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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

ENGLISH – II SEMESTER BSC (F+R)

24BSC22G: 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. What was Soapy's last attempt to go to jail?
2. Whom did the brothers pass their debt to in *How Mushrooms First Grew*?
3. What did Sidda get as a salary for working in Sivasankar's house?
4. What does the "blue sky" refer to in the poem *Let the Poem Wish Well for All*?
5. What are the symptoms of appendicitis?
6. Name the four different classes in Chaturvarnya.
7. Identify the main themes of the poem *Mountain Lion*.
8. What did the narrator do to find the man on the wall?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following.

(4x5=20)

1. What all did Soapy do to get arrested?
2. How did the ants become responsible for the debts? What did they do to pay them?
3. Sidda was accused of stealing the chain because he was a servant. Explain.
4. What are your wishes for the world to make it a better place?
5. How does the killing of the mountain lion affect the narrator emotionally?
6. Why was the boy faking to be sick with appendicitis in *Homesickness*? Where was he?

III. Answer ANY TWO of the following.

(2x10=20)

1. Explain the treatment of Sidda by Leela's parents. What does it convey about the class discrimination prevalent in society?
2. What is your personal opinion about reservations and caste discrimination in today's world?
3. What happened to the stranger after he got the visiting card of Ormand Wall?
4. Discuss how the debts were being transferred from one to another and the message conveyed in *How Mushrooms First Grew*.



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Interpret the following poem and answer the questions given below.

(5x1=5)

The sun rises in the morning sky.
Birds sing as they fly so high.
The flowers bloom in colours bright,
Filling the world with pure delight.
A gentle breeze begins to flow,
Making the green trees softly glow.
Nature wakes from silent night,
Welcoming a day so fresh and bright.

Questions

1. What happens in the morning according to the poem?
2. What do the birds do?
3. How are the flowers described?
4. What does the breeze do to the trees?
5. Give a suitable title for the poem.

V. Do as directed.

(5x2=10)

1. Choose the appropriate collocation for the following.

- i. She has to _____ (make/do) her homework before dinner.
- ii. There was a _____ (heavy/strong) rain last night.

2. Choose the correct synonym for the following.

- i. The glass door could be easily broken.
a) fragile b) tensile c) hard
- ii. He is a kind person who shares his things with others.
a) good b) magnanimous c) cruel

3. Choose the correct antonym for the following.

- i. He gave a very simple explanation of the problem.
a) easy b) clear c) complex
- ii. The room was empty after the guests left.
a) full b) vacant c) clean

4. Use appropriate suffix/prefix in the following.

- i. It is ____ (possible) to complete this work in one day.
- ii. He is very (care)____ while driving.

5. Convert the following into reported speech.

- i. She said, "The baby is crying."
- ii. Rajiv said, "Come with me to the market tomorrow."

VI. Answer the following.

(3x5=15)

1. Write six dialogue exchanges between two people about corruption in the system.

(Or)

Draft a conversation between two friends on the poor maintenance of drainage.

2. Draft a speech on winning the best student award.

(Or)

Prepare a welcome speech for your Freshers' Day.

3. Describe different types of nonverbal communication.

(Or)

Differentiate between verbal and non-verbal communication.

