

**II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, August/September 2023**  
**(NEP Scheme)**  
**LANGUAGE ENGLISH**  
**Generic English**

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer all the questions.  
 2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

**SECTION – A**  
**(Workbook – 40 marks)**

- I. A) Give a caption for the below picture.

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- B) Give a suitable title to the following passage.

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In the lack of good knowledge of grammar, it is impossible for one to write correctly and effectively. It must be borne in mind that all well-informed and knowledgeable persons judge a man's mind by his writing or speaking. Indeed, to acquire the knowledge of grammar is not an easy task. The grammar is not like arithmetic – a science consisting of several distinct departments, some of which may be dispensed with; it is a whole and the whole must be learnt, or no part is learnt. Its learning demands much reflection and much patience, but when one task is performed it is performed for life, and in everyday of that life it will be found to be, in a greater or less degree, a source of pleasure or profit, or both together. The learning of grammar needs no bodily exertion; it exposes the student to no cold, no hunger, no suffering of any sort. What more, the study does not affect the hours of business, nor the hours of necessary exercise, but the hours usually spent on the tea and coffee shops and in the mere gossip which accompanies them.

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- II. A) Complete the sentences with a word derived from the word given in bracket. 2
- 1) The supreme \_\_\_\_\_ of life is the conviction that we are loved. (happy)
  - 2) Military service was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ career choice (honor).
- B) Choose the correct synonym for **each** underlined word below. 2
- 1) Problem lies in the accumulation of wealth.  
a) collection      b) loss                      c) reduction              d) spend
  - 2) Our teacher's appearance conformed to the classic stereotype.  
a) arranged      b) match up to      c) flout                      d) adapt
- C) Write two sentences for the below word with different meanings (homonyms). 2
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- D) Using the words in bracket, fill in the blanks with correct collocation. 2
- 1) A \_\_\_\_\_ noise woke me up from my nap (high/loud).
  - 2) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ to meet us this week (make time/do time).
- III. Identify the meanings of the following words from the passage. 2
- A) Roam      B) Tenacity

One has to be clear and definite about one's aim and object to be successful. The saying is that a rolling stone gathers no moss. Without a destination you can set out on a voyage and aimlessly wander around hoping for miracle. For such an aimless journey what preparation can one make with no idea to plan on ? Hesitation and indecision are the biggest causes of failures. One can be resolute, firm and determinedly decisive when goal is clearly set. Once a person knows his goal, half the battle is won. This is very important for success.

One of the reasons that made us slaves of the British, was our indecisiveness born out of double standards. The ability of the British officers to take quick, spontaneous decisions overawed the Indians into submission. We began to believe that we were born only to carry out the orders of the whites who were superior by their power of decisiveness because only a decisive person could issue clear-cut orders.



- IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in a sentence or **two**. (3×2=6)
- 1) What is passive listening ? Give an example.
  - 2) Mention any four principles of listening.
  - 3) What is communication ?
  - 4) What is kinesics ?
  - 5) Give two examples for audio visual communication.
- V. Rewrite the following sentences into passive voice. **4**
- 1) Varsha was writing a letter.
  - 2) I had done my homework.
  - 3) They will run a race.
  - 4) The dog chased the cat.
- VI. Change the following dialogues into indirect speech. **4**
- The King : What are you doing here ? Didn't you go home ?  
The beggar : Sir, I have lost a rupee. I have been searching for it since morning.  
The King : You are a very greedy fellow.  
The beggar : No, am not greedy fellow.
- VII. Construct a dialogue based on the following situation. **3**
- Write a dialogue between Shopkeeper and Customer, talking about the products.
- VIII. Write a news report for the following hints. **5**



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It's 10 am and the date is August 25<sup>th</sup> 2023. You're at MG Road and Bangalore literature club is organizing 'Grand Arts and Craft Competition'. All the stalls are depicting arts and cultures of various states of India, painting and handmade various craft. The folk dances depicting the culture of folk. Participants dressed in traditional costumes.

- IX. Write an essay on the following topic. **5**
- Social media OR Money v/s Relationship

**SECTION – B (20 Marks)**  
**(Course Book)**

X. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences.

**(5×2=10)**

- 1) Why was the son-in-law angry with the father-in-law ?
- 2) The mania for money cannot buy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) What was the task given by the teacher to the students in the lesson "Cartooning" ?
- 4) Mention the geological significance of Mount Amarkantak.
- 5) What was the encouragement remark given by the teacher to R. K. Lakshman, in the lesson 'Cartooning' ?
- 6) The birds which the poet refers to are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem 'Caged Bird.'
- 7) According to D.S. Dadhalkar, who are the people eligible to live in the new house ?
- 8) Name the temples of new religion in the lesson "Homeless in the Global Village".

XI. Answer **any two** in about **80 to 100 words/a page**.

**(2×5=10)**

- 1) The short story 'Money' deals with the evil practice of dowry. Discuss.
  - 2) 'The moral stories had a great impact on the writer's creativity'. Explain with the reference to the autobiography of R. K. Lakshman.
  - 3) 'Walls divide people and nations'. Explain with reference to the poem 'Wall'.
  - 4) Ecological destruction and industrial development are threat to everyday life. Elaborate with reference to the lesson "Homeless in the Global Village".
  - 5) Discuss how the theme of self-awareness is brought out in the poem 'Caged Bird'.
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