



II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A. Examination, July/August 2024
(NEP) (Freshers and Repeaters)
ENGLISH
Generic English – II

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* questions.
 2) Write *all* question numbers *correctly*.

SECTION – A
Workbook – 40 Marks

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

Though television first made its appearance in the country in 1959, it plodded along unimpressively for 23 years coming to life only with release of colour TV sets in the market in 1982. In fact the Government's desire to realise the full potential of television as a means of communication took concrete shape and gained momentum only with the successful coverage of the asaid. And after this event, it was found that a large percentage of consumers had become TV owners and were open to persuasion and through the medium a vast new market had simply opened up. It was observed, noting the beginning of the advertising race right in the earnest.

A further fillip was given to this race when the advertising costs were allowed as deductible expenditure from taxable income and companies were allowed to advertise on television in four different ways : they could sponsor programmes produced or routinely telecasted by Doordarshan, e.g. Chitrahar, the weekly film, Hum log ; they could produce and sponsor their own programmes, the script being subject to Doordarshan's approval and lastly, they could sponsor programmes imported from abroad, this being by far the most expensive proposition.

- II. Do as directed :

- 1) Now science is warning us that if we do not quickly reduce the global warming pollution that is trapping so much of the heat our planet normally radiates back out of the atmosphere, we are in danger of creating a permanent "carbon summer".

- a) Find a word in above passage which means 'caution'. 1
 b) Write antonym for the word 'danger'. 1



2) Add appropriate prefix or suffix to the following words :

- a) Comedy
- b) Board

3) Choose the appropriate word/ phrase from brackets :

- a) I wanted to sit ____ so I could ____ the singer performing (hear/here)
- b) I won't spend one ____ on a bottle of perfume until I know that I love the ____ (cent/scent)

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

Among the many who have enforced the duty of giving, I am surprised there are none to inculcate the ignominy of receiving; to show that by every favour we accept, we, in some measure, forfeit our native freedom; and that a state of continual dependence on the generosity of others is a life of gradual debasement.

Were men taught to despise this receiving of obligations with the same force of reasoning and declamation that they are instructed to confer them ? We might then see every person in society filling up the requisite duties of his station with cheerful industry, neither relaxed by hope, nor, sullen from disappointment.

Every favour a man receives, in some measure, sinks him below his dignity and in proportion to the value of the benefit, or the frequency of its acceptance, he gives up so much of his natural independence. He, therefore, who thrives upon the unmerited bounty of another, if he has any sensibility, suffers the worst of servitude; the shackled slave may murmur without reproach but he, humble dependents, taxed with ingratitude upon every symptom of discount; the one may rave round the walls of his cell, but the other lingers in all the silence of mental confinement. To increase his distress, every new obligation adds to the former load, which kept the vigorous mind from rising; till at last, elastic no longer, it shapes itself to constraint and puts on habitual servility.

- 1) What harm does generosity cause in man ?
- 2) Why is the writer critical of a generous act ?
- 3) Find the synonym of the word ' develop' from the passage.
- 4) What might happen if the habit of giving alms is discouraged ?
- 5) Give a suitable title.

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

- 1) What is biased listening ?
- 2) Define appreciative listening.
- 4 3) What is empathetic listening ?
- 4) Mention the difference between critical listening and therapeutic listening.
- 5) What is the benefit of good note taking skill ?

V. Change the following paragraph to reported speech. 3

5) The captain said. 'Sir, we are ready to face our enemy.' 'You can give us permission at any moment.' Sir said. 'No. you will not move now.' The captain said. 'Yes, I will always follow your order. Sir ..'.

VI. Inauguration of literature club is to be held in your college. Draft a thank you speech. 3

OR

You have been asked to deliver the thank you speech at your College Day function. Write a speech thanking all the people involved in the event.

VII. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics. 5

- a) Safety of women in India
- b) Harmful effects of Junk food
- c) Save fuel for better environment.

VIII. Write a dialogue between Interviewer and Interviewee in an Interview. 5

OR

Complete the given dialogue by filling the blanks.

Javeed : Did you visit the book fair in PragatiMaidan ?

Shivu : No. Did you ?

Javeed : Yes,

Shivu : Did you buy any books ?

Javeed : Yes,

Shivu : Well, what sort of science fiction books did you buy ?

Javeed : Stories about space and unidentified flying objects.

Shivu : Were ?



Javeed : Yes, books of all the subjects were available there.

Shivu : Do you have any idea ?

Javeed : I guess it will go on till the 30th of this month.

Shivu : Then I'll

SECTION – B
Course book – 20 Marks

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

- 1) According to Osundare, what rises like a funeral ball in the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 2) What was the occupation of the narrator's father in the story 'A Corpse in the Well' ?
- 3) Who suggested Tcherviakov to go and apologise Brizaloff in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
- 4) Acid rain has made the forests _____
 - a) Lush green
 - b) Dense
 - c) Bald.
- 5) Name any two things in the new capital which the refugees had never seen before.
- 6) 'Bonds of Friendship' poem is about poet's childhood friend. (True/False)
- 7) What showed that the refugees were all from one region in the story 'The Refugee' ?

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

- 1) Describe the physical and mental condition of the refugees in the new capital.
 - 2) What do you think led to Tcherviakov's death in the lesson 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
 - 3) Why did the speaker in the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' recall his friendship during the darkest hour ?
 - 4) Comment on theme of injustice that runs through the story 'A Corpse in the Well'.
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