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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – MAY 2025 LANGUAGES - II SEMESTER BBA/ AVIATION 24BBA22G: GENERAL ENGLISH II

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A

(Prose and Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE in one or two sentences:

(5x2=10)

1. What were the two things that the couple were proud of in the story *The Gift of Magi*?
2. Why was the Kabuliwala so attached to the narrator's daughter?
3. What does the line, "Miles to go before I sleep" signify?
4. Chimamanda Adichie paid the tip but her friend Louis was thanked. Why?
5. How does Woolf describe the moth in her essay *The Death of the Moth*?
6. Who was Babu and what wisdom did he receive from Nagendra?
7. What according to the poet should bear the thorns in the poem *Chupulu*?
8. Why was water compared to nectar in the story *Thakur's Well*?

II. Answer ANY FOUR in about a page:

(4x5=20)

1. How does O' Henry portray love and sacrifice in the story *The Gift of Magi*?
2. Write a short note on the character of Kabuliwala.
3. Describe the scenic beauty of the landscape as witnessed by the speaker in *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening*.
4. Comment on the poet's angry tone in the poem *Chupulu*.
5. Discuss the humorous instances in the story *The Boy Who Sold Wisdom*.
6. Describe the death of the moth as recorded at the end of Virginia Woolf's essay.

III. Answer ANY TWO in about two to three pages:

(2x10=20)

1. In what way does Munshi Premchand critique the exploitative and discriminatory practices concerning caste, class and gender in the story *Thakur's Well*? Elucidate.



2. Does the poem *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening* symbolically portray the themes of life, death, passion and responsibilities? Explain.
3. Elaborate on the allusive interplay of life and death in the essay *The Death of the Moth*.
4. Gender, as it functions today is a grave injustice to both men and women. Substantiate the statement with reference to Chimamanda Adichie's talk.

SECTION B

(Language Component)

IV. Answer the following:

(10x1=10)

Choose the suitable **synonyms** for the following words:

1. Happiness

a) Joyful b) Sorrowful c) Playful

2. Apprehensive

a) Confused b) Dutiful c) Clear

Choose the suitable **antonyms** for the following words:

3. Opaque

a) Solid b) Clear c) Colourful

4. Shallow

a) Peripheral b) Narrow c) Deep

Write the suitable **homophones** for the following words:

5. Desert

6. Flee

Frame **meaningful sentences** for the given homonym:

7. Fair

8. Fair

Fill up the blanks by using the suitable **derivatives**:

9. She danced _____ (grace).

10. _____ (manage) of available resources play a pivotal role in paving a way to success.



V. Read the following passage and answer the questions:

(5x1=5)

Tourism is an important activity in modern life. In olden days, tourism as such was not widespread. Instead, people went on long or short pilgrimages, combining piety and pleasure in the same activity. They walked to places like Tirupati, Kashi and Rameshwaram and it took years for them to complete a pilgrimage. They faced many hardships on the way. Pilgrims had to walk through thick jungle, sleep in open places and had to starve for many days as they could not get food and clean drinking water. Often, those who went to far off places like Kashi never returned. They might have met with an accident or fallen ill and died during the pilgrimage. Hence, if people returned home after a long pilgrimage, they had celebrations and thanked God for the safe return. Today, travelling has become safer and more comfortable. We have many means of transport to go on tours or pilgrimages. Good roads, increase in transport and lodging facilities have made travel pleasurable.

Questions:

- a. Choose the correct option. People who travelled to far off places never returned because
 - i. They might have lost their way.
 - ii. They might have met with an accident or fallen ill.
 - iii. They might have settled there.
 - iv. They did not find anything interesting to come back.
- b. What was the mode through which the travellers usually travelled?
- c. According to the passage, in the modern life, _____ is an important activity.
- d. Mention the places where the pilgrims go for pilgrimage.
- e. Suggest a suitable title for the above passage.

VI. Read the following sentences and change them as directed:

(5x1=5)

1. They are constructing the bridge. (*Passive Voice*)
2. She wrote a letter to the office. (*Passive Voice*)
3. He has cut all the fruits. (*Passive Voice*)
4. The walls of the house are being painted by the workers. (*Active Voice*)
5. The report has been completed by her. (*Active Voice*)

VII. Read the following sentences and change them as directed:

(5x1=5)

1. She said, "Let us watch a movie". (*Reported Speech*)
2. They said, "It is an outstanding performance!". (*Reported Speech*)
3. He said, "I will book the ticket tomorrow". (*Reported Speech*)



4. She said that she was going to the market. (*Direct Speech*)
5. He told me that they would meet at the café. (*Direct Speech*)

VIII. Dialogue Writing:

(1x5=5)

1. Write a dialogue between Supritha and her brother about the merits and demerits of Online exams.

(or)

2. Develop a conversation between a transgender begging for money and a commuter at a traffic junction.

