



I Semester B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.M./B.Com. (LS)
Examination, February/March 2024
(NEP) (Freshers and Repeaters)
ENGLISH
Generic English (L2)

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** the Sections.
2) Write the **correct** question numbers.

SECTION – A
(Grammar Component)

- I. Skim the passage to identify the topic. Choose the appropriate option. **2**

One of the most principal organs of a tree is a leaf. The leaves are the organs for photosynthesis – a process when carbon dioxide is turned into oxygen. The structures of leaves are adapted for efficient photosynthesis.

Most leaves are broad and so have a large surface area allowing them to absorb more light. Also, they are thin, which means a short distance for carbon dioxide to diffuse in and oxygen to diffuse out easily. The blade is the broad, flat part of the leaf. Photosynthesis occurs in the blade, which has many green food-making cells.

If you look closer at leaves, you will notice networks of thin threads. Those networks are called veins : they support the structure of the leaf and transport substances to and from the cells in the leaf. The main vein of a leaf, running down the centre of the leaf, is called midrib.

- a) This article is about the structure of leaves.
b) This articles is about Photosynthesis.

- II. Scan the passage given and answer the following questions. **2**

As the largest animal in the world, the blue whale also has the most fat. In a 1968 study involving 49 different species of mammal from across the US and Brazil, researchers deduced that the blue whale had the highest percentage of body fat – more than 35%. With the whales weighing in at up to 180 tonnes, that's easily a record-breaking amount of fat for one animal.

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But if we look at things proportionally, you might be surprised by some of the world's full-fat species. We'll begin with blubber, the fat rich tissue belonging to marine mammals that has myriad benefits for streamlining, buoyancy, defence, insulation and energy storage.

In waters further north live bowhead whales. To survive in these frosty, remote waters they have a layer of blubber almost half a metre thick.

- a) Which animal has the most fat ?
 - b) Which marine animals need a thick layer of fat to survive in cold waters ?
- III. What is the SQ3R technique used in academic reading ? 2
 - IV. Write a Cover Letter for the post of Human Resource Internship in AMZ Limited, Bengaluru a software company. 5
 - V. Name any four types of listening. 2
 - VI. Prepare a write-up for Group Discussion on Life without phone. 3
 - VII. Do as directed.
 - a) How would you introduce your mother to the Principal of your college ? 2
 - b) What inquiry would you make in the following situations ? 2
 - i) Enquire about the train timings of the Vande Bharat to Dharwad.
 - ii) Enquire about Library timings in your college.
 - c) Write a set of instructions on how to make a cup of lemon juice. 4
 - VIII. 1) Underline the prepositional phrases in the following sentences. 2
 - a) He has plenty of occasions to mend himself.
 - b) In summer we eat dinner in the garden.
 - 2) Identify the clauses in the following sentences. 2
 - a) The student, who got eight gold medals, is from our college.
 - b) For the last time he looked into her eyes.
 - IX. 1) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tenses given in the brackets. 2
 - a) It _____ (is raining/has been raining) all night.
 - b) The train _____ (had left/left) the station before we left.



- 2) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket. 3
- a) The lady in the car _____ (look/looks) like your mother.
 - b) Neither Rama nor Sita _____ (was/ were) present in the class.
 - c) The singer and dancer _____ (is/are) absconding.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms given in the bracket. 2
(bone of contention, took him to task, blessing in disguise)
- a) The teacher _____ for not submitting the assignment on time.
 - b) The flu I had a few weeks ago which prevented me from going on holiday with my friends was _____. They had a terrible time.
- X. Your college has hosted an Inter Collegiate Cultural Fest – ‘Manthan’. The Vice Chancellor of the University is the Chief Guest. Fifteen colleges have participated in the event. As a Cultural Secretary, draft a welcome speech for the occasion. 5

SECTION – B
(Prose and Poetry)

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in **two or three** sentences **each** : (5×2=10)
- 1) According to Sue, what was the one great wish of Johnsy in the lesson ‘The Last Leaf’ ?
 - 2) Mention the similar interests of Sue and Johnsy in the lesson ‘The Last Leaf’ .
 - 3) The grandfather did not have the heart to take the _____ from the cage.
 - a) Piece of chicken
 - b) Mirror
 - c) Water.
 - 4) A man who plants a tree, plants the friend of _____ and _____.
 - 5) How was the property divided among the children according to the will in the lesson ‘Daughter’ ?
 - 6) According to Helen Keller, what was the most important day in her life ?
 - 7) Where did the grandfather finally leave the snake ?



II. Answer **any two** of the following in about **one** page **each** : (2×5=10)

- 1) What did the doctor say about the condition of Johnsy ? What suggestions does he give Sue to improve her condition ?
 - 2) How does the arrival of the python disrupt the normalcy of the house in the lesson 'All Creatures Great and Small' ?
 - 3) How does the poem ' Heart of the Tree' help in making a good citizen ?
 - 4) Deepa's care for her father couldn't change Suresh's mind. Comment on the conclusion of the story ' Daughter'.
 - 5) Describe the circumstances which led Helen Keller dash the doll into pieces. What were her feelings ?
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