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I Semester B.B.A./B.H.M./B.B.A (Aviation Management, Data Analytics & E-Commerce) Degree Examination, December/January - 2025/26

(SEP Scheme Freshers)

LANGUAGE ENGLISH - I

Essence - I

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Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 80**

***Instructions*:**

1) *Read all the instructions carefully and write the answers.*
2) *Write the question numbers correctly.*

SECTION - A

(Literary Component - 40 Marks)

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

1. The tunnel in the poem 'Strange Meeting' was
   a) dug by the soldiers
   b) formed as a result of wars
   c) formed as a result of natural calamities
2. Where was the poetess Kamala Das born?
3. Name the girl with whom Hughie fell in love in the story 'The Model Millionaire'.
4. What name did the servants of Mr. Mitra give the hawk-cuckoo in the story 'The Hawk-Cuckoo from the Woods'?
5. In G.B. Shaw's view, what did Capitalist system produce universally?
6. The moth was not as gay as a _____. Fill in the blank with the right word from the essay 'Death of the Moth' by Virginia Woolf.
7. How many pounds did Hughie's old aunt give him as allowance yearly?

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

1. What horrible realisation had the speaker in 'Strange Meeting' come to? Why was he unable to share the same with the world?

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2. 'An Introduction' by Kamala Das is an expression of 'craving for love' and 'frustration of unrequited love'. Elucidate.

3. Narrate the circumstances that eventually led to Hughie's marriage with his lady love in the story 'The Model Millionaire'.

4. In what way is Romola different from the woman of her times? Illustrate with instances from the story 'The Hawk-Cuckoo from the Woods'.

5. 'Machinery has rendered modern workers unintelligent and helpless'. Discuss with reference to the essay 'How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay' by G.B. Shaw.

6. Comment on the ending of the essay 'Death of the Moth' by Virginia Woolf.

III. Answer any One question from the following in about two pages each. **(1×10=10)**

1. Discuss the poem 'Strange Meeting' as an anti-war poem.

2. Baron Hausberg in the story 'The Model Millionaire' is both a millionaire model and a model millionaire. Elucidate.

3. How is the idea 'struggle for existence' brought out in Virginia Woolf's essay 'Death of the Moth'?

SECTION - B

(Grammar - 40 Marks)

IV. A. Answer any Three of the following. **(3×1=3)**

1. Listening for therapeutic purposes is also called _____. (Marginal/ Empathetic)

2. Mention any two techniques to improve listening?

3. What is the only disadvantage of sensitive/empathic listening?

4. Of the five types, which is the most important type of listening?

B. Answer any Two of the following. **(2×2=4)**

1. Complete the telephone conversation below with appropriate expressions and lines:

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(The phone rings in Kuppuswamy's office, who is a lawyer)

Kuppuswamy : Hello!

Caller : Hello, _____ to Dr. Mariswamy?

Kuppuswamy : Which number do you want?

Caller : 205718.

Kuppuswamy : _____ the wrong number. This is 205118.

Caller : Oh, _____ !

Kuppuswamy : _____.

2. Read the telephone conversation given below and organise your response in the format provided:

Shankar : Hello!

Smitha : Hello! May I speak to Mr. Ramanan?

Shankar : Sorry, he is on leave. Would you like to leave a message?

Smitha : Yes. Could you remind him of his signature for the project reports? Please ask him to call me on 9845091140. It's pretty urgent.

Shankar : I certainly will.

Smitha : Thank you!

Shankar : You're most welcome!

Message for :

Message from :

Subject :

Call her on :

3. As a receptionist of a publishing company, how do you handle a customer's call asking you to connect to the manager of your company.

C. Do as directed. **(6×1=6)**

1. How do you greet your neighbour when you meet him/her in the post office?
2. Introduce the guest to the audience at the Independence Day programme in your college.
3. You want to consult a dentist. Request your friend to fix an appointment.
4. Your classmate is finding it hard to do the course registration in the UUCMS portal. Offer help.
5. Seek your principal's permission to go home an hour sooner than usual.
6. Ask your friend's permission to use his/her writing pad.

D. 1. Read the following passage and identify the topic sentence. (1×2=2)

Trade and commerce, in addition to making profit, is to serve the people, community and the nation at large. It provides employment opportunities, best of the services to the stake holders, and generate income contributing to the economy of a nation. There are several giant trading companies not only in India but also across the globe with a lofty motive of serving mankind with the profits they earn. They strongly believe in the motto 'service to mankind is service to God'. Besides being kind and helpful to humankind, they are considerate to nature as they know that it is sentient. Hence, they do not do anything deliberately to jeopardize it. In other words, they are empathetic to nature and preserve it. So, they employ strategies that are eco-friendly.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (5×1=5)

Bhola, a simpleton, was a denizen of Kosala, a prosperous kingdom ruled by Gnanabodha. He was twenty-five years old. He was ignorant of life, the nature of people and the ways of the world. Moreover, he lived in penury. Therefore, no parents came forward to give their daughter in marriage to him. Inevitably, he took a vow to remain celibate.

