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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

ENGLISH – I SEMESTER BSC (F+R)

24BSC12G: GENERAL ENGLISH I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instructions: Answer all the questions.

SECTION A (Prose and Poetry)

I. Answer ANY FIVE of the following:

(5x2=10)

1. Who is Blumberger in O Henry's short story?
2. What is friendship, according to Bacon?
3. What happens if the third knot is untied in the Baltic Folktale?
4. What makes a man great, according to philosophers?
5. Who are the people the boy meets in *How far is the River*?
6. What was Rukmini's final wish before death?
7. State the reason for the extinction of Moschus Moschiferus.
8. Why did the sixth man refuse to give his stick in the poem *The Cold Within*?

II. Answer ANY FOUR of the following:

(4x5=20)

1. Narrate Martha's efforts to grab the attention of Blumberger.
2. To whom does AD Hope dedicate his poem *Moschus Moschiferus*? Why?
3. Describe the things that happened when the fishermen removed the first and second knots in Kaarel's handkerchief.
4. Explain the role of cold in the poem *The Cold Within*.
5. Whose example does Lord Rosebery use to highlight the characteristics of a great man? What is his definition of greatness?
6. Discuss the boy's encounter with the strangers in *How Far is the River*.

III. Answer ANY TWO of the following:

(2x10=20)

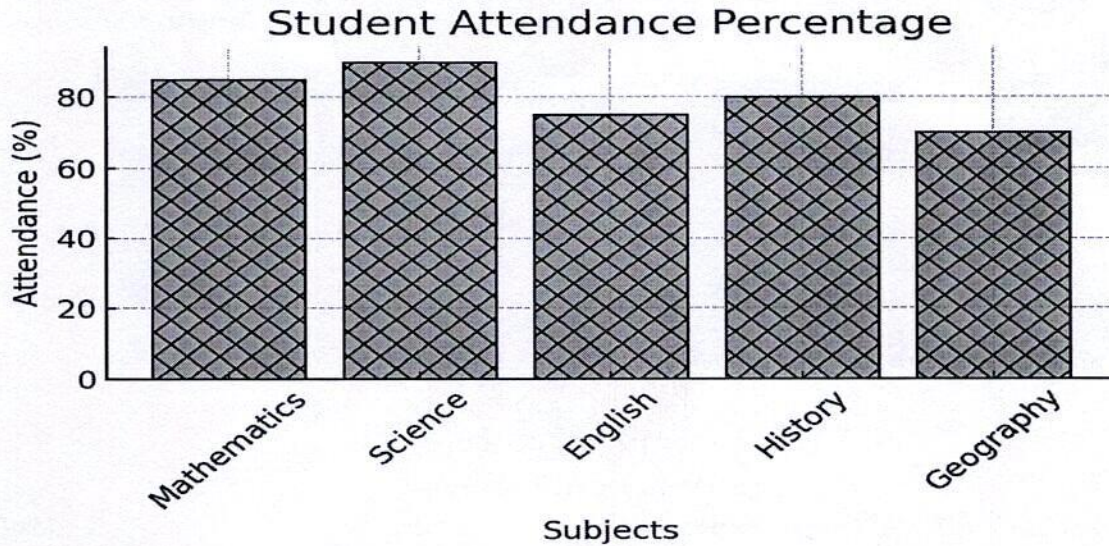
1. Explain the difference between mere acquaintances and true friends in *Of Friendship*? What qualities does a real friend possess?
2. Why should a great person be a scavenger of society? Why is social purpose crucial, according to Ambedkar, and how does it set them apart from the other men?
3. Discuss how James Patrick Kinney uses the six characters in *The Cold Within* to represent different forms of prejudice. What do their actions reveal about human nature?
4. Compare the boy's initial expectations of the journey with the reality he faces. How does *How Far is the River* illustrate the difference between imagination and experience?



SECTION B
(Language Components)

IV. Interpret the following data and answer the questions given below:

(5x1=5)



1. Which subject has the highest attendance?
2. What is the average attendance across all five subjects?
3. Which subject has the lowest attendance?
4. If attendance in History increased by 10%, what would the new percentage be?
5. What is the difference in percentage between History and Geography?

V. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

(5x1=5)

Proper waste management is very important for keeping our surroundings clean and healthy. Every day, people produce tons of waste from homes, schools, and offices. If this waste is not managed properly, it can cause pollution and spread diseases. One of the best ways to handle waste is to separate it into dry and wet categories. Dry waste includes paper, plastic, and metals, while wet waste includes food scraps and vegetable peels.

Another effective method is to follow the three R's — Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We should reduce the use of plastic bags and choose cloth or paper bags instead. Reusing items like bottles and containers helps to minimize waste. Recycling means turning used materials into new products. For example, old newspapers can be recycled into fresh paper. When we follow these practices, we conserve natural resources and reduce waste sent to landfills.

Everyone has a role to play in waste management. By being responsible and mindful, we can make our environment cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable for the future.

1. Why is waste management important?
 - a) It keeps the environment clean and healthy
 - b) It makes waste colourful
 - c) It increases pollution
 - d) It saves electricity



2. What are examples of dry waste?
 - a) Paper, plastic, and metals
 - b) Food and vegetable peels
 - c) Leaves and soil
 - d) Cloth and wood
3. What are the three R's of waste management?
 - a) Read, Write, Recycle
 - b) Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - c) Run, Rest, Relax
 - d) Remove, Replace, Reuse
4. What is an example of recycling?
 - a) Burning old newspapers
 - b) Making new paper from old newspapers
 - c) Throwing plastic bottles
 - d) Using plastic bags again
5. What can individuals do to support waste management?
 - a) Be responsible and separate waste properly
 - b) Throw all waste together
 - c) Avoid using dustbins
 - d) Ignore recycling rules

VI. Answer ANY ONE of the following:

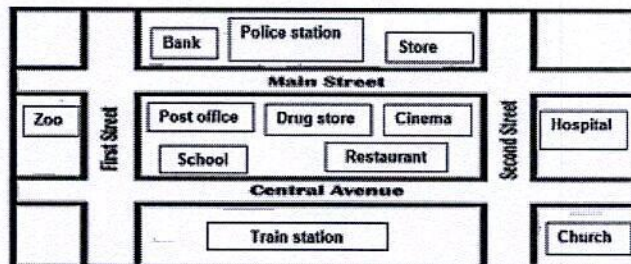
(1x5=5)

1. What is listening? Explain the types of listening.
2. Explain the difference between hearing and listening.

VII. Answer all the following:

(2x3=6)

1. Give instructions to prepare your favourite dish.
2. Refer the image below and give directions to reach the Church from the Bank.



VIII. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tenses, articles and prepositions:

(9x1=9)

Yesterday, I _____ (go) to _____ (a/the/an) park near my house. While I _____ (walk) there, I met _____ (an/a/the) old friend whom I hadn't seen _____ (since/for) years. We sat _____ (in/on/above) a bench and _____ (talk) about our school days. After some time, it started to rain, so we decided to walk _____ (at/in/to) the nearby café to have _____ (an/a/the) cup of coffee.

