



SE1- Communication and People Skills

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Question No. 1 Reading

Filling in the blanks with the given words. The words are all related to Finance and Accountancy. Scoring is very poor. Not even 5% were able to get full marks.

Marks out of 5

Question No. 2

Replacing the wrong word with the correct word. The focus is on vocabulary, grammar and spelling. The given passage is an extract from Basics of Accounting and information processing. Very poor scoring.

Marks out of 5

Question No. 3 Comprehension

A passage adopted from a news item regarding the present economy of Sri Lanka given by the Governor of the Central Bank. Most candidates have not understood all the questions specially question number one and five about 30% have scored 6/12.

Marks out of 12

Question No. 4

The passage is regarding a research at Multi-tasking. All the questions have been attempted. The majority have been successful at finding the words with equivalent meanings. Most have got good marks.

Marks out of 10

Question No. 5 – Writing

Graph Reading

The graph shows the yearly revenue of four accounting firms for 5 years the candidates have clearly understood the contents depicted in the graph but most have not been able to express themselves. Performance is good.

Marks out of 10

Question No. 6

Writing a memorandum most have just copied the given subject matter. But scoring is good here.

Marks out of 8

Question No. 7 – Summary Writing

Most candidates have failed to use their own words. They have taken parts directly and of the passage. The majority have failed to pick out the salient points. Performance average.

Marks out of 10

Question No. 8 – Report Writing

A report regarding the feasibility of taking over a plantation. Most have managed to score well. About 25% have got 6/10. The weak areas were grammar and language.

Marks out of 10

Question No. 9 and 10 – Listening Tests

Candidates have failed very badly in these two questions. More audio – video methods should be used when teaching. Poor listening and lack of vocabulary is the cause for this miserable performance. Scoring was very unsatisfactory.

General Comments

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

I believe the performance has been unsatisfactory this time due to two main reasons.

1. Most students didn't score even 10 marks for question nos. 1,2, 9 and 10. The total marks for those 4 questions were (5+5+5+10) 25 marks. That could be one factor which led to this unfortunate situation.
2. Also quite a number of candidates didn't even attempt the summary, (question no. 07) which carried 10 marks. If marks are perused question by question it will be clearly seen that candidates have managed to score satisfactory marks in the comprehension and writing sections only.