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I Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com/B.B.A./B.C.A./ B.H.M./B.Sc.(FAD)

Degree Examination, February/March - 2024

**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH**

(Confluence and Coverage I)

(NEP Scheme Freshers 2021 Onwards)

**Paper - 1**



**Time : 2½ Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 60**

**SECTION - A**

(Language Component -40 Marks)

- I. Write a paragraph in about 100-150 words on each of the following topics. (2×5=10)**
- a) Sunday is my favorite day of the week.
  - b) Journey on a Metro Train.
- II. Write a Precis for the following: (1×10=10)**

She was one of those pretty, charming women who are born, as if by an error of Fate, into a petty official's family. She had no dowry, no hopes, nor the slightest chance of being loved and married by a rich man-so she slipped into marriage with a minor civil servant. Unable to afford jewels, she dressed simply : But she was wretched, for women have neither caste nor breeding-in the beauty, grace, and charm replace pride of birth. Innate refinement, instinctive elegance, and wit give them their place on the only scale of Reading. Comprehension questions that count, and these make humble girls the peers of the grandest ladies. She suffered, feeling that every luxury should rightly have been hers. The poverty of her rooms - the shabby walls, the worn furniture, the ugly upholstery caused her pain. All these things that another woman of her class would not even have noticed, made her angry. The very sight of the little Breton girl who cleaned for her awoke rueful thoughts and the wildest dreams in her mind. She dreamt of rooms with Oriental hangings, lighted by tall, bronze torches, and with two huge footmen in knee breeches made drowsy by the heat from the stove, asleep in the wide armchairs. She dreamt of great drawing rooms upholstered in old silks, with fragile little tables holding priceless knick knacks, and of enchanting little sitting rooms designed for tea-time chats with famous, sought-after men whose attentions all women longed for. She sat down to dinner at her round table with its three-day-old cloth, and watched her husband lift the lid of the soup tureen and delightedly exclaim: "Ah, a good homemade vegetable stew! There's nothing better!". She visualized elegant dinners with gleaming silver and gorgeous china. She yearned for wall hangings peopled with knights and ladies and exotic birds in a fairy forest. She had no proper wardrobe, no jewels, nothing. And those were the only things that she loved-she felt she was made for them. She would have so loved to charm, to be envied, to be admired and sought after.

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**III. Event Report Writing.**

**(1×10=10)**

The State Government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are a reporter for The Decan Herald. Write a report in 100-125 words on how the ban is being ignored and what damage the indiscriminate use of plastic bags is causing to the environment.

**IV. Expand and interpret the following proverbs.**

**(2×5=10)**

- a) An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- b) Time and tide wait for none.

**SECTION - B**

**(Course Book - 20 marks)**

**V. Answer any Two of the following in about 80 to 100 words.**

**(2×5=10)**

1. Explain how Gajala saves the elephant in the story 'The Rogue'.
2. "Ali Displays qualities of love and patience". Give evidence from the story to support the statement.
3. Write a short note on the mythological references in the poem "Moonrise"? What is the significance of these references?

**VI. Answer any One of the following in about Two pages.**

**(1×10=10)**

1. Comment on the socio-cultural practices depicted in the short story 'The Unpalatable offering'.
  2. 'The Taxi Driver' reflects a dilemma between principles and practicality. Elaborate.
  3. Explain how Toru Dutt relives her childhood in the poem, 'Our Casuarina Tree'.
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