



NP – 040

II Semester B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.M. Degree Examination, July/August 2024
(NEP Scheme)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH
Generic English

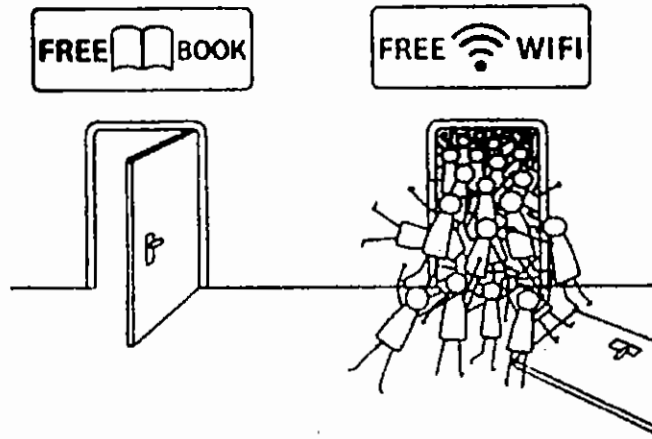
Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

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

SECTION – A

I. A) Give a caption for the following picture. 2



B) Give a suitable title for the following passage : 1

In a world where technology dominates daily life, finding time to disconnect and engage in nature has become increasingly rare. Yet, studies show that spending time outdoors can significantly improve mental health and overall well-being. Whether it's a short walk in the park, a weekend camping trip, or simply sitting in a garden, these moments of connection with nature can reduce stress, boost mood, and enhance creativity. As urbanization continues to rise, it's crucial to prioritize and preserve green spaces for the benefit of future generations.

II. A) Complete the sentences with a word derived from the word given in the brackets. 2

- 1) The artists' _____ (create) was a stunning sculpture that captured the essence of human emotions.
- 2) Why don't you call the _____ (electric) if the lights don't work ?

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- B) Choose the correct synonym for **each** underlined word below. 2
- 1) The old castle on the hill looked majestic against the evening sky.
a) Ordinary b) Humble c) Grand d) Simple
 - 2) The scientist made a pivotal discovery that changed the course of research.
a) Insignificant b) Crucial c) Trivial d) Minor
- C) Write two sentences for the below word with different meanings (homonyms). 2
- Nail
- D) Using the words in brackets fill in the blanks with correct collocation. 2
- 1) It's easy to _____. (do mistake/make mistake)
 - 2) He wanted to see if he could _____ in this company. (get a job/take a job).
- III. Identify the meanings of the following words from the passage : 2
- A) Cloth
- B) Artisanship.
- Amid the bustling market place, a small quaint shop caught the eye of the passer by with its unique display of hand woven fabrics. The shop owner, a meticulous craftsman, took pride in his work, ensuring that each piece was crafted with utmost precision. His dedication to his craft was evident in the intricate patterns that adorned the fabrics, each telling a story of cultural heritage. Visitors to the shop often felt a sense of nostalgia, reminded of simpler times and traditional craftsmanship.
- IV. Answer **any three** questions in **a** sentence or **two** : (3×2=6)
- 1) How does impatience disturb listening ?
 - 2) What is external noise and disturbance ?
 - 3) Mention any four principles of listening.
 - 4) Mention any two tips to improve nonverbal communication.
 - 5) What is paralanguage ?
 - 6) What do you mean by gestures ?



- V. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. 4
- 1) Students have sent her flowers.
 - 2) We teach our students English and French.
 - 3) Shakespeare wrote *King Lear*.
 - 4) They told us a secret.
- VI. Change the following dialogues into Reported Speech : 4
- Jyothi : "Is the apartment still available for rent ?"
Anurag : "Yes, It is. Would you like to take a tour ?"
Jyothi : "Yes, Please. What is the rent ?"
Anurag : The rent is 25,000 including utilities".
- VII. Construct a dialogue based on the following situation : 3
- Between father and son about adopting a pet.
- VIII. Write a news report for the following theme. 5



On Sunday Chitrakala Parishath will host an art exhibition, where attendees can explore a diverse array of art works and featuring interviews with the artists.

- IX. Write an essay on the following topic : 5
- Benefits of Exercise.
- OR
- Importance of Education for Economic Development.



SECTION – B (20 Marks)

(Course Book)

X. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences : (5×2=10)

- 1) Mention the final deal between the father-in-law and the son-in-law.
- 2) The two women who approached the son-in-law were _____ and _____.
- 3) Mention one thing the writer, R. K. Laxman hated and enjoyed the most in school.
- 4) Why did the teacher leave the classroom at times ?
- 5) Name the temples of new religion.
- 6) Give one reason for building Suvarnarekha dam.
- 7) Who/what does the free bird symbolize ?
 - a) The people who live in this world unconstrained by prejudice of any type.
 - b) The shackled feet of the oppressed.
 - c) The unheard cries of the suppressed.
- 8) What was the contract taken by the poet in the poem "Wall" ?

XI. Answer **any two** in about **80** to **100** words/a page : (2×5=10)

- 1) The greedy son-in-law in the story holds a mirror to the modern grooms who demand dowry. Discuss.
 - 2) Explain the monitor's function in class in the lesson "Cartooning".
 - 3) How has development destroyed the bonding between man and nature ?
 - 4) Discuss how the theme of self-awareness is brought out in the poem "Caged Bird".
 - 5) What does Wall signify ? Explain.
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