



I Semester B.C.A./B.C.A. (Data Science) Examination, January 2025  
(SEP) (Freshers)  
ENGLISH  
Language English – I  
(Resonance – 1)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**Instructions** : 1) Read **all** the instructions **carefully** and answer the question.  
2) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A

(Literary Component – 40 Marks)

- I. Answer **any five** questions from the following in **one** or **two** sentences : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) The speaker compares the beloved to a Summer's day in the Sonnet XVIII.  
True/False.
  - 2) In "Night of the Scorpion," the poet describes the night when his mother was stung by a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) Why does Framton feel increasingly uncomfortable during his visit ?
  - 4) How does Olga treat Lushkov when he is given the wood-chopping job in the story, "The Beggar" ?
  - 5) What common misconception does Harini Nagendra address about cities and nature, in the essay "When Cities were Nature's Heaven" ?
  - 6) How did Kalpana spend summer nights ?
  - 7) What profound realization did Kalpana have after viewing Earth from space ?
- II. Answer **any four** of the following in about **a page each** : **(4×5=20)**
- 1) Analyze the significance of the concluding couplet in Sonnet 18. How does Shakespeare describe summer in Sonnet 18, and what limitations does he associate with it ?
  - 2) Discuss the theme of maternal love as portrayed in the poem, 'Night of the Scorpion'. How does the mother's final words reflect her character ?



- 3) Why does Framton Nuttel come to the countryside, and how does he hope the visit will benefit him ?
- 4) How does Lushkov react to the job given by Skvortsov, and what role does Olga play in this situation ?
- 5) Describe the historical efforts to “green” Bangalore and explain how this practice contributed to its climate and reputation.
- 6) What were some of Kalpana Chawla’s major achievements as an astronaut ?

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

- 1) Analyze the symbolic significance of the scorpion in the poem. What does it represent in the context of the mother’s suffering and the villagers’ reactions ?
- 2) Describe the traditional relationship between Bangalore’s early residents and nature, especially regarding water sources. How did this relationship shape the city’s initial development ?
- 3) Narrate the educational journey of Kalpana Chawla and analyze how it helped her achieve her dream of becoming an astronaut.

#### SECTION – B

#### (Grammar – 40 Marks)

IV. A) Answer **any three** of the following : **(3×1=3)**

- 1) What is listening ?
- 2) In effective listening the speaker and listener should be open minded.  
True/ False.
- 3) Write any one purpose of listening.
- 4) Maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ with the speaker will improve listening skills.
  - a) Eye contact
  - b) Physical contact
  - c) Telephone contact
  - d) Letter correspondence





B) Answer **any two** of the following : (2×2=4)

1) How would you respond to Mrs. Priya's request in a telephone conversation if she says, 'Can I speak to Dr. Sharma ?' and you know the doctor is on leave ?

2) Write a telephone conversation between a customer and a support representative to report a technical issue with a product.

3) Read the given telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given below :

Caller : Hello, this is Meena from City Library. May I speak to Mr. Amit ?

Receiver : Hello. Mr. Amit is currently out of the office. Would you like to leave a message for him ?

Caller : Yes, please inform him that his reserved book is available for collection, and he can call me at 123-45678. Thank you.

Receiver : I will pass on the message. Thank you.

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

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

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

Call him/her on : \_\_\_\_\_

C) Do as directed : (6×1=6)

1) Write an expression that you would use to greet your friend, Suman, when you meet her in the evening.

2) As a student of Government First Grade College, Chikkaballapur, introduce yourself to a guest speaker at an event.

3) Write a formal request to your principal asking for permission to arrange a guest lecture at your college.

4) Write a sentence offering help to a student who is struggling with their college assignments.

5) Rewrite the following sentence to ask for permission: "I want to take a day off from college".

6) Rewrite the following sentence using a formal way of granting permission: "You may submit the report tomorrow".



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

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It is, however, true that the increase of scientific knowledge does reduce superstition and also baseless guessing and use-less arguments and practices. Civilized people do not argue and get angry about what water is composed of; the composition of water is known, and there is no argument about it. They may be frightened at a volcanic eruption or an outbreak of plague; but they do not try to calm the anger of mysterious powers to stop eruption, or blame the plague on the sins of their enemies or on the plotting or witchcraft.

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

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Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important: values like hardwork, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future: when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where no was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest





members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TV as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

1. According to the passage, what values do psychologists and educators believe should be taught to children ?
  - a) Wealth and status
  - b) Popularity and beauty
  - c) Hardwork, contentment, honesty and compassion
  - d) Power and control
2. Parents today are spending less money on their children than previous generations. True/False.
3. When children want something, they are expected to ask \_\_\_\_\_ times before their parents give in.
4. What negative effects may result from overindulging children, according to psychologists ?
5. The oldest members of the generation described in the passage were born in which decade ?
  - a) 1970s
  - b) 1980s
  - c) 1990s
  - d) 2000s



E) The inauguration of “Sowrabha”, the cultural fest, will be held at your college on December 15<sup>th</sup>. You have been asked to give a welcome speech. How would you draft the welcome speech ?

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F) 1) Do as directed :

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a) Identify the correct form of “do” in the following sentence :

She \_\_\_\_\_ not like to eat spicy food.

b) Choose the correct form of “be” to complete this sentence :

They \_\_\_\_\_ going to the park today.

c) Fill in the blank with the correct form of “have” :

He \_\_\_\_\_ finished his homework already.

d) Rewrite this sentence in negative form :

She has a pet cat.

2) a) Fill in the blanks with the correct article :

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i) I saw \_\_\_\_\_ elephant at the zoo.

ii) She is \_\_\_\_\_ best student in the class.

b) Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition :

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i) The book is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

ii) She arrived \_\_\_\_\_ the airport early in the morning.

3) a) Add the correct derivatives to the word in brackets to complete the sentence :

(2×1=2)

i) The manager praised the team for their \_\_\_\_\_ in completing the project ahead of time. (efficient)

ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new law was debated in the committee meeting. (effect)



b) Fill in the blanks by choosing appropriate linkers :

(because, although, unless, therefore)

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i) He failed the exam \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't study properly.

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ she was tired, she continued working without any complaints.

4) a) Do as directed :

(2×1=2)

i) Identify the type of question used in the following sentence :

When is your semester examination scheduled to begin ?

ii) Convert the following statement into a yes/no question :

Today I am not going to the college.

b) Complete the sentence with the correct question tag :

(2×1=2)

i) She won't mind if I borrow this \_\_\_\_\_

ii) You've finished your homework, \_\_\_\_\_

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