles, they defeated Desirae Krawczyk and Alexa Guarachi. This was Mirza's first appearance at a Grand Slam since the Australian Open last year where she suffered an injury. In the Wimbledon tournament at London, she is into the second round of women's doubles. She is going to partner Rohan Bopanna in the mixed doubles, where they face Ramkumar Ramanathan and Ankita Raina.*

*Mirza was at her best in crucial moments of the match. She showed excellent skill at the net to win the opening set in a closely contested match. In an exclusive conversation with Firstpost, Sania Mirza talked about her return to Wimbledon, her aspirations on the tour and the upcoming Olympics.*

**How did it feel to be back playing a major? Playing at Wimbledon after four years?**

**Sania:** Playing at Wimbledon has always been special. I've been playing Wimbledon since 2001 or 2002 and it's been special every time. I've had some of the greatest moments of my career here. It is amazing to be back and to win is very, very special every time I step on the

court here. I'm playing a Grand Slam after more than a year-and-a-half and the last one I played with an injury. So it is good to be fit again and to win the match with Bethanie. We're just happy to have really come through a very tough match.

**How important is having the right playing partner for you at this stage in your career?**

**Sania:** The reason I'm playing tennis again, in a pandemic, with a little boy to take care of, is because I think I can win. I'm not coming here to just show up and that is something I'm very clear about. Of course, having the right partner is very important. Bethanie and I have had a lot of success in the past. We've played so many years together, we've been best friends over the past 20 years. It is obviously special to play with someone you are close to and we're both at the end of our careers. We're both not 25 anymore, we're close to 35-36 at the moment. Bethanie is an amazing partner for me and that's the reason we're playing together.

**How do you see the Olympics at this stage in your career as against the previous one or your first appearance?**

**Sania:** Olympics is something that is special for every athlete no matter how many times you play it. Last time we (Mirza and Rohan Bopanna) came extremely close to winning that medal. At that time, I had decided not to play the next one, because I knew I wanted to have a baby. I'm extremely proud of myself and have been really grateful to be in this position—after having a baby, to be able to compete in my fourth Olympics.

**A. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two. (10)**

1. In which magazine is the interview published and who is the interviewer? (2)
2. Which tournament did Sania Mirza last play before the Wimbledon? Why could she not play in tournaments for some time after that? (2)
3. Who is Sania Mirza playing with in the mixed doubles? Who are they going to play against? (2)
4. Why does Sania feel that Bethanie is the right partner to play with? (2)
5. Why had she decided not to play in the Olympics after the previous one? (2)

**B. Find a word/phrase from the passage that means the same as each of the following words/phrases. (3)**

1. play with
2. hopes
3. extremely important

**C. Find a word/phrase from the passage that is opposite in meaning to each of the following words/phrases. (3)**

- lose
2. easy
3. Failure

**D. Use any four of the following words/phrases in sentences of your own, bringing out its meaning, as used in the passage, clearly. Please do not copy sentences from the interview. (4)**

1. special
2. amazing
3. close to
4. grateful
5. obviously
6. career

**SECTION – B**

**II. You are the Human Resources Manager of a software company. Your team has planned to host a movie-and-dinner evening for all the employees of the company between 7 pm and 11 pm on 25 June 2022. Write an email to all the employees inviting them to this event. (10)**

III. You are the representative of your class. You held a Freshers' Party in your classroom and left it littered and dirty. Write a letter of apology to your class teacher on behalf of your class.

(15)

IV. Write a letter to the Head of your Department asking her to grant you leave for a week since you have been selected to represent the State in a National Level Basketball Tournament happening in Coimbatore.

(15)

## SECTION – C

V. Fill in the blanks using the verbs given in the brackets in the appropriate form

(simple past, past continuous or future tense).

(1x10=10)

I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Delhi when the 1982–Asian Games \_\_\_\_\_ (take place) in the city. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the opportunity to watch some of the top players from the continent compete in the sporting events. The spectators \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really enthusiastic. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (clap) and cheering through the matches. One evening, while I \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) the tennis finals of the day with my friend over dinner at a hotel, the champion \_\_\_\_\_ (walk in) and \_\_\_\_\_ (join) us at our table. All of us who were there \_\_\_\_\_ (never, forget) the excitement we \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) that day.

VI. Frame appropriate zero and first conditional sentences using the hints given below.

(1x5=5)

**Example: heat | water | it | boil**

**If you heat water, it boils.**

1. It | up. | water | rain | level | go
2. feel | take | tired | the work | I | a break | and | finish | tomorrow. | I
3. He | buy | office | early. | on | his way back | some milk | he | leave
4. Whenever | a cup of coffee. | make herself | feel | she | sleepy | she
5. They | Simla | go to | they | this winter | get | a holiday.

VII. Choose the correct word from the list given below and form adverbs with it to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

(1x5=5)

*hard                  sudden                  easy                  unfortunate                  happy                  fast*

**Example: He is so good at Maths that he can solve even a very difficult problem easily.**

1. I had prepared very well for the exam yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ I ran out of time and could not complete the paper.
2. I was walking back home last night when, \_\_\_\_\_, I heard a loud crash ahead of me. I ran \_\_\_\_\_ towards it to see what had happened.
3. Although she studied very \_\_\_\_\_ for the IAS exam every year, she could only clear it in the third attempt.
4. The little girl was playing \_\_\_\_\_ in the rain.

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