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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

ENGLISH - I SEMESTER BA (F+R)

24UBA12G: GENERAL ENGLISH I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A (Prose & Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in one or two sentences: (5x2=10)

1. How often does the narrator travel through Deoli?
2. What does the “empty space” symbolize in the poem?
3. During which historical event is the story *Open It* set?
4. Why does Eveline decide not to go with Frank?
5. What did Kezia stuff inside the pin-cushion?
6. According to Dr. Ambedkar, what makes a man truly great?
7. What is life and nature compared to in the poem *Virtue*?
8. How did the prince feel when his wish was granted?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about a page: (4x5=20)

1. Describe the first meeting between the narrator and the girl at Deoli.
2. How does Amrita Pritam convey the theme of loss and loneliness in *Empty Space*?
3. Describe how Saadat Hasan Manto portrays the impact of partition in *Open It*.
4. What prevents Eveline from leaving with Frank in the end?
5. How does Kezia’s relationship with her father change at the end of the story?
6. Explain the central idea of George Herbert’s poem *Virtue*.

III. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about two or three pages: (2x10=20)

1. Discuss the theme of love and longing in *The Night Train at Deoli*.
2. Explain the theme of *paralysis* in James Joyce’s short story *Eveline*.
3. Explain Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’s views on true greatness as expressed in his essay *Who Can Be Called a Great Man*.
4. Explain the moral and philosophical message conveyed in Rabindranath Tagore’s story *When Wishes Come True*.



SECTION B

(Language Components)

IV. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

(5x1=5)

The Importance of Trees

Trees are among the most precious gifts of nature. They play a vital role in maintaining the balance of life on Earth. By absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, they make the air fresh and breathable for all living beings. Trees also provide fruits, flowers, wood, and shade. In hot summers, they cool the surroundings, and their roots hold the soil firmly, preventing erosion. Without trees, life would become difficult and the planet would soon turn barren and lifeless.

Besides providing physical benefits, trees also bring beauty and peace to our surroundings. A walk through a green park or a forest fills our minds with calmness and joy. The chirping of birds and the rustling of leaves create a sense of harmony that no artificial comfort can replace. Trees not only improve our environment but also enrich our mental and emotional well-being. They teach us patience, strength, and the importance of giving without expecting anything in return.

Unfortunately, people today cut down trees for buildings, roads, and industries without thinking of the damage they cause to nature. Deforestation leads to pollution, climate change, and loss of wildlife habitat. To restore balance, we must plant more trees and protect existing ones. Every individual can contribute by caring for a tree in their home or neighbourhood. If we fail to act now, future generations may inherit a world without greenery, pure air, or natural beauty. Trees are not just part of our environment — they are the foundation of life itself.

Comprehension Questions

1. How do trees help maintain the balance of life on Earth?
2. In what ways do trees benefit humans and the environment?
3. What emotional or mental values do trees provide?
4. What are the harmful effects of cutting down trees?
5. What message does the passage convey about our responsibility toward nature?

V. Answer the following questions based on the given data:

(5x1=5)

1. Which city planted the highest number of trees in 2024?
2. In which year did Bangalore plant the least number of trees?
3. What is the total number of trees planted by Delhi from 2021 to 2024?
4. Which city has the least number of trees planted in 2022?
5. What conclusion can be drawn from the table about tree planting efforts over the years in Chennai?

City	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bangalore	1,200	1,500	1,800	2,000
Chennai	1,000	1,200	1,600	1,900
Delhi	800	1,000	1,300	1,500
Mumbai	1,400	1,700	1,900	2,100
Kolkata	900	1,100	1,400	1,800



VI. Answer ANY TWO the following:

(2x5=10)

1. Using the following details, write a Bibliography in either MLA or APA format
Title of the book: New approaches to Language Teaching;
Publisher: Oxford University
Press Author: Ram Narayan Gupta
Place of Publication: New Delhi
Year: 1995.

(or)

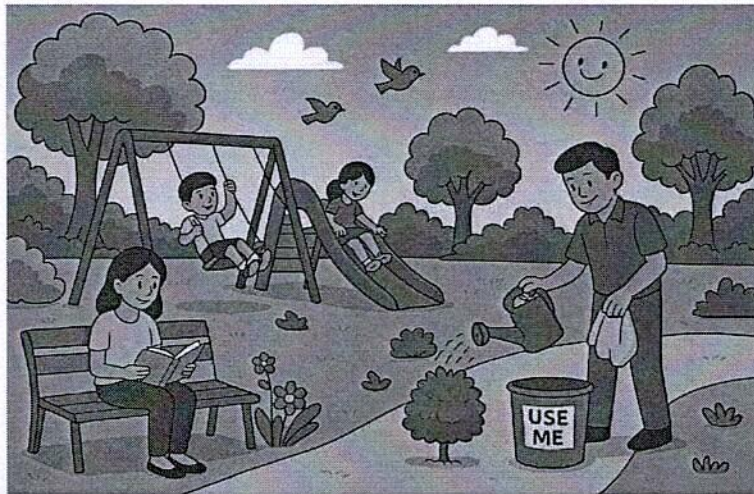
Your college is organizing an Intercollegiate Cultural Fest titled "*Rhythm 2025*."
Design a brochure to invite students from other colleges to participate.

2. You are working as the content designer for a company launching a new eco-friendly notebook brand called "Green Pages".
Create an advertisement that will appear in newspapers and online platforms.

(or)

Observe the picture carefully and answer the following questions:

- a) What activities are the children doing in the park?
- b) What message does the picture convey about cleanliness and the environment?
- c) Identify two people in the picture who show responsible behaviour.
- d) How does this picture encourage good habits in society?
- e) Suggest an appropriate title or caption for the picture.



VII. Answer ANY ONE of the Following:

(1x5=5)

1. Explain the various types of Non-Verbal Communication
2. Explain the major differences between verbal and non-verbal communication with suitable examples.

VIII. Do as directed:

(5x1=5)

1. Rewrite the sentence using the word given within the brackets.

- a) The meeting was cancelled. The manager was sick. (because)
- b) I will call you. I reach home. (When)
- c) I like sweets, I try to avoid eating them. (Though)

2. Put a question tag at the end of these sentences.

- a) Reena is from Mumbai, _____?
- b) They are late for the movies, _____?

