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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

ENGLISH - I SEMESTER B.COM (F+R)

24BCO12G: GENERAL ENGLISH I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions

SECTION A

(Prose & Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in one or two sentences:

(5x2=10)

1. Who was Naskarda, and what was his motive?
2. What was the discovery about Albert Edward that surprised the vicar?
3. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?
4. Why did the narrator decide to withdraw all his money in *My Financial Career*?
5. How did Dr. Ambedkar differentiate between a great man and an eminent man?
6. What did the Buddha want Kisa Gotami to understand about life and death?
7. How does the shepherd know that the dog has stayed in the cove for a long time?
8. Why are 'Triumph' and 'Disaster' referred to as two impostors in Kipling's poem?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about a page:

(4x5=20)

1. Why did the new vicar ask Albert Edward Foreman to resign from his post as verger?
2. Describe the postmaster's character. What does his response to Lencho's letter reveal about his personality.
3. Describe the manager's initial reaction to the narrator in Leacock's story and his ultimate change in attitude later.
4. Explain Ambedkar's three tests to assess a 'Great man'.
5. Describe the role of the dog in Wordsworth's *Fidelity*. What does it symbolize?
6. What qualities does Kipling suggest to overcome challenges in life in the poem *If*?

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

(2x10=20)

1. Elaborate the message that Satyajit Ray tries to convey through the story *I Am a Ghost*?
2. Narrate the circumstances under which the verger had to lose his job in St. Peter's church and its aftermath.
3. According to Dr. Ambedkar's description of a great man, who do you think is a perfect example. Explain.
4. How does *The Sermon at Benares* illustrate the philosophy of life? What did Kisa Gotami learn?



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Choose the appropriate option from the bracket:

(5x1=5)

1. His behavior was quite _____ kind. (mis/un).
2. She was a _____ person. (beauty/ beautiful)
3. It was an _____ possible task. (im/ un)
4. It was raining _____. (heavily/ straongly)
5. The act and the mouse _____ with each other. (fought/ friendly)

V. Rewrite the sentences into passive voice:

(5x1=5)

1. The people were helping the wounded woman.
2. The player took extra time.
3. People speak Portuguese in that colony.
4. She will complete the assignment today.
5. The company manufactures high-quality products.

VI. Change the following sentences in to reported speech:

(5x1=5)

1. I said to Daniel, "Are you reading this book?"
2. Mimi said, "I have been writing this letter."
3. The teacher said to Vivek, "Draw the diagram of the plant's parts."
4. She said, "I have an exam tomorrow".
5. Shivina said, "Alas! I am lost."

VII. Identify the Independent Clause in each of the following sentences:

(5x1=5)

1. After the heavy rain, the street was full of mud.
2. The old, wooden table on the second floor.
3. Aditya will definitely come if you invite him.
4. The room with the red door looks beautiful.
5. He decided to have his lunch first before going to work.

VIII. Read the following comprehension passage and answer the questions below:

(5x1=5)

Education is an essential part of our life. It not only helps us acquire knowledge and skills but also helps in building our character and values. Education plays an important role in our personal and professional development and is an investment in our future. Education has many benefits. It helps us understand the world around us and think critically and creatively. It also gives us the skills we need to succeed in the workforce and contribute to our communities.

Education can open up new opportunities and give us a sense of accomplishment and self-satisfaction. Additionally, education helps promote equality and social mobility. It gives individuals the tools and knowledge they need to rise out of poverty and achieve their full potential. Education is also a key factor in reducing discrimination and promoting understanding and tolerance between different cultures and groups.

In short, education is an important part of our lives and has the power to transform individuals and communities.



1. What is the importance of education in our lives?
2. List out the benefits of education.
3. Why is education important for understanding different cultures and groups?
4. How can education change individuals and communities?
5. Suggest a suitable title to the passage.

IX. Write an essay on ANY ONE of the following:

(1x5=5)

1. Fast food vs. home-cooked meals: Implications on health.
2. The relationship between mental health and modern work culture.

