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II Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, June/July - 2026
(SEP Scheme Freshers+Repeaters)
ENGLISH
Generic English

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

Instructions :

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

SECTION - A

(Literary Component) **(40)**

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

1. In the poem 'Night and Death,' which evening star is described as heralding the coming of night?
2. In the poem 'The Tiger and the Deer', the tiger represents cruelty, darkness, and death. **True/false**
3. Which political party did Mrs. Nu'maan support?
4. Why did Mathilde need four hundred francs before the ball?
5. Gandhari and Dhritarashtra finally met their end by walking into a _____
   a. River
   b. Forest fire
   c. Mountain cave
6. Who helped Gandhari learn to see again after removing her blindfold?
7. How did the Man in Black help the sailor?

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

1. Critically analyze how Joseph Blanco White compares Night and Death and establishes a symbolic relationship between them.
2. How does the poet express his desire for a peaceful and harmless world through the poem 'The Tiger and the Deer'?
3. Discuss the character of Mrs. Nu'maan as portrayed in the story 'Poison'.
4. Comment on Mathilde's desire for luxury and social status in 'The Necklace'.
5. Analyse the relationship between Gandhari and Dhritarashtra.
6. Write a short note on the Man in Black's philosophy of helping the poor.

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

1. 'Poison' is a critique of social conventions and oppressive marriage. Elaborate.
2. Discuss how Joseph Blanco White transforms fear of death into a source of wonder, knowledge and spiritual enlightenment in the poem 'Night and Death'?
3. Examine the significance of Gandhari's blindfold as a symbol of protest, sacrifice and self-imposed suffering.

SECTION - B

(Grammar) (40)

IV. Answer any Three of the following in one or two sentences each. **(3×1=3)**

1. What is Selective Listening?
2. Eye contact is a non-verbal sign of active listening. **(True/False)**

3. Paraphrasing is an example of _____ **(Verbal / Non-verbal)** sign of active listening.

4. Name any two non-verbal signs of active listening.

5. Which of the following is an example of false listening?

   a) Nodding thoughtfully

   b) Smiling at the speaker

   c) Pretending to listen without understanding

   d) Asking open-ended questions

V. Answer the following. (2×2=4)

1. Answer any Two of the following.

a) Fill in the blanks in the dialogue given below with appropriate expressions:

Rahul: Excuse me, _____ to the railway station?

Priya:_____ till you see SBI Bank, then _____ ; it is _____ to the college.

b) Give four instructions on how to use an ATM machine.

c) Suggest the best route for Ananya to reach Bangalore Airport from Electronic City using public transport.

2. Construct Two dialogues for the following situation : (2×1=2)

You are visiting Mysuru for the first time and ask your friend for sightseeing tips.

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

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However, online education also presents certain challenges. Prolonged screen time can lead to eye strain, mental fatigue, and reduced concentration. The absence of face-to-face interaction may affect students' communication skills and limit collaborative learning experiences. In some cases, technical difficulties and distractions at home may hinder effective learning. Therefore, to make online education successful, students need to maintain self-discipline, manage their time wisely, avoid distractions, and actively participate in virtual discussions and activities. When used responsibly, online education can be a powerful tool for academic growth and lifelong learning.

Questions :

1. _____ has transformed the landscape of learning in recent decades.
2. Mention one advantage of online education.
3. What problem can prolong screen time cause?
4. Online education offers no flexibility _____ **(True/False)**
5. How can students make online learning effective?

VII. Answer the following.

1. Give a suitable caption for the given image : **(1×2=2)**



2. Write a paragraph on any One of the following topics in about 100 words: **(1×4=4)**

a) Advantages of reading books.

b) Importance of saving water.

c) A visit to a historical place.

VIII. Do as directed.

1. a) **Use the correct homonym and fill the blanks :** **(1)**

The fisherman sat by the _____ to catch fish, and later went to the _____ to withdraw money.

b) **Use the correct homophones and fill the blanks :** **(1)**

The boy gave his sister a _____ milk chocolate on her birthday. Every night, she writes her thoughts in her _____ (dairy/diary)

c) **Find one - word substitute for the following sentence choosing from the options given :** **(1)**

A person who speaks many languages is a _____ (linguist/polyglot/orator)

2. a) **Use appropriate prefix to the word given in brackets and fill in the blanks :** **(1)**

It is wrong to _____ (obey) your parents and elders, as respect is an important value.

b) **Use appropriate suffix to the word given in brackets and fill in the blank:** **(1)**

The committee appreciated her _____ (serious) towards the project.

c) **Write the antonym for the word "ancient".** **(½)**

d) **Write the synonym for the word "rapid".** **(½)**

e) **Identify the two words that form the portmanteau word "Infotainment".** **(1)**

3. **Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verb in brackets :(4×1=4)**

Last Sunday, my friends and I _____ (visit) a zoological park in Mysuru. While we _____ (be+ watch) different species of birds, our guide told us interesting facts. We_____ (take) many photographs. We_____ (visit) the park again next year.

4. **Convert the following according to the instructions given : (3×1=3)**

a) He said, "I have completed my work and submitted the report." (convert to indirect speech)

b) The teacher told us not to make noise during the examination. (convert to direct speech)

c) She said, "May I enter the room, sir?" (convert to indirect speech)

5. **Convert the following according to the instructions given : (4×1=4)**

a) People sell fresh fruits and vegetables in this market every morning. (convert to passive voice)

b) Workers are building a new bridge across the river. (convert to passive voice)

c) The classroom was cleaned by Raju before the seminar began. (convert to active voice)

d) A melodious song is sung by her during every cultural programme. (convert to active voice

6. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate business jargons given in the box :(2×1=2)**

brand, loss, cost, supply, factory

Companies work hard to improve their _____ in competitive markets and prevent financial _____ through careful decision-making.