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II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Degree Examination, July/August - 2024

GENERIC ENGLISH

Language English - II (Envision - II)

(NEP Scheme Freshers and Repeaters)

Paper : II



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions to Candidates:

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

SECTION - A

(Workbook - 40 marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it:

(5×1=5)

One day, I hopped into a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just a few inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call the 'The law of the Garbage Truck'. He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so 'Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't. This attitude will help you sail through life.

1. How did the taxi driver avoid an accident?
2. What did he compare the yelling driver to?
3. The term 'garbage' in the context of the passage means _____.

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4. The narrator learnt an invaluable lesson from the taxi driver. What was it?
5. According to this paragraph what attitude should one develop?

II. Do as directed:

1. Choose the correct synonym for the words given below: (2)
 - a. Lethargic (shy, lazy, crazy).
 - b. Pacify (console, specify, tell).
2. Choose the correct antonym for the words given below: (2)
 - a. Bravery (trained, efficient, cowardice).
 - b. Cheap (expensive, low, unfinished).
3. Add suitable affixes to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)

Oxygen is (colour) (taste) and (odour) gas. It is (combustible), but will actively support the burning of combustible materials.
4. Construct two sentences each for the homonym 'Bat' in different contexts: (2)
5. Write a suitable homophone for the word 'male'. (1)
6. Identify the proper collocation in the following pairs: **get a look/take a look** (1)

III. Do as directed:

(5)

- a) She would like to go to university that specializes in teaching. (Use a suitable article).
- b) I am available to meet you Thursday. (Use a suitable preposition).
- c) Ethics (demand/demands) honesty. (Use a proper tense form of the word given).
- d) Wow what a beautiful sunset (Punctuate the sentence).
- e) She is too happy. (Correct the error in the usage).

IV. Change the following sentences into reported speech:

(5)

- a) Lakshmi said, "I am a tailor".
- b) She said to me, "Do you know the way"?



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- c) She said, "Where have you been"?
- d) He said, "I was going to the Himalayas".
- e) Seema said to Ajay, "You are raising your voice".

V. A. Complete the following dialogue between friends: (3)

Sagar: Hi Vishwas, how you?

Vishwas: I all right. How you?

Sagar: I am very busy with my college.

Vishwas: Are you studying a lot?

Sagar: Yes, I study four hours every night.

B. Answer the following questions in one/two sentences: (2)

- a) What is non-verbal communication?
- b) Mention any two disadvantages of oral communication.

VI. Rewrite the following passage in passive voice: (5)

The kings enjoyed tasty food. They gave a lot of food to the poor. All these poor people gave their blessings to the kings. Many cooks made mouth-watering dishes for the kings. The kings also rewarded the cooks generously.

VII. A. You have invited Mrs. Sudha Murthy, Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, for the CULTURAL FEST of your college. Prepare a welcome speech, using the profile given below. (5)

Profile:

Name: Sudha Murthy

Born: 19 August 1950, Shiggaon, Mysore State.

Occupation: Chairperson of Infosys Foundation.

Alma mater: New York University, B.V.B. College of Engineering and Technology.

Spouse: N.R. Narayana Murthy.

Achievements: Indian Businesswoman, educator, author, MLC and philanthropist.

(OR)

B. Prepare a vote of thanks for the same occasion as mentioned above.

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SECTION - B

(Course Book - 20 marks)

VIII. Answer any Five of the following in a word/phrase/sentence:

(5×1=5)

1. Tagore claims "Freedom from the shackles of slumber". True/False
2. What is BIBA?
3. Why couldn't Chaplin's mother continue her singing act?
4. Who was Endymion, according to Greek myth?
5. Where had the swallow's friends gone away to?
6. The phrase "The man-eater" refers to

IX. Answer any One of the following in about a page:

(1×5=5)

1. What kind of freedom is Tagore expecting?
2. Write a note on Chaplin's mother.
3. Explain the difficulties faced by the locals in Sundarbans.

X. Answer any One of the following in about Two pages:

(1×10=10)

1. How were the Happy Prince and the little swallow rewarded finally?
 2. Explain the journey of Meena Bindra as a successful entrepreneur.
 3. 'Aldershot appearance on the stage was Chaplin's first and his Mother's last'. Discuss.
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