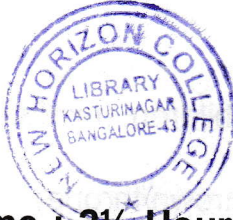




II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A. Degree Examination, June/July - 2025
(NEP Scheme)
ENGLISH (L2)
Generic English - II



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions:

1. Answer **all** questions.
2. Write the question numbers correctly for **each** section.

SECTION - A
(Work Book)

- I. Summarize the passage in **75 - 100** words and give a suitable title: **(5)**

Anvitha decided to try to cook dinner for her family one day. Her mother was very busy and did not always have time to cook. "You don't know how to cook!" her brother said. Anvitha looked through cook books until she found some recipes she liked. She drove to the grocery store and got the ingredients she needed. Then she came home and gathered her pots and pans.

The first recipe was too complicated. Anvitha tried to follow the instructions but the food burned. The second recipe was also too hard. She had to throw out the bad food. Anvitha was disappointed, but she decided to try the last recipe. The last recipe turned out well and when her mother returned home that night, there was a nice hot dinner waiting. "I guess you can cook after all!" her brother said.

- II. Do as directed.

1. The use of desktop computer equipment and software to create high-quality documents such as newsletters, business cards, letterhead and brochures is called Desktop Publishing or DTP.
 - a. Find a word in the above passage which means 'top-grade'. **(1)**
 - b. Write antonym for the word 'Software'. **(1)**
2. Add appropriate prefix or suffix to the following words: **(2)**
 - a. discuss.
 - b. remark

[P.T.O.]



3. Choose the appropriate word/phrase from brackets: (4)
- a) A good parent is one who is _____ to all their children. (fair/fare)
- b) The ball was _____ high into the air by the boy. (thrown/throne)
- c) _____ can I find a shop to buy sarees as I have to _____ it for the wedding reception? (wear/where)

III. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: (1×5=5)

India is a secular, democratic nation. This implies that every religion is treated equally and at par with every other religion. No religion is accorded any preferential treatment of any kind. All citizens are also free to practice, preach or profess any religion of their choosing. The state does not have a unified or homogeneous religious following. This unique characteristic of India ensures its unity in diversity. India has been the birthplace of several religions and is the land where all these religions - such as Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Jainism and so on exist simultaneously, peacefully and harmoniously.

But, some anti-social elements have interpreted the sanctity of religions in a twisted way. No religion preaches violence or rioting. All the religions are but various ways to reach the Supreme Being, they are paths which lead to the ultimate truth and salvation, though we refer to the destination by various names such as Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Allah and so on. It is important to realize that in order to ensure a peaceful mosaic of cultural distinctness, the path of non-violence or ahimsa, as given by the Father of the nation, must be followed unwaveringly. God created man in his own image. Hence, it follows naturally that there is some divinity within all human beings. Thus, to kill and murder in the name of religion is blasphemy. Only once the religious fanatics understand this, will there be perpetual peace in the land.

Questions:

1. Why is India called secular and democratic nation?
2. A unique characteristic of India ensures its
3. What is special about India's association with religion?
4. Why are human beings divine?
5. How can all religions co-exist peacefully?



IV. Answer any **Three** of the following questions in a **sentence** or **two**. (3×2=6)

1. Pseudo listening is also known as _____.
2. What is meant by verbal communication?
3. Name any four types of listening.
4. Mention any two benefits of good note taking skills.
5. Describe any two bad listening practices.

V. Change the following paragraph to reported speech. (3)
The teacher said, "Why are you late? What a troublesome boy you are! Be punctual in future".

VI. Imagine your college invites Ajay Sood, IISc. Bangalore to preside over the 'National Science Day' celebration. Draft a welcome speech for this occasion. (3)

(OR)

Prepare a speech to thank Prof. Shivalingaswamy H K, writer who inaugurated the 'Kannada-English Literary Club' in your college.

VII. Write an essay on any **One** of the following topics: (5)

1. Students should not be allowed to use mobile phones in the college.
2. Importance of Water.
3. My aim in life.

VIII. Write a dialogue between father and son about taking up the CET exam. (5)

(OR)

Complete the given dialogue by filling the blanks:

Mohan : Good morning , sir.
Principal : _____ ?
Mohan : I am fine and thank you sir.
Principal : _____ ?

[P.T.O.]



- Mohan : Sir, I am participating in the inter-college essay competition. May I leave the college, early?
- Principal : Yes, you may. _____?
- Mohan : The competition is conducted at Govt. First Grade College, Bengaluru.
- Principal : Ok. When is the competition?
- Mohan : _____.
- Principal : Good Luck.
- Mohan : _____.

SECTION - B
(Course Book)

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

1. In the poem 'Earth Never Dies' the lakes are killed by
2. What happened to Ivan after going home in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk'?
3. Mention any two qualities that Craig Burkholder attributes to his friend.
4. The village duty for the Mahars was dreadful and disrespectful. (True/False)
5. Why did the Refugees leave their village in the story 'The Refugee'?
6. Who kept guard at the well in the story 'The Corpse in the Well'?
7. Old man saved the silver coin in the story 'The Refugee'.
a) to buy soup b) to buy seeds c) to buy fields

X. Answer any **Two** of the following questions in a paragraph: **(2×5=10)**

1. What are the images that poet uses to show that the earth is dying painfully in the poem 'Earth Never Dies'?
 2. How does the story 'The Corpse in the Well' bring out the disrespectful attitudes towards Mahars in Indian Society?
 3. Explain the plight of the refugees as depicted in the story 'The Refugee'.
 4. Comment on the poet's views on friendship in the poem 'Bonds of Friendship'?
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