



II Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, June/July - 2025
(SEP Scheme)
ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions :

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

SECTION - A
(Literary Component)

I. Answer any Five of the following in one or two sentences. (5×2=10)

1. _____ was the first parent referred in the poem "Night and Death".
2. What does the tiger symbolize in the poem "The Tiger and the Deer"?
3. Mr. Nu'maan would have remained a _____ had he not married Mrs. Nu'maan.
 - a. Deputy commissioner.
 - b. Human Rights Activist.
 - c. School teacher.
4. Which ornament did Mathilde finally choose from Mme Forester's collection to wear for the party?
5. Gandhari finally takes off the blindfold in the story. True/false.
6. Who came out of the city to greet the Gandhara princess?
7. What qualities of the Man in Black impresses the author?

II. Answer any Four of the following in about a page. (4×5=20)

1. Fear and death may bring us another dimension of experience and knowledge. Explain with reference to the poem "Night and Death".
2. How does the poem portray the relationship between the Tiger and the Deer?
3. Contrast Ammi's relationship with her husband with the relationship between Mrs. Nu'maan and her husband.
4. Write a short note on Mathilde.
5. Discuss the character of Gandhari as portrayed by Irawati Karve.
6. What was the Man in Black's initial attitude towards the sailor? Why did his attitude towards the sailor change?



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

1. The story "The Necklace" reflects the reality of social class and materialism. Comment.
2. Discuss how the poet expresses his desire for a peaceful and harmless world through the poem 'The Tiger and the Deer'?
3. Describe the story of the life of the Man in Black, as narrated to the author.

SECTION - B
(Grammar)

IV. A Answer any three of the following in one or two sentences. (3×1=3)

1. What are the three R's of active listening?
2. Using appropriate facial expressions is a sign of active listening. (True/false).
3. Giving feedback is an example of _____ (verbal/Non - verbal) sign of active listening.
4. Name any two non - verbal signs of active listening.
5. In a Zoom meeting, what should you do to minimize distractions?
 - a. Leave your mic on
 - b. Keep gallery view active
 - c. Switch to speaker view.
 - d. Open other apps.

V. Answer the following. (2×2=4)

1. Answer any Two of the following.

- a) Fill in the blanks in the dialogue given below with appropriate expression :
Ravi : Excuse me, _____ to the nearest bus stop?
Meena : _____, then _____, you'll find it _____ the petrol bunk.
- b) Write four instructions to make a cup of tea.
- c) Suggest the best way for Shilpa to travel from HSR layout to Cubbon Park using metro and bus services.

2. Construct two dialogues for the following situation : (2×1=2)

You are unsure of how to get to Pune quickly, and you ask the cab driver for advice.

**VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (5×1=5)**

Naval architects never claim that a ship is unsinkable, but the sinking of the passenger - and - car ferry Estonia in the Baltic surely should have never have happened. It was well designed and carefully maintained. It carried the proper number of lifeboats, It had been thoroughly inspected the day of its fatal voyage. On the night of september 28, 1994, just hours later, the Estonia rolled over and sank in a cold, stormy night. It went down so quickly that most of those on board, caught in their dark, flooding cabins, had no chance to save themselves. Of those who managed to scramble overboard, only 139 survived. The rest died of hypothermia before the rescuers could pluck them from the cold sea. The final death toll amounted to 912 souls. However, there were an unpleasant number of questions about why the Estonia sank and why so many survivors were men in the prime of life, while most of the dead were women and children.

Questions :

1. Name of the ferry that sank in the Baltic sea?
2. Mention the precautions that had been taken before the Estonia's voyage?
3. Why were most passengers unable to save themselves?
4. When did the Estonia sink?
5. The final death toll amounted to _____ souls.

VII. Answer the following.

1. Give a suitable caption for the given image :

(1×2=2)

2. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics :

(1×4=4)

- a) Online shopping v/s offline shopping.
- b) Importance of physical fitness.
- c) A day at the beach.

**VIII. Do as directed.**

1. a) **Use the correct homonym and fill the blanks :** (1)
It is necessary to cover your _____ before entering a gurudwara.
The _____ of the department agreed to meet the students and listen to their complaints.
- b) **Use the correct homophones and fill the blanks :** (1)
The ball was _____ high into the air by the boy.
The young prince hesitated before sitting on the precious _____. (thrown/ throne).
- c) **Find one - word substitute for the following sentence choosing from the options given :** (1)
One who gets pleasure from hurting other people : _____ (theist/sadist/ racist).
2. a) **Use appropriate prefix to the word given in brackets and fill in the blanks :** (1)
His behaviour was totally _____ (respectful) during the meeting.
- b) **Use appropriate suffix to the word given in brackets and fill in the blank:** (1)
The teacher praised her for her _____ (create).
- c) **Write the antonym for the word "fragile".** (1/2)
- d) **Write the synonym for the word "brave".** (1/2)
- e) **Identify the two words that form the portmanteau word "brunch".** (1)
3. **Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verb in brackets :(4×1=4)**
Yesterday, my mother _____ (cook) my favourite meal for dinner. I _____ (help) her in the kitchen and we _____ (laugh) a lot while preparing the food.
She always _____ (say) that cooking together brought us closer.
4. **Convert the following according to the instructions given :** (3×1=3)
 - a) They said, "We watched the movie yesterday." (Convert to indirect speech).
 - b) I told her that I was busy. (Convert to direct speech)
 - c) She said, "What time does the train arrive?" (Convert to indirect speech).
5. **Convert the following according to the instructions given :** (4×1=4)
 - a) The police have arrested the suspect after a long chase. (convert to passive voice).
 - b) People believe that she knows five languages. (convert to passive voice).
 - c) The letter was written by her yesterday. (convert to active voice)
 - d) The road is being repaired by the workers. (Convert to active voice).
6. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate business jargons given in the box :(2×1=2)**

Clickbait, profit, optimize, cost, decline

Companies aim to maximize _____ while minimizing _____ to stay competitive.