

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086**  
**(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2023 – 2024 )**

**M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
**FIRST SEMESTER**

**COURSE : CORE**  
**PAPER : INTERPERSONAL AND GROUP COMMUNICATION**  
**SUBJECT CODE : 23PR/PC/IG14**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS: 100**

| Q. No. | SECTION A<br>Answer all Questions (Multiple Choice)<br>(10x1= 10 marks)  | CO | KL |
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| 1      | What is the primary purpose of communication?<br>a) To persuade                      b) To express emotions<br>c) To convey information d) To entertain  | 1  | 1  |
| 2      | Which form of communication is non-verbal and includes body language, gestures, and facial expressions?<br>a) Written communication      b) Oral communication<br>c) Visual communication        d) Verbal communication   | 1  | 1  |
| 3      | Active listening involves:<br>a) Speaking more than listening<br>b) Interrupting the speaker<br>c) Giving full attention to the speaker and providing feedback<br>d) Ignoring the speaker's message  | 1  | 1  |
| 4      | Which interpersonal communication model highlights the role of cultural factors in communication?<br>a) Linear Model                      b) Social Penetration Model<br>c) Cultural Model                    d) Transactional Model   | 1  | 1  |
| 5      | Which communication model focuses on the "who says what through which channel to whom and with what effect" formulation?<br>a) Lasswell Formula<br>b) Shannon and Weaver's Model<br>c) Osgood and Schramm's Model<br>d) David Berlo's Model<br>e) SCMR Model   | 1  | 1  |
| 6      | David Berlo's Model of Communication includes which of the following elements as crucial for effective communication?<br>a) Sender, Receiver, and Message<br>b) Source, Message, Channel, Receiver, and Destination<br>c) Encoder, Decoder, and Medium<br>d) Source, Encoder, Decoder, and Destination | 1  | 1  |

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| 7             | Which communication theory suggests that individuals in a group tend to exert less effort when working collectively compared to when working individually?<br>a) Social Facilitation                      b) Social Loafing<br>c) Groupthink                                d) Conflict Resolution | 1         | 1         |
| 8             | Which leadership style focuses on giving complete control and decision-making authority to the group members?<br>a) Autocratic leadership                  b) Democratic leadership<br>c) Laissez-faire leadership                d) Transactional leadership                                      | 1         | 1         |
| 9             | What is a common purpose or goal that binds a group together in group communication?<br>a) Diversity    b) Norms    c) Cohesion    d) Conformity   | 1         | 1         |
| 10            | During which stage of the group lifecycle do group members typically establish roles and norms?<br>a) Forming    b) Storming    c) Norming    d) Performing  | 1         | 1         |
| <b>Q. No.</b> | <b>Answer all Questions in not less than 50 words<br/>(5X2=10 marks)</b>   | <b>CO</b> | <b>KL</b> |
| 11            | Discuss any two external barriers to communication   | 2         | 2         |
| 12            | Describe the elements of the communication process   | 2         | 2         |
| 13            | Explain the term self discovery  | 2         | 2         |
| 14            | Explain nonverbal communication  | 2         | 2         |
| 15            | Explain why "group dynamics" is important in group interactions.   | 2         | 2         |
| <b>Q. No.</b> | <b>SECTION B<br/>Answer all questions in not less than 350 words<br/>(4 x10 = 40 marks)</b>  | <b>CO</b> | <b>KL</b> |
| 16            | a) Discuss the four factors that influence intra-personal communication.<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Write note on Johari window  | 3         | 3         |
| 17            | a) Illustrate the salient features of a professional e-mail.<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Interpret the key components of Shannon and Weaver's Model of Communication  | 3         | 3         |
| 18            | a) Outline the skills needed for verbal communication<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Analyze Osgood and Schramm's Model of Communication in the context of effective interpersonal communication with appropriate examples.  | 4         | 4         |
| 19            | a) Examine the concept of "Symbolic Convergence Theory" in small group communication.<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Identify the unique challenges associated with managing virtual teams and propose strategies to address these challenges.   | 4         | 4         |

| Q. No. | SECTION C<br>Answer all questions in not less than 750 words<br>(2 x20 = 40 marks)  | CO | KL |
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| 20     | a) Explore the various forms of group communication. Discuss when each form is most suitable with appropriate examples<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Explain the stages of the group lifecycle and their significance in the functioning of groups.  | 5  | 5  |
| 21     | a) Compare and contrast Two-Step Flow Model of Communication and Decision Emergence Theory, highlighting their key concepts, underlying principles, and applications.<br><b>(OR)</b><br>b) Explain the key functions of group communication theory. Describe how understanding these functions can enhance the effectiveness of group communication within an organization or team. | 5  | 6  |

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