

Communication Skills (English) (311303)

Most repeated questions — MSBTE K-scheme papers S-2024, W-2024, S-2025, W-2025, S-2026 ·
Common to all diploma branches

How to read: **Asked in** shows the MSBTE papers where the same question came (same idea, any wording).

High = came in 3 or more of the 5 papers, **Medium** = 2 papers, **Low** = 1 paper. Prepare High ones first.

Paper pattern seen in all 5 papers (3 hours, 70 marks): Q.1 any FIVE of 7 (2 M, seen passages) · Q.2 any THREE of 4 (4 M, seen passages) · Q.3 any THREE of 4 (paragraph 75 words / dialogue 8–10) · Q.4 any THREE of 5 (technical description / picture description / diary entry) · Q.5 any TWO of 3 (6 M, vocabulary: prefix-suffix, synonym-antonym, collocation, homophone, phonetics) · Q.6 any TWO of 3 (6 M: speech / presentation-skill questions / unseen passage).

Came in every paper (5/5)

1. Phonetic transcription of 6 words (vowels, consonants, diphthongs) (6 marks)
2. Write a word with given prefix / suffix (un-, non-, mis-, anti-, semi-, -ly, -ment, -less, -ness ...) (6 (½–1 each) marks)
3. Synonym / antonym of given word (1 each marks)
4. Construct sentences using collocations (take a break, keep a secret, come to the point ...) (1 each marks)
5. Homophones — replace the underlined word (flour/floor, principle/principal, weather/whether ...) (1 each marks)
6. Compose a paragraph in 75 words (descriptive / narrative / technical: hobby, book, first day, restaurant, accident, smartphone ...) (4 marks)
7. Develop a dialogue (8–10 exchanges) on a given situation (4 marks)
8. Unseen passage — title, factual questions, word meanings from passage (6 marks)
9. Technical description of an object in 75 words (smartphone, laptop, computer, LCD projector, LED TV, washing machine, e-bike ...) (4 marks)
10. Describe the given picture in 75 words (4 marks)
11. Diary entry in 75 words (first day, Holi, hostel, old age home, industrial visit ...) (4 marks)

Unit I — Vocabulary (12 marks)

Question / topic	Marks	Asked in	Probability
Phonetic transcription of 6 words (vowels, consonants, diphthongs)	6	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Write a word with given prefix / suffix (un-, non-, mis-, anti-, semi-, -ly, -ment, -less, -ness ...)	6 (½–1 each)	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High

Synonym / antonym of given word	1 each	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Construct sentences using collocations (take a break, keep a secret, come to the point ...)	1 each	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Homophones — replace the underlined word (flour/floor, principle/principal, weather/whether ...)	1 each	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High

Unit II — Paragraph and Dialogue Writing (12 marks)

Question / topic	Marks	Asked in	Probability
Compose a paragraph in 75 words (descriptive / narrative / technical: hobby, book, first day, restaurant, accident, smartphone ...)	4	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Develop a dialogue (8–10 exchanges) on a given situation	4	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High

Unit III — Comprehension: seen and unseen passages (24 marks)

Question / topic	Marks	Asked in	Probability
Unseen passage — title, factual questions, word meanings from passage	6	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Name the academy started by Arunima Sinha and state its motto	2	S-26, W-25, S-25, S-24 (4/5)	High
Plastic as an environmental hazard / disastrous effects of plastic bags on environment	2/4	S-26, W-24, S-24 (3/5)	High
Dr. Kalam's views on dreams	2	S-26, W-24, S-24 (3/5)	High
Seven keys to success (Maximum Achievements)	2	S-26, S-25, W-24 (3/5)	High
IQ, EQ, SQ — full forms / meaning / tests used for selection (Be Remarkable)	2/4	W-25, S-25, S-24 (3/5)	High
Meaning of the word 'Remarkable' according to the author	2/4	S-26, W-25, S-25 (3/5)	High
Suggestions to make one's life remarkable / your action plan to become remarkable	4	S-26, W-25, W-24 (3/5)	High
Self-awareness; steps to a mature and integrated personality; state of mind for happiness and peace	2	W-25, W-24, S-24 (3/5)	High
How plastic has spoiled the land	4	W-25, S-25 (2/5)	Medium

Incident that taught Dr. Kalam the value of planning, teamwork and time	2/4	S-26, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
Four qualities important for success according to Dr. Kalam	2	W-25, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
How the success story of Dr. Kalam inspires the new generation	4	W-25, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
Train accident of Arunima Sinha	4	W-25, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
Arunima's experience on the Everest expedition / 'I was re-born at the summit'	4	W-24, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
How Ajay Prasad thanked his teacher (Roses of Gratitude)	2	S-26, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
How Mrs. Sheila Kumar looked according to Ajay	2	W-25, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
Qualities of emotionally stable people	2	W-24, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
Effects of greed for money	2	S-26, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
Personal: your goal in life and plan / a successful person you know	4	S-26, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
Preparations of Arunima for the Everest expedition	4	S-26 (1/5)	Low
Importance of a teacher in a student's life / importance of Mrs. Kumar in Ajay's life	4	W-24 (1/5)	Low
Measures to avoid the use of plastic bags	2	S-24 (1/5)	Low
How Goa and Ooty freed themselves from plastic bags	2	S-25 (1/5)	Low
Compare plastic use by Indians, Europeans and Americans	2	W-25 (1/5)	Low
Dr. Kalam on unemployment of engineering graduates	2	W-24 (1/5)	Low
Qualities of Arunima Sinha that touched your heart	2	W-24 (1/5)	Low

Seen-passage questions come from the six workbook lessons: Say No to Plastic Bags · Interview of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam · Maximum Achievements · Be Remarkable · Arunima Sinha: A Biography · Roses of Gratitude. Read the lessons themselves from your workbook; the grouped row on self-awareness / integrated personality / happiness is asked in different wordings, so revise that lesson text carefully.

Unit IV — Communicative Language (14 marks)

Question / topic	Marks	Asked in	Probability
Technical description of an object in 75 words (smartphone, laptop, computer, LCD projector, LED TV, washing machine, e-bike ...)	4	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Describe the given picture in 75 words	4	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High
Diary entry in 75 words (first day, Holi, hostel, old age home, industrial visit ...)	4	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24, S-24 (5/5)	High

Unit V — Presentation Skills (8 marks)

Question / topic	Marks	Asked in	Probability
Dressing and grooming — for interview / workplace / as per occasion	2	S-26, W-25, S-25, W-24 (4/5)	High
Speech — vote of thanks (annual gathering, guest lecture, paper presentation)	6	S-26, W-25, W-24 (3/5)	High
Gestures and postures with examples (kinesics)	2/6	W-25, W-24, S-24 (3/5)	High
Speech — welcome speech / introducing the chief guest	6	S-25, S-24 (2/5)	Medium
Importance of facial expressions (formal communication / presentation)	2	S-26, W-25 (2/5)	Medium
Tips for an effective PowerPoint presentation	2	S-26, S-25 (2/5)	Medium
Body language — meaning and aspects	2	S-25 (1/5)	Low
Importance of eye contact in communication	2	W-24 (1/5)	Low

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