

SE – 016

I Semester B.C.A. Examination, January 2025
(SEP 2024 – 25)
ENGLISH
General English – I

Time : 3 Hours

Instructions : 1) Answer **all** the questions.

2) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A
(Prose and Poetry)



I. Answer **any five** of the following in a sentence or **two** each : (5×2=10)

- 1) How did Hatthur probably get its name ?
- 2) What does 'Sahib' mean in 'Shooting an Elephant' ?
- 3) How did the Banker challenge the young Lawyer's opinion ?
- 4) Why did the mother ask to close the window ?
- 5) Name the characters of the story 'Corpse'.
- 6) According to B. R. Ambedkar a great man is someone who has _____.
- 7) What is the message of the poem 'Now I Remain for Myself' ?

II. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about a page each : (4×5=20)

- 1) Describe Hatthur and its people.
- 2) Analyze the scene in which Orwell shoots the elephant.
- 3) How does the lawyer decide to conclude the bet and why ?
- 4) With whom did Ramesh live ?
- 5) Explain the concept of neo-untouchability in 'Corpse'.
- 6) How would you describe the relationship between mother and daughter in the poem 'At the Railway station' ?

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III. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **2-3** pages **each** : **(2×10=20)**

- 1) Discuss how nature is mysterious and beyond human comprehension with respect to the story 'The Golden Dream'.
- 2) What lesson do the Banker and the Lawyer learn in the 'Bet' ?
- 3) Explain the state of woman after her husband's death with reference to the poem 'Now I Remain for Myself'.
- 4) Analyze Panchaiamma's character, motivations, and values and relate them to caste, class, and social status.

SECTION – B

(Language Compositions)

IV. Fill in the blanks using appropriate articles and prepositions given in brackets : **(5×1=5)**

(a, to, on, for, the)

There were thick jungles for miles _____ both sides of this highway. But for _____ few vehicles that occasionally piled on _____ road, not a single soul could be seen on that road. Ramesha had _____ wait there _____ his bus everyday to reach his school which was far away.

V. Fill in the blanks using appropriate forms of verbs given in brackets : **(5×1=5)**

I _____ (know) him for a very long time. We _____ (be) friends since our schooldays. He _____ (come) to see me yesterday to _____ (ask) for my advice. He _____ (want) to come to Delhi and look for a job here.

VI. Answer **any five** of the following questions. **Each** question carries **one** mark.

(5×1=5)

- a) What does effective listening require ?
- b) What is hearing ?
- c) Define passive listening.
- d) What is reflective listening ?
- e) What is critical listening ?
- f) Mention difference between hearing and listening.
- g) Identify the two main types of listening.



VII. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it : (5×1=5)

Vishwaditya, the king of Magadh, heard that a great physician who lived in the neighbouring kingdom had invented an edible magic substance, which, if eaten with sweetmeat, would give one long life. He invited the physician through his messengers. The physician arrived with four sweetmeat balls mixed with the magic substance. The delighted king ordered his soldiers to bring a big garland made of very attractive looking and scented flowers, and himself garlanded the physician. The physician removed the precious cloth with which he had covered the plate of sweetmeat balls. The king's joy knew no bounds at the sight of the contents of the plate. While the physician was about to offer the sweetmeat balls to the king, the court Jester rushed forward, picked up a ball and began eating it. Everyone present in the court was astonished. "Take hold of the mad chap!" shouted the king. The king's bodyguards did so. The half-eaten sweetmeat ball fell from his hand. "How dare you touch the magic thing meant for me? Be ready to face the consequence death!" The Jester shed tears. "No use crying", said the king. "I am crying for you, my Lord!" replied the Jester. "Why?" asked the king. "My lord, by eating only half of the magic thing, I am going to die. What will happen to you when you eat the whole of the magic thing?" said the Jester. The king saw sense in what the Jester said. He realized his mistake of believing in such magic things. He suitably honoured the Jester.

- 1) Write the suitable title for the above passage.
- 2) Why was the king angry on Jester ?
- 3) Write suitable synonym for the word Surprise, from the above passage.
- 4) What made the Jester weep with sorrow ?
- 5) The king honoured the Jester for his act. True/False.

VIII. A) Provide instructions to prepare vegetable soup.

(1×3=3)

B) Give directions to the College canteen.

(1×2=2)



IX. The following pie-chart shows the percentage distribution of the expenditure incurred in publishing a book. Study the pie-chart and write an analysis in a paragraph. (1×5=5)


