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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

ENGLISH - II SEMESTER BCOM (F+R)

24BCO22G: GENERAL ENGLISH II

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A (Prose & Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following. (5x2=10)

1. In *Self-Made Men* where did Jones and Robinson stay during their initial years in New York?
2. What is the setting of the story *Toba Tek Singh*?
3. Who is the writer of *A Wife's Letter* and in what form is the story written?
4. What does the yellow fish symbolize in the story *Yellow Fish*?
5. What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water in *Deep Water*?
6. How does the speaker express her emotional emptiness in the poem *My Grandmother's House*?
7. What did they sell at the roadside stand??
8. What is the central message of *I Have a Dream*?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following. (4x5=20)

1. Discuss the use of irony and exaggeration in *Self-Made Men*. How do they contribute to the humor?
2. Analyze the theme of identity and displacement in *Toba Tek Singh*.
3. Discuss the character of Mrinal as a symbol of female resistance.
4. Discuss the symbolic meaning of the yellow fish and its connection to the narrator's daughter.
5. Narrate the incident at the YMCA pool and explain how it affected Douglas.
6. Explain the theme of exploitation in *A Roadside Stand*.

III. Answer ANY TWO of the following. (2x10=20)

1. Discuss the use of satire in Stephen Leacock's *Self-Made Men*.
2. How does *A Wife's Letter* critique patriarchal society?
3. Examine the theme of nostalgia and loss in the poem *My Grandmother's House*.
4. Discuss the historical and political context of *I Have a Dream*. How does it shape the speech of Martin Luther King?



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Answer ANY FIVE of the following.

(5x1=5)

1. What is Communication?
2. Define Verbal Communication.
3. Write are the types of Non-Verbal Communication?
4. Define Kinesics.
5. Define Proxemics.
6. Define Paralanguage.
7. What is meant by Chronemics?

V. Answer ANY ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

1. Introduce yourself to your colleagues at your new job. You have joined as a new teacher in the English department. Talk about your education, your interest in teaching, and a few of your hobbies. Also, say that you are happy to work with them.

(or)

2. Give directions from your college to your house to your friend.

VI. Answer ANY ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

1. Write a news report about a recent cultural fest organized at your college in 200-250 words with headline, lede, and body, and ensure the report maintains a formal and objective tone.

Use the following details to write your report:

Name of the fest: Utsav 2026

Venue: College campus auditorium

Date: 10th March 2026

Organized by: Student Council

Chief Guest: Siddarth Menon (A well-known artist)

Events conducted: Dance, singing, drama, fashion show, mime, and literary competitions

Number of participants: Around 300 students from different colleges

Special attraction: Flash mob and celebrity performance

Winners: Mention that prizes were awarded for each category

Audience: Large gathering of students, faculty, and guests

Objective: To promote cultural talents and creativity among students

Conclusion: Fest ended on a successful and energetic note

(or)

2. Write a news report on a recent fire accident in 200-250 words with headline, lede, and body, and ensure the report maintains a formal and objective tone.

Use the following details to write your report:

Place: City shopping complex

Date & Time: 15th March 2026, around 7:30 PM

Cause of fire: Suspected short circuit

Affected area: Second and third floors of the building



Casualties: No deaths, but 5 people suffered minor injuries
Rescue: Fire department arrived within 20 minutes
Fire engines: 4 fire tenders used to control the fire
Evacuation: People safely evacuated by emergency teams
Damage: Several shops and goods destroyed
Response: Police and ambulance teams present at the spot
Statement: Officials said the situation was brought under control quickly
Conclusion: Investigation is underway to confirm the exact cause

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

1. Develop a dialogue between a tourist and a local resident where the tourist asks for recommendations for places to visit, and the resident shares insights.
(or)
2. Develop a dialogue between two friends debating the advantages and disadvantages of online education. One friend supports the flexibility of online learning, while the other emphasizes the importance of offline classes.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

1. Write an email to your manager requesting time off (leave) for a personal event. Include dates and mention the tasks you will complete before you leave.
(or)
2. Write an email to a vendor complaining about a product that arrived damaged. Request a replacement or refund.

IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

1. Your college is organizing an Annual Day function, and you are assigned to deliver the welcome speech. Write a speech welcoming the principal, the chief guests, the faculty and the students for the event.
(or)
2. Prepare a speech on the topic: "Technology – A Boon or a Bane for the Youth?" You may include examples of social media, online education, gaming, and screen addiction.

