

1 Semester ALL U.G. Courses Degree Examination,  
December/January - 2025/26  
(SEP Scheme Freshers & Repeaters)  
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH - I  
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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions :

1. Answer All the Parts.
2. Mention question numbers correctly.

PART - A  
(Language Component)

- I. Read the following passage and answer the question in one or two sentences. (5)

**Polar Bears and Climate Change**

The Polar Bear is a large carnivorous mammal found in the icy Arctic region. It depends heavily on sea ice to hunt seals, its primary source of food. These magnificent animals are powerful swimmers, capable of travelling for days across freezing waters in search of prey. Their thick white fur and a layer of fat, called blubber, protect them from the extreme cold, making them perfectly adapted to their harsh environment.

In recent decades, global warming has accelerated the melting of Arctic ice at an alarming rate. With their hunting grounds disappearing, polar bears are forced to swim longer distances or move inland, where food sources are limited. Many are starving or coming into contact with human settlements, leading to dangerous encounters. Scientists have recorded a sharp decline in polar bear populations in several Arctic regions.

To cope with these challenges, researchers are studying how polar bears are adapting to their changing environment. Some have begun to feed on bird eggs or scavenge near human areas, though these substitutes cannot replace their natural diet. Environmental organizations are urging nations to reduce carbon emissions and protect the polar regions. Without immediate action, polar bears could face extinction within a few decades, marking a tragic loss for the planet's biodiversity.

Questions :

1. Where are polar bears mainly found?
2. What protects polar bears from the cold?

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3. Polar bears depend on sea ice to hunt seals. (True/False)
  4. Which of the following threatens the survival of polar bears?
    - a) Global warming
    - b) Forest fires
    - c) Overpopulation
    - d) Agriculture
  5. What do conservationists warn about the future of polar bears?
- II. Draft a precis of the following passage reducing into one third (1/3) and suggest a suitable title. (5)

Few business leaders in India have left as deep and enduring a mark as Ratan Tata, whose leadership reshaped the Tata Group into a global powerhouse while maintaining its ethical foundations. Born in 1937, Ratan Tata entered the family business at a time when India was still emerging as an industrial economy. He modernized the group's operations, infused it with innovation, and built a culture that valued integrity as much as profit. Under his visionary leadership, the Tata Group expanded across continents, making notable acquisitions like Tetley, Corus, and Jaguar Land Rover - transforming Tata into a globally recognized brand.

Beyond corporate achievements, Ratan Tata's philosophy of leadership was rooted in humility and service. He believed that business enterprises must serve a higher purpose beyond wealth creation. Through the Tata Trusts, he directed a significant portion of company profits toward social welfare, improving education, healthcare, and rural livelihoods. His vision was that a nation's progress should be measured by the well-being of its people, and he ensured that the Tata Group stood as a pillar of ethical capitalism in a competitive corporate world.

Even after stepping down as chairman, Ratan Tata continued to shape India's entrepreneurial landscape. His encouragement of young innovators and investments in emerging startups demonstrated his unwavering belief in the power of ideas and youth. His dignified demeanor, compassion for employees, and refusal to compromise on principles earned him global respect.

Today, Ratan Tata's name stands not just for industrial achievement but also for trust, compassion, and courage. He symbolizes an ideal blend of business acumen and humanitarian concern - a reminder that true success lies not in accumulation, but in contribution.

- III. Expand any one of the following. (5)
1. A stitch in time saves nine.
  2. Actions speak louder than words.

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

(beat around the bush, once in a blue moon, hit the nail on the head, under the weather)

1. Ramesh rarely visits us; he comes, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She didn't talk about the real issue and started to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ when you said the manager was being unfair.

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

(come across, look up to, turn down)

1. I really \_\_\_\_\_ my teacher for her patience and dedication.
2. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the offer because of his health issues.

**PART - B**

(Literary Component)

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

1. According to the speaker in W. H. Auden's poem 'Refugee Blues', men are living in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The poem 'A Different History' states that it is acceptable to slam books down hard on a table. (True/False)
3. Where do the squirrels hide their nuts in the poem 'Leisure'?
4. Name the character who was the landlord of the village in 'A Pair of Mustachios'.
5. What does Iona try to tell the officer in the story 'The Lament'?
6. Which medicine according to Madubogwu will cure Nnaemeka's madness?
7. What type of books did the speaker read as a child in 'The Danger of a Single Story'?

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

1. How does Maya Angelou express resilience and pride in 'Still, I Rise'?
2. Examine the contrast between nature's freedom and human cruelty in Refugee Blues.
3. What made Azam Khan go to the money lender the second time in 'A Pair of Mustachios'?

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4. How does the character of Nene serve as a catalyst for resolving familial conflict?
5. Explain the significance of the ending of 'The Lament' and how it reflects the overall message of the story.
6. What role is a wife expected to fulfil in 'Why I want a Wife'?

VII. Answer any Three of the following questions in about 300-350 words.

(3×10=30)

1. How does Bhatt merge Indian cultural imagery with post-colonial thought in 'A Different History'?
  2. Analyze Leisure as a reflective poem on modern man's loss of connection with nature.
  3. Discuss how Mulk Raj Anand uses humour and satire in "A Pair of Mustachios" to expose the vanity and class pride of Indian society.
  4. Examine the theme of personal loss in 'The Lament'. How does Chekhov use this theme to comment on the human condition?
  5. How does Chimamanda Adichie use personal anecdotes and humor to convey serious social and cultural messages in 'The Danger of a Single Story'?
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