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I Semester B.Com. All Courses Degree Examination,
December/January - 2025/26
(SEP Scheme Freshers+Repeaters)
ENGLISH
Language English-I
(Exuberance-I)

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

Instructions **:**

1. *Read 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. What does the poet, William Shakespeare, mean by 'wand' ring 'bark' in Sonnet 116?
2. In the poem 'To India-My Native Land', how was India treated in the past?
   a) Worshipped as a deity.
   b) Chained as an eagle.
   c) Glorified by minstrels.
   d) None of the above.
3. In the story 'A Service of Love', when faced with hard times, the couple Joe and Delia believed that when one loves one's Art no _____ seems too hard.
4. Mr. White's first wish was for two hundred pounds in 'The Monkey's Paw'. True/False
5. Name the different kinds of assets in which illegal money is usually held.
6. Where is Sonagaon located in the story 'The Chronicle of Hariya Dom'?
7. What reason did Delia give for her hand getting burnt in 'A Service of Love'?

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

1. According to Shakespeare, 'Love is not Time's Fool'. Do you agree? Give reasons.
2. Discuss the tone of the poem 'To India-My Native Land'.
3. How does Delia describe Clementina in 'A Service of Love'?
4. Bring out the irony of wishing for two hundred pounds in 'The Monkey's Paw'.
5. Describe the 'black and white streams' in an economy.
6. Explain the death of Nidhu Dom in the story 'The Chronicle of Hariya Dom'.

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

1. Explain Shakespeare's idea of true love as depicted in 'Sonnet 116'.
2. 'A Service of Love' is an example of O.Henry's style of storytelling. Discuss.
3. Describe Hariya's dream and its significant contribution to the story.

SECTION - B

(Grammar - 40 Marks)

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

1. Mention any two forms of feedback.
2. In _____ listening, the listener listens superficially.
3. Pre-judgements about the speaker is one of the barriers to effective listening. True/False
4. What is active listening?

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

1. Complete the given telephone conversation.

Secretary : Hello, Dr. Chandrakant's clinic.

Caller : _____?

Secretary : Yes, sure, is the evening 6 p.m. ok?

Caller : _____?

2. Write the telephone conversation for the given situation -Juhi calls Nirmal to invite him for her birthday party.

3. Read the given telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given below.

Receptionist : Good morning. Macmillan's Pvt. Ltd. How may I help you?

Caller : Good morning. This is Mr. Mahesh from Accenture Pvt. Ltd. I'd like to speak to Ms. Rita from the sales department.

Receptionist : I am afraid Ms. Rita is in meeting, now. Would you like to leave a message for her?

Caller : Please inform her that the meeting about the quotation has been postponed to 2 p.m. tomorrow. Kindly ask her to call 52419673.

Receptionist : Sure sir, I'll give her the message.

Caller : Thank you.

Message from : _____

Message for : _____

Subject : _____

Call her on : _____

C. Do as directed. **(6×1=6)**

1. How would you greet your friend Abhay at a supermarket and exchange a few words?

2. You are Rohit Kumar from Alpha Electronics, Kanpur. You go to the Delhi office. How would you introduce yourself to the company's Chartered Accountant?

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3. How would you request your friend Suresh to help you put up posters for a science exhibition in your college.
4. You are helping a friend move into a new apartment. Offer help with unpacking boxes.
5. You are late to the class. Ask permission from your class teacher to enter the class.
6. Give permission to your friend to use your pen.

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

Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good physical and mental health. It helps not only in reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, but also improves mood and reduces stress. Exercise increases the production of endorphins, chemicals in the brain that act as natural painkillers and mood elevators. In addition to it, regular physical activity improves sleep quality, boosts energy levels, and enhances overall mental clarity. People who exercise regularly tend to have stronger immune systems and recover faster from illness. In short, the positive effects of consistent physical activity touch nearly every aspect of a person's well-being.

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

Karnataka is a state located in the southwestern region of India, known for its rich history, diverse culture, and vibrant landscapes. Karnataka is one of the most significant states in India both geographically and economically. It is bordered by the states of Maharashtra to the north, Goa to the west, Kerala to the southwest, Tamil Nadu to the southeast, and Andhra Pradesh to the east. The state also has a coastline along the Arabian Sea, offering a beautiful mix of beaches hills, and forests.

Historically, Karnataka has been home to many powerful dynasties, including the Chalukyas, Hoysalas, and the Vijayanagara Empire. These empires have left behind a rich cultural legacy, evident in the state's architecture, temples, and art. Some of the most famous historical sites include Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Badami, known for its rock-cut temples and sculptures. The state's capital, Bengaluru (formerly Bangalore), is often referred to as the "Silicon Valley of India" due to its thriving technology, industries and status as a major IT hub. It is a cosmopolitan city that blends modernity with a deep sense of tradition.

Karnataka is also known for its diverse geography, which ranges from lush rainforests in the Western Ghats to the dry, arid landscapes of the Deccan Plateau. The Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage site, are one of the richest biodiversity hotspots in the world and house several wildlife sanctuaries, such as Bandipur National Park and Nagarhole National Park. The state's rivers, including the Krishna, Kaveri, and Tungabhadra play a vital role in agriculture, providing water for irrigation in the fertile plains.

The culture of Karnataka is a beautiful fusion of various traditions, from classical music to dance, with Carnatic music. Yakshagana is one of the most prominent art forms. Karnataka also has a rich literary tradition in languages like Kannada, which is the official language of the state. The state has produced several prominent poets, writers, and philosophers. The cuisine of Karnataka is diverse, with staples like ragi mudde (finger millet), dosa, and bisi bele bath (a spiced rice and lentil dish) being some of the most beloved dishes.

Questions:

1) Name any two historical dynasties that have contributed to Karnataka's cultural legacy.
2) Bandipur National Park is located in the Western Ghats. (True/False)
3) Mention any two geographical features of Karnataka.
4) The____ region is one of the richest bio diversity hotspots in the world.
5) Which is one of the most prominent art forms of Karnataka?

E. The table below illustrates the marks obtained by an undergraduate B.Com student in different commerce subjects. The maximum marks for all the subjects is 100. Study the table and write down your observation in about 100 words.

Subject code	Subjects	Marks obtained	Grade
BC201	Financial Accounting	90	A+
BC202	Business Management	80	A
BC203	Business Economics	75	B+
BC204	Corporate Law	55	C+
BC205	Environmental studies	50	C

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F. 1. **Do as directed.** **(4×1=4)**

a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of "do" in the following sentence:

_____ you read the newspaper yesterday?

b) Choose the correct form of "be" to complete the sentence.

The girls _____ playing in the ground (is/are/was)

c) Rewrite this sentence in negative form:

The committee is investigating the matter.

d) She_____ yet finished her homework. (hasn't, didn't, doesn't)

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

1. _____ old man sitting on the park bench told a fascinating story about his experience.
2. The marine scientist spent many years experimenting in _____ remote laboratory on the sea shore.

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

1. The dog was sleeping _____ the sofa.
2. I went for a walk _____ 6 'o' Clock.

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

(donkey's years, out of the blue, at all costs)

1. I have not seen my childhood friend in _____ .
2. Das plans to complete the project _____.

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

1. The question of building the house _____ while taking.
(came by, came up, came over)
2. Rina _____ her glass of milk.
(knocked over, knocked down, kept up)

4. a) **Do as directed.** (2×1=2)

1. The children are playing <u>in the park</u>.
   (Frame a suitable question to get the underlined part as answer)
2. This food is edible.
   (Convert the following statement into a yes/no question)

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

1. They were going to the lake.
2. The bread will become soggy.

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