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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

ENGLISH - I SEMESTER BBA (F+R)

24BBA12G: GENERAL ENGLISH I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A (Prose and Poetry)

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

1. What does Sudha Murthy notice about the students in Sahyadri hills?
2. Who is the young girl who narrates a false story to Framton in *The Open Window*?
3. What does the girl sell at the station in *The Night Train at Deoli*?
4. Who is called a "poor relation" in the essay?
5. Who are the two main characters in *Reunion*?
6. What kind of men does Ambedkar call "great"?
7. What makes the woman in the poem "phenomenal"?
8. What brings happiness to the man according to Edgar Albert?

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

1. Suppose Sudha Murthy opens a "city school for humility." what lessons from the Sahyadri Hills would she teach the students?
2. Describe how Saki builds humor and irony in *The Open Window*.
3. Write a character sketch of the girl in Ruskin Bond's *The Night Train at Deoli*.
4. Describe how *The Phenomenal Woman* inspires women to take pride in themselves.
5. Explain how the story *Reunion* reflects disappointment in human relationships.
6. Describe the qualities that make the man truly happy according to the poem *The Happy Man*.

III. Answer ANY TWO questions in two to three pages: (2x10=20)

1. "There is grace in accepting also." Explain the central theme of *In Sahyadri Hills* in the light of this statement.
2. Explain how Maya Angelou celebrates womanhood and confidence in *Phenomenal Woman*.
3. Imagine the father from *Reunion* writes a letter to his son after realizing how badly he behaved that day. What would he say?
4. Analyse the relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's speech *Who can be Called a Great Man* in today's society.



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions: **(5x1=5)**

Max Mueller was a distinguished German poet. Some of his poems were set to music by Australian composer, Franz (Peter) Schubert. As a youth, Mueller took to the study of the Sanskrit language with great devotion and started learning the language. He took his Doctorate in Philosophy in 1843. He did research work on Sanskrit and philosophy under eminent scholars in Berlin University. In 1846, Mueller went to London to copy and collect manuscripts in Sanskrit. He translated Rig Veda, which consists of 1,028 hymns addressed to different gods. As it was being printed in a London university press, he migrated to Oxford in 1848 and lived there for the rest of his life.

The first volume of Mueller's edition appeared in 1849, the sixth and last volume in 1874. This printed Rig Veda caused great enthusiasm in India. Several publications on Indian religion and literature appeared in quick succession. Max Mueller became the greatest interpreter of India to the Western World. His book 'India - What It Can Teach Us' has a special place among his publications. But Max Mueller never visited India!

1. In which year did Max Mueller receive his Doctorate in Philosophy?
2. Which ancient Indian text did Max Mueller translate into English?
3. Where did Max Mueller settle permanently after moving from London?
4. What is the title of Max Mueller's book that holds a special place among his publications?
5. True or False: Max Mueller visited India during his lifetime.

V. Answer the following:

(5x1=5)

1. What is listening?
2. Distinguish between hearing and listening.
3. Two ways to categorize types of listening are _____ and _____.
4. Give an example for passive listening.
5. Mention any two barriers to listening.

VI. Answer the following:

- A. Introduce your father, to your class coordinator in Sammilana.
- B. You are at a bank and you want to know how to apply for a personal loan.
How would you enquire?
- C. Give a set of instructions on how to withdraw money from an ATM.

(1x1=1)

(1x1=1)

(3x1=3)

VII. Do as directed:

1. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the verb:

(3x1=3)

- a) My guide and well-wisher are Geetha.
- b) The teacher, along with his students, have gone to the trip.
- c) Each of the students plan to give a report.



2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tenses given in the bracket:

(3x1=3)

- a) The boys _____ (had been playing/played) for hours yesterday until their father returned from his office.
- b) Radha _____ (knows/is knowing) three languages.
- c) They _____ (go/went) to the library every week to study.

3. Identify the phrases in the following sentences:

(2x1=2)

- a) Riya wants to go home.
- b) Nandan is learning French.

4. Identify the clauses (Independent and Dependent) in the following sentences:

(2x1=2)

- a) When the rain stops, we can go outside.
- b) Sheela sings well.

VIII. Do as directed:

(1x5=5)

Draft a farewell speech to the students leaving the institution during their Graduation Day.

OR

Draft a welcome speech for the college Annual Day.

