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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

ENGLISH – II SEMESTER BCA (F+R)

24BCA22G: GENERAL ENGLISH II

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A (Prose & Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE questions in one or two sentences each.

(5x2=10)

1. What does tar symbolize in *Tar Arrives*?
2. Why does the boy want to go to Araby?
3. What is the central theme of *Soul and Body*?
4. How old is Bibi Haldar?
5. What is the setting of the poem *Refugee Mother and Child*?
6. Who saves Tolstoy from the bear attack?
7. What was the final reaction of the mother in the poem *Night of the Scorpion*?
8. Who is the author of the poem *Phenomenal Woman*?

II. Answer ANY FOUR questions in about 80-100 words.

(4x5=20)

1. Discuss how the villagers' lives are transformed with the arrival of the tar.
2. Write the character sketch of the boy in *Araby*.
3. 'Body is a fading mansion'. Comment with reference to the sonnet *Body and Soul*.
4. Describe how society treats Bibi Haldar.
5. How does the bear reflect Tolstoy's ideas about strength and survival?
6. Discuss the reactions of the father and the villagers in the *Night of the Scorpion*.

III. Answer ANY TWO questions in about 200 words.

(2x10=20)

1. Analyse the poem *Phenomenal Woman* and list the qualities that make the speaker "phenomenal."
2. Discuss the impact of war on civilians, particularly women and children, as depicted in the poem *Refugee Mother and Child*.
3. Imagine the boy actually meets Mangan's sister at the bazaar in *Araby*. Reconstruct the ending and comment on how it would alter the story's meaning.



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

(5×1=5)

The happy river flows so wide,
It sparkles brightly as it glides.
It sings a song both soft and clear,
Bringing joy to all who hear.
Fish swim freely in its stream,
Shining scales that glow and gleam.
Children play along its side,
Watching boats that gently glide.

Questions:

1. What is the poem mainly about?
2. How does the river look as it flows?
3. Who swims in the river?
4. Where do the children play?
5. Give a suitable title for the poem.

V. Do as directed.

(5×1=5)

1. Write a **synonym** for the word *giant*.
2. Write an **antonym** for the word *easy*.
3. Add a suitable **prefix** to the word *legal* to form its opposite.
4. Add a suitable **suffix** to the word *kind* to form a noun.
5. Fill in the blank with the correct **collocation**.
He _____ a decision quickly.

VI. Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech.

(5×1=5)

1. She said, "I am tired."
2. He said, "Can you come later?"
3. Anu said, "I have completed my homework."
4. The teacher said, "Open your books."
5. Ravi said, "I will visit my grandparents tomorrow."

VII. Write a dialogue between Meena and her friend Priya about their holiday plans.

(1×5=5)

VIII. Answer the following questions.

(5×1=5)

1. What are the examples of verbal communication?
2. Why is feedback important in verbal communication?
3. Define non-verbal communication?
4. Can gestures change the meaning of a message?
5. Why is space important in communication?

IX. Write a Vote of Thanks for a college annual day celebration expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, Faculty, and Students.

(1×5=5)

