



# SE1- Communication and People Skills

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## Examiner's comments

### Section I

#### Question 1 Reading.

Fill in blanks.

This passage tests the knowledge of vocabulary related to accounting concepts.

A good question. The passage should have been easy and familiar to candidates of accountancy at this level but the scoring of marks is poor. Only about 5% are getting the full marks. The exposure to English reading related to accounting is poor. They should have fared better as all the necessary words were given.

#### Question 2 Vocabulary and Grammar.

This is a good method to test vocabulary and grammar. Though the passage is appropriate and interesting most candidates have not understood the instructions. (The given example 0\_resources does not convey the meaning clearly)

Very poor marks.

Complete sentence would have conveyed the meaning more clearly.

#### Question 3 Comprehension.

A very good passage and emphasis is on understanding as they need not answer in complete sentences.

The majority of students have scored well.

**Question 4** Comprehension and Vocabulary.

A standard and appropriate question for candidates at this level regarding the bridging of the strategy.

Execution gap.

Most have been responsive answering all the questions and finding equivalent meaning for the given words but a few have got zero marks.

**Section II - Writing**

**Question 5** Graph Reading.

The given line graph is very clear. It displays the pass rates of four courses on accounting for the last five years. Most candidates have given just a description. There was no comparing and contrasting which is of vital importance in graph reading. Most have not followed the word limit (either too brief or too descriptive). There was no introduction.

**Question 6** Letter writing.

To the Board Member,

Though letter writing seems irrelevant with the latest technology I feel that the basics of letter writing is essential for every accounting officer. This is a very useful question and most have scored well. There were a few who did not use the letter format.

**Question 7** Summery writing.

The given passage is very interesting. Unlike previously about 75% have attempted this question. In marking the emphasis was on content, the use of their own words and organizing skills.

About 50% of the candidates have scored only 5/10. They have been penalized for producing chunks directly from the passage and for grammatical and spelling errors. Most have missed the main content points and there was no style at all.

**Question 8** Report writing.

Though a familiar question students have not followed the basics of report writing. Most have not given an appropriate heading. Some have written very long reports containing over 400 words. The other extreme was also observed writing the entire report in less than 100 words. There were many grammar and spelling error.

### **Section III – Listening**

**Question 9** Multiple choice questions.

Scoring satisfactory.

**Question 10** Fill in blanks.

A lecture on Corporate and Financial Reporting.

A very suitable passage and most have managed to get good marks.

The question paper was of good standard and very appropriate to accountancy students at this level.