

**I Semester B.Com./B.Com. (LS)/AEDP/Logist./e-comm./ret.mark/entrepre.  
Examination, January 2025  
(SEP Scheme) (Freshers)  
ENGLISH  
Language English – I  
(EXUBERANCE – 1)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**Instructions :** 1) Read the instructions **carefully** and write the answers.  
2) Write the question number **correctly**.

**SECTION – A  
(Literary Component – 40 Marks)**

I. Answer **any five** questions from the following in **one or two** sentences :

**(5x2=10)**

- 1) Which of the following does Shakespeare compare true love to ?
  - a) Pole star
  - b) Red rose
  - c) Wind
  - d) None of the above
- 2) What does the poet ask for as a reward for his labour in the poem “To India – My Native Land” ?
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ is the name of Delia’s student.
- 4) What was special about the monkey’s paw ?
- 5) Black money in its asset form moves back and forth across national borders.  
True/False.
- 6) How did Nidhu Dom die ?
- 7) Why does Delia Caruthers go to New York ?



II. Answer **any four** of the following in about a **page each**. **(4x5=20)**

- 1) Mention Shakespeare's use of different images and its effectiveness in Sonnet 116.
- 2) Write in brief the theme of the poem "To India – My Native Land".
- 3) Describe the character of Mr. White in the story 'Monkey's Paw'.
- 4) Write a note on Delia's imaginary student and her family.
- 5) What is 'black economy' ?
- 6) Why were the Doms suspicious of the panchayat ?

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two pages each**. **(1x10=10)**

- 1) What are the characteristics of love according to Shakespeare in Sonnet 116 ?
- 2) Bring out the significance of the title 'A Service of Love'.
- 3) "The Chronicle of Hariya Dom" brings out the struggle for equality and justice in the Dalit Community. Elucidate.

### SECTION – B

#### **(Grammar – 40 Marks)**

IV. A) Answer **any three** of the following. **(3x1=3)**

- 1) What is the importance of body language in the process of listening.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ listening is 'physical presence but mental absence'.
- 3) Mention any two differences between listening and hearing.
- 4) Taking down notes during a lecture is a result of listening.  
True/False.

B) Answer **any two** of the following. **(2x2=4)**

- 1) Complete the given telephone conversation.  
Sunil : Good morning. This is Sunil from ARAMCO. May I talk to Praveen ?  
Anita : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunil : What time will the meeting be over ?  
Anita : \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Write the telephone conversation for the given situation – Ramesh wants to invite his friend Suresh for his housewarming ceremony.
- 3) Read the given telephone conversation and organise the message in the format given below.

Caller : Good morning. My name is Srinivas R. CEO of PRO LABS Company could I speak to the Bank Manager Mr. Rahul ?

Receiver : Good morning Sir. Mr. Rahul is in a meeting right now. Would you like to leave a message for him ?

Caller : Please inform him that the scheduled appointment for the meeting with him today at 2 p.m. will have to be postponed to 3 p.m. tomorrow due to an emergency situation in the office. Please ask him to call at 9845012444

Receiver : Thanks Sir. I'll give him the message.

Message from : \_\_\_\_\_

Message for : \_\_\_\_\_

Subject : \_\_\_\_\_

Call him on : \_\_\_\_\_

C) Do as directed.

**(6×1=6)**

- 1) How would you greet your teacher in the morning when you meet him ?
- 2) Introduce your friend Leena to your mother.
- 3) You are the NSS Secretary of your college. How would you make a formal request to your principal to come for the camp ?
- 4) Your neighbour Mrs. Raj is waiting for an auto. Offer help to drop her in your car.
- 5) Ask permission from your teacher to enter the class since you are late.
- 6) Give permission to your friend to use your new bike.



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

My first day of college was a disaster. First, I went to the wrong classroom for math. I was sitting in the class, surrounded by people taking notes and paying attention to how to do equations, which would have been okay if I was supposed to be in an algebra class. In reality, I was supposed to be in geometry, and when I discovered my error. I had already missed the first twenty minutes of a one-hour class. When I got to the correct class, all twenty-five students turned and looked at me as the teacher said, "You're late." That would have been bad enough, but in my next class my history teacher spoke so fast I could not follow most of what they said.

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.  $(5 \times 1 = 5)$

Over the past two decades, social media has transformed the way people communicate and interact with one another. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn allow users to share information instantly, connecting people across the globe. Social media has become a powerful tool for building relationships, promoting businesses and staying informed about world events. For many people, it is a space where they can express themselves, learn about different cultures and participate in discussions on important topics.

However, the widespread use of social media has also raised concerns. Studies have shown that excessive social media use can lead to negative impacts on mental health, such as increased levels of anxiety, depression and low self-esteem, especially among younger users. The pressure to maintain a perfect online image can lead people to compare themselves to others, resulting in feelings of inadequacy. Additionally,



social media has been criticized for spreading misinformation and fake news, which can influence public opinion and affect decision-making. In some cases, rumors and false information have led to real-world consequences, including panic, discrimination and even violence.

Another significant impact of social media is its effect on privacy. Many platforms collect user data, which is often shared with advertisers to generate targeted ads. While this allows for a personalized online experience, it raises questions about the protection of personal information. Privacy advocates argue that social media companies should be more transparent about data collection and offer users more control over their information.

