



**I Semester All Courses Examination, January 2025
(SEP) (Freshers)
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH – I (Sublime – 1)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions : 1) Answer **all** the questions.
2) Mention question numbers **correctly**.

**PART – A
(Language Component)**

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions in **one** or **two** sentences. **5**

The Amazon Rainforest, often called the “lungs of the Earth,” is one of the world’s most biodiverse regions. Covering an area of approximately 5.5 million square kilometres, it spans nine South American countries, including Brazil, Peru, and Colombia. This vast forest is home to about 10% of all known species, making it a crucial ecosystem for maintaining global biodiversity. The Amazon river, flowing through the rainforest, is the world’s second longest river after the Nile.

For centuries, indigenous communities have lived in harmony with the Amazon, relying on it for food, shelter and medicine. These communities have extensive knowledge of the forest’s plants and animals and understand its resources deeply. The rainforest’s trees and plants absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, which helps regulate the Earth’s climate and reduces the effects of global warming.

Despite its importance, the Amazon faces serious threats. Deforestation, largely due to logging, agriculture and mining is rapidly destroying the rainforest. Climate change is also contributing to the decline of this delicate ecosystem, impacting both the environment and the indigenous people who depend on it. Conservation efforts are crucial to protect this natural treasure for future generations.

Questions :

- 1) What is the Amazon Rainforest often called ?
- 2) Which river flows through the Amazon Rainforest ?
- 3) The Amazon Rainforest spans across _____ South American countries.



4) Which of the following is a major threat to the Amazon Rainforest ?

- A) Indigenous communities
- B) Biodiversity
- C) Deforestation
- D) Rain

5) Who has lived in the Amazon Rainforest for centuries ?

II. Draft a precis of the following passage reducing into one third (1/3) and suggest a suitable title.

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The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is fundamentally transforming the world in ways previously only imagined in science fiction. From healthcare to finance, education, and entertainment, AI technologies are increasingly interwoven into the fabric of daily life, impacting industries on a global scale. In healthcare, for example, AI is used to analyze vast amounts of medical data, helping doctors make quicker and more accurate diagnoses. AI powered applications can also predict disease outbreaks by analyzing patterns in real-time health data, potentially preventing pandemics. In finance, algorithms help identify fraud and assess credit risk, and they execute trades in milliseconds on behalf of large investment firms. AI's influence even extends to education, where personalized learning platforms adapt to individual students needs, helping them learn at their own pace and style. However, despite these benefits, the integration of AI into various sectors raises ethical and practical concerns, particularly regarding employment and privacy.

One of the most debated issues surrounding AI is its impact on jobs. While AI has the potential to create new industries and job opportunities, it also poses a threat to many existing jobs, particularly those involving routine, manual or repetitive tasks. Automation enabled by AI could replace millions of jobs in manufacturing, customer service, and transportation, leading to widespread unemployment if workers are not adequately reskilled. On the other hand, AI can also create new categories of jobs that require skills in programming, data analysis, and AI maintenance. Some experts argue that by shifting the workforce to more complex and creative roles, AI could enhance overall productivity and innovation. Nonetheless, this optimistic outlook depends on how society and governments address the impending displacement of workers. Without proactive measures, the transition could lead to significant economic inequality, as only those with specific skills are likely to thrive in an AI driven job market.



Privacy is another significant concern in the age of AI. With vast amounts of personal data being collected and processed, there is a growing risk of misuse. AI algorithms are capable of analyzing personal information to an unprecedented extent, creating detailed profiles of individuals based on their online behaviour, shopping habits and even medical history. This level of data collection poses a threat to personal privacy, as it enables corporations and governments to monitor and predict individual behaviors. The use of AI in surveillance, particularly in countries with few regulations on privacy, raises questions about the ethical limits of such technologies. Furthermore, AI-driven recommendation systems on social media platforms can create echo chambers, reinforcing existing beliefs and biases.

III. Expand **any one** of the following : 5

- a) Honesty is the best policy.
- b) Where there is a will, there is a way.

IV. A) Fill in the blanks with suitable idioms to complete the following sentences. 3

(Break a leg, goes the extra mile, turn over a new leaf, get our act together)

- 1) Jane feeling nervous about her exam, so her friend said, _____.
- 2) Rama made mistakes in the past, but now she wants to _____.
- 3) We are almost out of time, so let's _____ and get this done.

B) Fill in the blanks with suitable phrases to complete the following sentences. 2

(turn in, give up, put away)

- 1) She's trying to _____ smoking, but its really difficult.
- 2) The children _____ their toys all over the living room.

PART – B

(Literary Component)

V. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences. (5×2=10)

- 1) What sound does the speaker mistake for thunder in the poem ' Refugee Blues' ?
- 2) 'A Different History' deals with the theme of colonialism and power of language. (True/False)
- 3) 'Still, I Rise' is about a powerful declaration of oppression and _____



- 4) Who is Azam Khan ?
- 5) What is Nene's profession ?
- 6) Name the Protagonist of the story 'The Lament'.
- 7) When does the speaker mention streams full of stars can be seen in 'Leisure' ?

VI. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **80-100** words. **(4×5=20)**

- 1) Analyse how Auden conveys the theme of displacement in 'Refugee Blues'.
- 2) What does the traditional marriage expect from wives ?
- 3) Describe ethnic differences that separates Nnaemeka and Nene.
- 4) The lion moustache was kept by which people ? Why ?
- 5) How does Auden highlight the indifference of the world towards refugees in 'Refugee Blues' ?
- 6) How does Bhatt address the theme of cultural preservation in 'A Different History' ?

VII. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about **300-350** words. **(3×10=30)**

- 1) Explain the concept of cultural hybridity in 'Different history'.
- 2) Discuss 'Leisure' serves as a critique of modern society.
- 3) How Judy Brady uses satire to address the issue of gender roles in 'Why I Want a wife' ?
- 4) Analyse the significance of the title 'The Danger of a Single Story'.
- 5) Brady advocates for equality and shared responsibility between husband-and-wife relationship. Comment.