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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

ENGLISH - I SEMESTER BCOM/ BBA/ BCA/ B.Sc/ BA (Repeaters)

24UBA/BBA/BCA/BCO/BSC11E: ADDITIONAL ENGLISH I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions

SECTION A (Poetry & Prose)

I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following.

(5x2=10)

1. What does the poet compare stammer to in the poem?
2. What is the tone of the poem *Still I rise*?
3. What does the woman offer Arun in *The Woman on Platform 8*?
4. How does Kunti react to the thought of winning the lottery?
5. Why does the narrator shoot the elephant in *Shooting an Elephant*?
6. Identify the man who lost his young wife in the story *The Ramapuram Tiger*.
7. Why is the little match girl afraid to go home?
8. How were the two boys in *Jamaican Fragments* related to each other?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following.

(4x5=20)

1. Explain how *Stammer* redefines weakness as strength.
2. How does *The Woman on Platform 8* depict innocence and trust in human relationships?
3. Analyze the significance of the lottery as used by Munshi Premchand.
4. Describe the main events leading to the tiger's encounter in *The Ramapuram Tiger*.
5. What do the visions seen by the girl reveal about her desires in the *Little Match Girl*?
6. *Jamaican Fragments* challenge racial prejudice. Discuss.

III. Answer ANY TWO of the following.

(2x10=20)

1. Examine *The Lottery* as a sharp satire that exposes how greed and blind superstition lead to moral corruption in society.
2. Discuss *Shooting an Elephant* as a critique of colonial rule and its psychological consequences.
3. *Still I Rise* is a poem of resistance and self-affirmation. Comment
4. How does Anderson balance thrill and compassion in *The Ramapuram Tiger*?



SECTION B

(Language Components)

IV. Read the passage and answer the following questions: (5x2=10)

In recent decades, the world has witnessed an alarming increase in environmental degradation. Forests are vanishing, rivers are polluted, and countless species are disappearing at a pace never seen before. The Earth's ecological balance, once stable and self-sustaining, is now threatened by human activities driven by greed and consumerism. Despite scientific progress and awareness campaigns, the gap between knowing and acting responsibly remains disturbingly wide.

Deforestation is one of the most visible signs of this crisis. Large tracts of forests are being cleared to make way for industries, urban expansion, and agriculture. This not only leads to the loss of biodiversity but also contributes to climate change. Trees act as natural carbon sinks, absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. When they are destroyed, the stored carbon is released back, increasing global temperatures. The irony is that in our quest for material growth, we are undermining the very systems that sustain life.

Water pollution presents another grave challenge. Industrial waste, untreated sewage, and plastic debris have turned many rivers and oceans into toxic zones. Marine creatures ingest plastics, mistaking them for food, which ultimately affects the food chain and human health. The convenience of disposable products comes at a cost far greater than most people realize. What was once considered progress is now proving to be a slow and silent form of destruction. The loss of species diversity—what scientists call the “sixth mass extinction”—is perhaps the most irreversible consequence of human negligence. Every species plays a specific role in maintaining the health of ecosystems. When one disappears, the balance is disturbed, and the effects ripple outward. The extinction of bees, for instance, could devastate global agriculture, as they are vital for pollination.

However, all is not lost. Around the world, individuals, communities, and governments are taking steps toward a more sustainable future. Reforestation drives, clean energy initiatives, and eco-friendly technologies are gaining attention. The youth, especially, are becoming vocal about environmental protection. They understand that the planet they inherit depends on the choices made today. While change cannot happen overnight, every small act of awareness and responsibility contributes to the healing of the Earth. What humanity needs now is not just innovation, but compassion — for nature, for future generations, and for the fragile web of life that binds us all.

1. What are the main causes of environmental degradation mentioned in the passage?
2. Why is deforestation a major environmental concern?
3. What is meant by the term ‘sixth mass extinction’?
4. How does plastic pollution affect marine life?
5. Give a suitable title for the passage.

V. Identify the errors and correct the following sentences: (10x1=10)

1. The girl walk to school everyday.
2. The committee have made its final decision.
3. He is more taller than his brother.
4. She discussed about the issue with her boss.



5. Everyone have submitted their assignments on time.
6. My brother and I is planning a trip to Kerala next month.
7. The climate in Chennai is hottest than Bangalore.
8. The news are spreading very fast.
9. The new law had a positive affect on pollution control.
10. Neither Ramesh nor his friends has completed the project.

VI. Identify the Figures of Speech in the following sentences:

(5x1=5)

1. Life is like a journey full of ups and downs.
2. Time is a thief that steals our youth.
3. The bee buzzed near the window.
4. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.
5. The car coughed and refused to start.

VII. Punctuate the following sentences:

(5x1=5)

1. The teacher said don't forget to submit your file.
2. Wow That was a mind blowing performance.
3. The dogs collar was bright red.
4. The following students are absent Priya Ramesh and Daniel.
5. You can pay by cash card at the counter.