Despite these challenges, social media has undeniable benefits when used mindfully. It has enabled people to stay connected with friends and family, access educational content and engage in social activism. For instance, social media has played a crucial role in raising awareness about social issues from climate change to human rights. Platforms like Twitter and Instagram have become essential tools for activists, allowing them to reach a global audience and mobilize supporters.

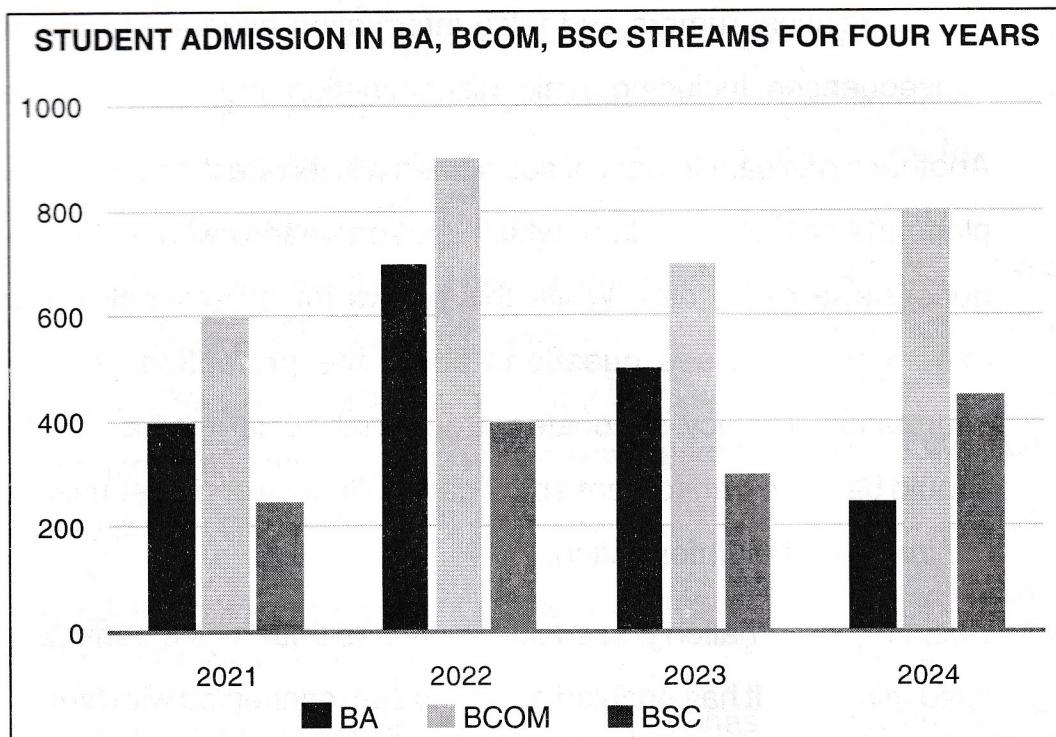
#### Questions :

- 1) Name two popular social media sites.
- 2) What are the negative impacts of excessive use of social media ?
- 3) Social media has undeniable benefits when used mindfully  
(True/False)
- 4) How does social media affect privacy, according to the passage ?
- 5) What role has social media played in social activism ?



E) The chart below illustrate the students admission for four years in different streams. Study the graph and write a paragraph of approximately 100 words.

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F) 1) Do as directed.

(4×1=4)

1) Fill in the blank with the correct form of “do” in the following sentence :  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you go for a walk daily ?

2) Choose the correct form of “be” to complete the sentence.

Ritesh \_\_\_\_\_ going to the mall today (is/am/are)

3) Rewrite this sentence in negative form :

The mother is a good cook.

4) The doctor and the counsellor \_\_\_\_\_ coming for the programme. (is/are)

2) a) Fill in the blank with the correct article.

(2×1=2)

1) There was \_\_\_\_\_ Indian in the cruise along with the Canadian team.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ last story of this book is very interesting.

b) Fill in the blank with the correct preposition :

(2×1=2)

1) The student goes \_\_\_\_\_ bus to her college.

2) She lives \_\_\_\_\_ Mumbai.

3) a) Use the correct idioms from the brackets to complete the sentence. **(2x1=2)**  
(donkey's years, cat nap, put yourself in ones shoes)

- 1) We should always \_\_\_\_\_ before we comment about others.
- 2) Anusha had a \_\_\_\_\_ when she was waiting for Rosemary to arrive.

b) Fill in the blanks in the sentences with suitable phrases chosen from the brackets. **(2x1=2)**

- 1) The trip was \_\_\_\_\_ due to the bad weather  
(call out/call off/call for)
- 2) His wife \_\_\_\_\_ him during his difficult times.  
(stand by/stand up/stand off)

4) a) Do as directed. **(2x1=2)**

- 1) He came late because of the traffic jam.  
(Frame suitable question to get the underlined part as answer)
- 2) Mohan is naughty. (Convert the following statement into a yes/no question)

b) Complete the sentence with the correct question tag. **(2x1=2)**

- 1) Rama will win the race \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2) Sita drives the car \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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