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**END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026**

**ENGLISH - IV SEMESTER BCA**

**25BCA42G: GENERAL ENGLISH IV**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 80**

**Instruction:** Answer all the questions.

## SECTION A (Play)

**I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following.**

**(5x2=10)**

1. Who are the three main characters in *The Proposal*?
2. Where is the play *The Proposal* set?
3. Why does Lomov visit Chubukov's house?
4. What is the first argument between Lomov and Natalya about?
5. What sickness did Lomov have?
6. What are the names of Lomov and Natalya's dogs? What were their cost?
7. How did Natalya and Chubukov abuse Lomov?
8. How does the play end?

**II. Answer ANY TWO of the following.**

**(2x5=10)**

1. Describe the character of Ivan Lomov in *The Proposal*.
2. How does the dispute over Oxen Meadows create humour in the play?
3. Explain why Lomov considered Natalya as a perfect partner.
4. How does Chekhov portray marriage as a practical arrangement rather than a romantic union?

**III. Answer ANY ONE of the following.**

**(1x10=10)**

1. Discuss how *The Proposal* uses comedy and exaggeration to criticize human pride and ego.
2. Analyze the theme of marriage as a business transaction in the play.
3. Examine the role of arguments and misunderstandings in shaping the plot of *The Proposal*.

## SECTION B (Prose & Poetry)

**IV. Answer ANY TWO of the following.**

**(2x5=10)**

1. Describe the relationship between Rakesh and his father in *A Devoted Son*.
2. Explain the meaning of the line "The Child is father of the Man" in *My Heart Leaps Up*.
3. Explain the significance of clothes and colors in shaping Sumita's identity and emotions in the story *Clothes*.
4. How does Carol Ann Duffy reinterpret the mythical character of Penelope in the poem?



**V. Answer ANY ONE of the following.**

**(1x10=10)**

1. Discuss how the poem *Penelope* celebrates women's creativity and independence.
2. Analyse how Sumita transforms into an empowered woman at the end of the story *Clothes*.
3. Discuss how Anita Desai portrays the theme of duty and sacrifice in *A Devoted Son*.

**SECTION C**  
**(Language Components)**

**VI. Answer ANY ONE of the following.**

**(1x10=10)**

1. Write a formal leave letter to your principal requesting leave for three days due to illness.
2. Write a letter of application applying for the position of office assistant in a company.

**VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following.**

**(1x10=10)**

1. Design an invitation promoting a new restaurant or food truck that you have opened, including key details such as date, venue, menu, exciting offers and contact information.
2. Write a brochure advertising a tourist destination, highlighting its attractions and facilities.

**VIII. Answer the following questions.**

**(5x2=10)**

1. What is time management?
2. Mention two common causes of stress among students.
3. What is a stressor?
4. Mention four points on how you can manage time effectively?
5. Mention two methods to reduce stress.

