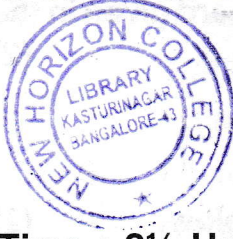




II Semester B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.M. Degree Examination, June/July - 2025
(NEP Scheme)



GENERIC ENGLISH
Language English
Paper - 2

Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions:

1. Answer all the questions.
2. Mention the question numbers correctly.

I. 1. **Write a caption for the picture:**

(2)



2. **Give suitable title to the following passage:**

(1)

Humans have three phases of life i.e., childhood adulthood and old age. Each one of these has got its own characteristics depending upon various factors. Childhood is considered to be carefree and dependent. Young age or adulthood is considered to be more responsible in comparison to others and is kind of independent one. If we talk about old age it is also known as second childhood with added wisdom and experience in it. In a broad manner it totally depends upon the humans how they want to proceed with their life no phase of life is a good or bad phase.

[P.T.O.]



II. 1. Complete the sentences with the word derived from the word given in the bracket: (2)

- a) He hardly ever _____ (go) to the dentist.
b) She _____ (walk) to work yesterday.

2. Choose the correct synonym for each underlined word below: (2)

- a) The librarian asked the children to be silent because everyone was trying to study.
i) noisy ii) boring iii) quiet iv) early
b) My grandpa made the new dollhouse, complete with miniature furniture for every room.
i) pretty ii) tiny iii) fresh iv) tall

3. Choose the correct homonym for the following: (2)

- a) I don't know _____ (whether/weather) we should go outside.
b) They're going to _____ (write/right) a letter.

4. Fill in the blanks with correct collocations: (2)

- a) She decided to _____ a shower after her workout.
i) do ii) take iii) make iv) give
b) I need to _____ a phone call before we leave.
i) take ii) make iii) get iv) do

III. Identify the meanings of the following words from the passage: (2)

1. control
2. prospered

Do you know that around 270 eucalyptus trees or 460 bamboo plants are saved when we produce one tonne of hand-made paper? It is ecofriendly hand-made paper that also checks pollution of water, land and air. Large quantities of polluting chemicals are used by paper mills. Hand-made paper is the best form of recycled paper. It has a fine surface for writing. It is also strong enough for making drawings.

Paper manufacturing is a very old tradition. It was invented in China nearly two thousand years back. Indians used the leaves of palm trees for writing. Papyrus is a kind of paper made from a reed of the same name. It grew on the banks of the River Nile, and was used in Egypt.

The hand-made paper industry flourished in India during the Mughal period. But it died with the setting up of paper mills in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mahatma Gandhi revived it during the freedom movement. Today it is a fast-growing industry.

**IV. Answer the following questions: (6×1=6)**

1. Mention the barriers of listening.
2. Explain how lack of interest becomes a barrier to listening.
3. What is meant by reading skills?
4. What is active listening?
5. Define Paralanguage.
6. Give the meaning of gestures.

V. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice: (4)

1. John collects money.
2. Anna opened the window.
3. They gave her a nice present.
4. Jane is singing the new song.

VI. Change the following dialogue into Reported Speech: (4)

1. Ram : I want to meet the principal.
2. Peon: Sir, he is not in his office.
3. Ram : When will he come back to the office?
4. Peon: I think in another ten minutes.

VII. Construct a dialogue based on the following situation: (3)

Two colleagues, Alex and Jamie, discuss their lunch plans at work.

VIII. Write a news report for the following theme: (5)

Local School Students Rally to Aid Flood Victims on March 15, 2025.

IX. Write an (short) essay on the following topic: (1×5=5)

1. Importance of English Language.

(OR)

2. Festivals in India.

**X. Answer any Five of the following questions in two or three sentences:****(5×2=10)**

1. Which event made R.K. Laxman realize he was meant to become an artist?
2. How are tribal people made physically homeless?
3. What piece of advice did the wise man offer to the son-in-law?
4. Where does the free bird dip its wings?
5. What did the caged bird do inside the cage?
6. By whom are the walls built according to the poet Dadalkar?
7. How is Mount Amarkantak geologically important?
8. Describe the appearance of R.K. Laxman's teacher as remembered by him.

XI. Answer any Two in about 80 to 100 words / a page:**(2×5=10)**

1. Discuss how the greedy son-in-law in the lesson "Money", mirrors the mindset of present-day grooms who expect dowry.
2. Describe how R.K. Laxman's childhood environment contributed to his development as an artist.
3. Give a brief account of the Gandmardhan movement.
4. Mention the fears that the caged bird suffers from in the poem "Caged Bird".
5. Explain the outcome of demolishing the walls in the poem "Walls".