All that was endurable. But people mocked him invariably and that was quite distressing. He was overwhelmed by a sense of deep despondency and decided to kill himself. Before taking that extreme step to commit suicide, as a last resort, he made up his mind to see the king. Gnanabodha was

eminent, compassionate, and renowned for his ingenuity. To Bhola, he was the only ray of hope.

On listening to Bhola, Gnanabodha contemplated for a while and said, "Bhola I understand your distress. I have a remedy. You will be emancipated from your state of perpetual agony".

Gnanabodha's words were reassuring. Bhola's face brightened up with full of optimism.

"Listen", said Gnanabodha. "I'll assign a task to you. You most carry a pot brim-full of water and ambulate in the main streets of the city. If you spill even a drop of water, you will be beheaded".

Bhola's heart sank. He felt that he had fallen from the frying pan into the fire. However, he did not have the audacity to defy the king. Hence, he accepted the task with all obsequiousness.

When the people saw Bhola walking with a pot brim-full of water on his head, they wondered what he was up to. Soon a few urchins and teenage louts followed ridiculing him. But, Bhola did not take heed. He gingerly carried the pot with full focus to evade the impending threat to his life.

Finally, after finishing his ambulatory exercise successfully, he reached the king's court. Keeping the pot carefully on a table, Bhola gave a sigh of relief.

Smiling, Gnanabodha said, "Did you pay heed to the mockery of the people"?

Wiping the perspiration on his face, Bhola said "Your majesty, I did not. I was only focusing on my task fearing that I might lose my life".

"There lies the remedy for your problem. Be focused on your work. Turn a deaf ear to the unkind comments and unwarranted criticism of the world. You can be peaceful and happy", said Gnanabodha.

Bhola genuflected before the wise king with a deep sense of gratitude. He followed his advice and lived happily ever after.

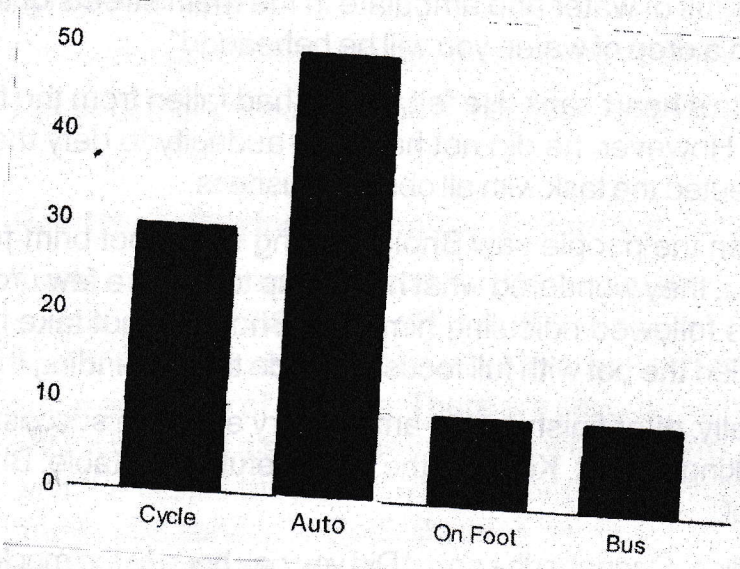
1) *Where did Bhola live?*
2) *Why did Bhola decide to meet the king?*
3) *What made Bhola remain celibate?*
4) *The punishment to Bhola if he spilled even a drop of water was _____.*
5) *How, according to Gnanabodha, can one be happy and peaceful in life?*

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E. The bar graph below illustrates the means of transport used by students to go to college every day. Study the graph and write a paragraph of approximately 100 words. **(4)**

Graph Title: The means of transport used by students.



F. 1. Do as directed. **(4×1=4)**

a) Fill in the blank with the appropriate 'be' form.

The child _____ crying as it is hungry. (is/are)

b) Fill in the blank with the appropriate verb.

Seven miles _____ a long distance to walk.

c) Fill in the correct form of 'do'.

That player _____ exercise every morning.

d) Rewrite the sentence in negative form.

Mithun has brought his bag.

2. a) **Fill in the blanks with appropriate article.** **(2×1=2)**

1. _____ egg I bought yesterday is rotten.
2. I have not seen _____ honourable man like him.

b) **Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.** **(2×1=2)**

1. The chef sliced the onion _____ a knife.
2. In the olden times people drew water _____ a well.

3. a) **Use the correct idioms from the brackets to complete the sentences.** **(2×1=2)**

(put yourself in the shoes of others, cat nap, feel blue)

1. Every Monday, on waking up in the morning, I _____.
2. Life is not the same for all. _____ before you criticise them.

b) **Fill in the blanks with suitable phrases chosen from those in brackets.** **(2×1=2)**

1. The mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law rarely _____ very well with each other. (get on/get through)
2. The doctor advised me to _____ on junk food. (cut down/ cut off)

4. a) **Do as directed.** **(2×1=2)**

1. Grandfather is coming to see us today.
   (Frame WH question to get the underlined part as the answer)
2. The buses are allowed into the park.
   (Convert the above statement into a yes/no question)

b) **Complete the sentences with the correct question tag.** **(2×1=2)**

1. It is not cold, _____?
2. Chakri can break this stone, _____?