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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – MAY 2025 LANGUAGES - II SEMESTER BCOM/ TTM 24BCO22G: GENERAL ENGLISH II

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A

(Prose and Poetry)

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

1. Name the narrator in *Self-Made Man* and what role does he play in the story?
2. Who is Bishan Singh and why is he significant in the story?
3. Recollect why Mrinal left her husband's home?
4. Does *Yellow Fish* reflect feminist themes and concerns? How?
5. What were Douglas's thoughts when he was drowning?
6. What kind of love does the speaker recall from her childhood?
7. Describe the appearance of the road side stand?
8. What is the central message of *I Have a Dream*?

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

1. Analyze the relationship between the narrator and the self-made man. How does it reflect societal attitudes toward success?
2. Explain how Manto blends humor and pathos in *Toba Tek Singh* to highlight the absurdity of partition.
3. Discuss the character of Mrinal as a symbol of female resistance.
4. How does Ambai use nature and the sea as metaphors in *Yellow Fish*?
5. Narrate the incident at the YMCA pool and explain how it affected Douglas.
6. Discuss the significance of the roadside stand in the poem.



III. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about two to three pages:

(2x10=20)

1. Examine the narrative style and humor in *Self-Made Man*.
2. Analyze the character sketch of Mrinal in *A Wife's Letter*.
3. Discuss the emotional tone of Kamala Das in the poem *My Grandmother's House*.
4. How does King emphasize unity and non-violence in the pursuit of civil rights in his speech?

SECTION B

(Language Component)

IV. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in one or two sentences: (5x1=5)

1. What are the two types of communication?
2. Define Non-Verbal Communication?
3. Define Kinesics.
4. Mention few examples of written communication?
5. In what way is eye contact essential in communication?
6. What is meant by Chronemics?
7. Give some examples of nonverbal communication.

V. Do as directed:

(5)

1. You want to join science club, introduce yourself to the Senior in Charge. (1 mark)
2. Introduce yourself to the interview panel. (1 mark)
3. Write the steps required to apply for a migration certificate from your University.
(3 marks)

VI. Write a news report on the following situations:

(1x5=5)

- a. On December 21, 2024, a devastating accident in Jaipur involved a collision between a truck, a gas tanker, and several other vehicles, leading a massive fire. At least 14 people were killed, and 40 others were injured, with 28 in critical condition. Witnesses reported that passengers on a bus caught in the fire were trapped due to jammed doors. The incident has prompted authorities to review safety measures for transporting hazardous materials. Write a News Report using the details.

(or)

- b. Write a News Report about a recent cultural fest organized at your college in 200-250



words with headline and dateline and ensure the report maintain a formal and objective tone.

VII. Read the following situations carefully and develop a conversation accordingly:

(1x5=5)

- a. 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 on the importance of offline classes.

(or)

- b. Ram is attending an interview after completing his graduation. The interviewer asks about the candidate's strengths and weaknesses during an interview. Develop a conversation between Ram and the interviewer.

VIII. Job Oriented Skills:

(1x5=5)

- a. Write an email confirming a meeting scheduled for the following week. Include the date, time and agenda.

(or)

- b. Write an email to a university admissions office requesting information about the courses available for the next semester.

IX. Speech Writing:

(1x5=5)

- a. As the student secretary, you are asked to deliver the vote of thanks for your college, Sports Day event. Write a speech that includes gratitude to the Chief Guests for their inspiring presence and support, appreciation for the organizers, volunteers and staff for their hard work, acknowledge the efforts of the participants and audience, end on a note of positivity and encouragement for future events.

(or)

- b. Imagine you are a student representative. Prepare a speech for the annual function of your college on the topic: 'Technology – A Boon or a Bane for the Youth?'.

