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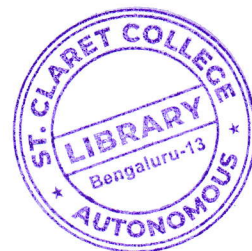
St. Clare College

Autonomous, Bengaluru

UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- DECEMBER 2024

I SEMESTER BA

GEA 124: GENERAL ENGLISH I



TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 80

This paper contains FOUR printed pages and FOUR parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

(Prose and Poetry)

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[5x2=10]

1. What kinds of food do Himalayan bears prefer as mentioned in the short story, *Those Three Bears*?
2. What gift did Kezia prepare for her father as mentioned in *The Little Girl*?
3. Why does Eveline decide to stay in Dublin?
4. What does the phrase 'a little empty space' signify in Amrita Pritam's poem, *Empty Space*?
5. According to B.R. Ambedkar, what is the primary quality that defines a great man?
6. According to the poem, *Virtue*, what is the only thing that is eternal?
7. How did Sirajuddin, in the story, *Open It* describe his daughter to the young volunteers?

PART-B

Answer any FOUR questions in about 80-100 words. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[4x5=20]

8. Describe the conflict of emotions felt by Eveline on the day she had decided to elope with Frank.
9. Discuss the themes of exile and connection in *Empty Space* by Amrita Pritam.
10. Discuss the theme of mortality in George Herbert's *Virtue* and how it contributes to the poem's message.
11. Discuss the theme of contentment in the short story, *When Wishes Come True*.
12. Analyze the qualities Ambedkar attributes to a great man and explain how these qualities align with his vision for a just society.
13. How does Ruskin Bond describe his encounter with the bear in the story, *Those Three Bears*? What does this encounter reveal about the bear's behavior and Bond's attitude towards wildlife?

PART-C

Answer any TWO questions in about 200 words. Each answer carries TEN marks.

[2x10=20]

14. Analyze how Tagore uses role reversal in *When Wishes Come True* to convey his message about desires and responsibilities.
15. Discuss the psychological trauma experienced by Sirajuddin as depicted in the story, *Open it*.
16. Every father has a love for his child whether he expresses his love or not. Comment on the basis of the story, *The Little Girl*.

PART-D

(Language Component)

Read the following passages and answer the questions

[6x1=6]

17. Every morning, Mr. Roland walked through the quiet streets of his neighborhood, greeting everyone he met with a warm smile. At 80 years old, he was known by all as the friendly elder who never missed his morning stroll, regardless of the weather. His walk was not only a routine but a ritual. He would stop by the little bakery on Elm Street to buy a fresh loaf of bread, greet the postman, and exchange news with Ms. Chen, the florist, who always saved a small bouquet of flowers for him. For Mr. Roland, these walks were a way to connect with his community and keep his spirit young. The neighbors looked forward to seeing him too, admiring his lively demeanor and kind-hearted nature.

Each Question carries ONE Mark

- a. Why was Mr. Roland well-known in his neighborhood?
- b. What were some stops Mr. Roland made on his walk?
- c. How did Mr. Roland's Walk impact him personally?

18. Sara was a passionate marine biologist who had spent years studying the coral reefs. She traveled from one coastline to another, documenting the vibrant ecosystems and observing how they were affected by climate change. Her favorite spot was the Great Barrier Reef, a place she described as "a city under the sea." There, she watched countless fish weave through the colorful corals and was fascinated by the delicate balance that sustained such an incredible diversity of life. However, each year, she noticed more bleached corals, ghostly white against the bright blue waters. The sight troubled her, as it was a visible sign of the reef's struggle for survival. Despite these challenges, Sara remained determined to raise awareness and protect these fragile environments for future generations.

Each Question carries ONE Mark

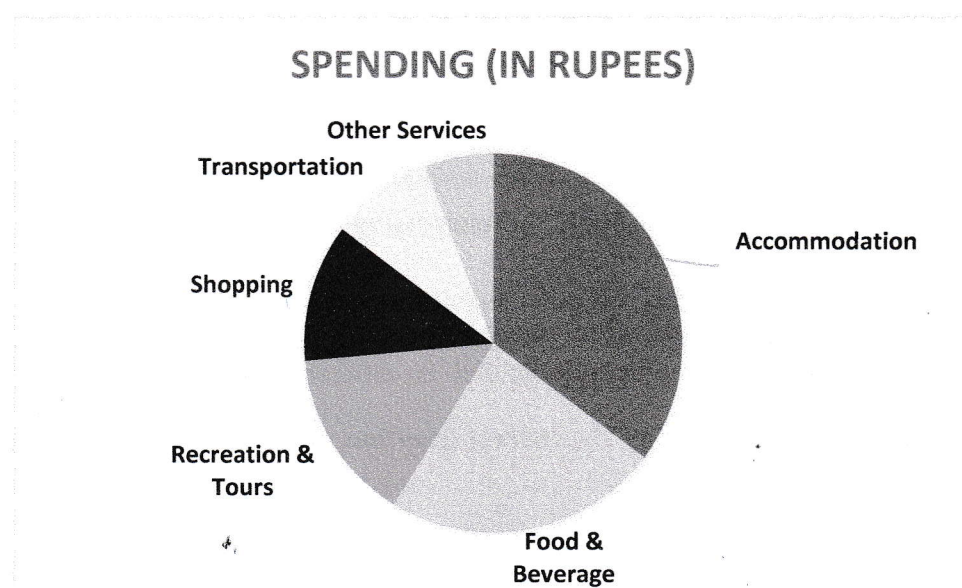
- a. What did Sara enjoy about studying coral reefs?
- b. What changes did Sara observe in the coral reefs over time?
- c. Why was the Great Barrier Reef special to Sara?

Study the following table and chart given below and write a paragraph analysing the data **[2x3=6]**

19. The table presents data of Annual Revenue of Local Businesses in Goa (2022–2023). Write a paragraph describing the revenue changes. Identify which business type saw the most growth and discuss potential reasons for these changes.

Business Type	2022 Revenue (in thousands)	2023 Revenue (in thousands)
Restaurants	150	200
Souvenir Shops	100	120
Hotels	300	350
Outdoor Activity Tours	80	150
Art Galleries	70	85

20. Interpret the distribution of tourists in Ooty spending across categories. Describe which category had the highest spending and suggest reasons why this might be the case.



21. Using the following details write a proper Bibliography in MLA or APA format

[1x2=2]

Author: Johnson, Emily

Title: "The Impact of Climate Change on Coastal Communities"

Journal: Environmental Studies

Volume: 15

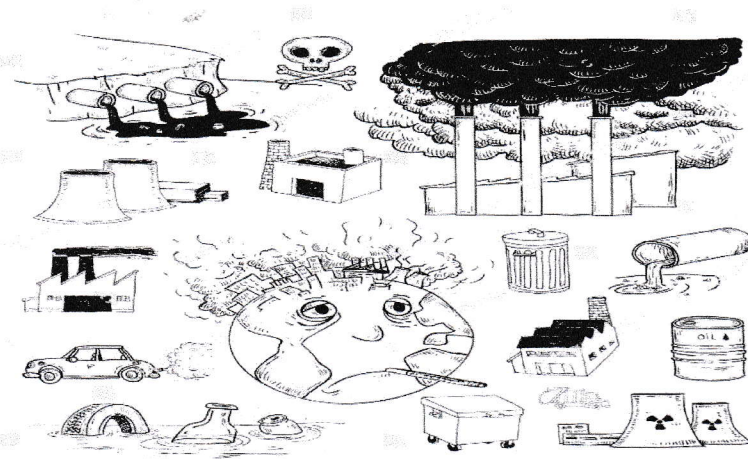
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22. Describe the Picture given below in about 80-100 words

[1x4=4]



Answer the following in one or two sentences:

[3x2=06]

23. Name the types of Verbal Communications.

24. Differentiate between Verbal and Nonverbal Communication.

25. What are the barriers of Verbal Communication?

Do as directed:

26. Rewrite the following in to a single sentence using the linker given within the brackets.

[2x1=2]

- a. He exercised regularly. He didn't want to be overweight (since).
- b. Hari likes tennis. Srinu prefers basketball. (whereas).

27. Complete the sentences using the correct question tags

[2x1=2]

- a. You haven't eaten yet, _____?
- b. It got very late yesterday, _____?

28. Read the statements and form questions.

[2x1=2]

- a. I'd like one of those pizzas.
- b. They were unhappy about their room.
