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IV SEMESTER BA
GEA 425: GENERAL ENGLISH

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TIME: 3 hours. **MAX MARKS: 80**

This paper contains THREE printed pages and THREE 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
(BOILED BEANS ON TOAST)

Answer any FOUR questions in 80-100 Words. Each answer carries FIVE mark. [4x5=20]

1. How is Muttu an example of a self-sacrificing person, not bothered about her own safety and security?
2. Explain the character of Anjana Padabidri and her emotional struggles in the play.
3. Examine the role of Dolly Iyer and her influence on other characters.
4. Analyse the role of working-class characters like Muttu and Vimala in the play.
5. Discuss how the play highlights the struggles of migrant life in Bangalore.
6. Analyse the role of communication breakdown in the Padabidri family.

Answer any ONE question in about 200 words. The **answer carries TEN marks. [1x10=10]**

7. How does the play portray the struggles of the urban poor?
8. Examine the role of women characters in the play.

PART-B
(POETRY & PROSE)

Answer any FIVE questions in one or Two Sentences. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[5x2=10]

9. In the Poem *She* by Lakshmi Kannan what does the phrase "house-proud" suggest about her?
10. In *The Thief's Story* how does Anil react to Hari's theft?

11. Why does the author call the moor an "antechamber to heaven" as mentioned in the essay *On Doing Nothing*?
12. How does the author in the essay *On Doing Nothing* respond to Mr. Selfridge's views on laziness?
13. How does Anil influence Hari's decision to change his life in *The Thief's Story*?
14. In the Poem *Dreams* by Langston Hughes what does the poet mean by "Hold fast to dreams"?
15. What is life compared to when *Dreams* die?

Answer any TWO questions in 80-100 Words. Each answer carries FIVE mark. [2x5=10]

16. Describe the contrast between the woman's outer life and inner emotions in the poem *She* by Lakshmi Kannan.
17. Discuss the theme of trust and transformation in *The Thief's Story*.
18. Analyse how nature contributes to the theme of relaxation and reflection in the essay *On Doing Nothing*.

PART-C
(Language Component)

19. **Identify the error in each sentence and rewrite the correct form. [1x10=10]**

a. He don't understand the structure of the essay.
b. The paragraph are not organized properly.
c. She is more better at writing than before.
d. The student have wrote the answer neatly.
e. There are a error in this sentence.
f. The ideas is not flowing logically in this paragraph.
g. He is good in proofreading the document.
h. The report was not submit on time.
i. She discussed about the topic in detail.
j. The tone of the essay are very formal.

Answer any TWO of the following. Each answer carries FIVE mark. [2x5=10]

20. Think of a social or environmental problem you care about and answer the following questions:

    a. Why did you choose this topic?
    b. What is your objective?
    c. Where and for whom will you study this problem?
    d. What information will you collect?
    e. What sources can be used for this study?

21. Many college students today spend long hours on their mobile phones, especially on social media and gaming apps. This has started affecting their academic performance, sleep patterns, and concentration levels. Some teachers have observed that students are less attentive in class and often feel tired. A group of students decided to conduct a study to understand how screen time affects student productivity.

Questions:

a. What problem is mentioned in this paragraph?
b. What could be the objective of this study?
c. Mention one method to collect data for this study.
d. Suggest one solution to reduce excessive screen time.
e. What sources will you use?

22. In many urban areas, the use of plastic bags has increased despite awareness about environmental damage. These plastics often end up clogging drains, polluting water bodies, and harming animals. A group of environmentally conscious students decided to investigate why people still use plastic and how this habit can be changed.

Questions:

a. What is the main problem described in the passage?
b. What could be the objective of the study?
c. What methods can be used to collect data?
d. Suggest one or two recommendations to reduce plastic usage.
e. What sources can be used for this study?

Answer any TWO of the following. Each answer carries FIVE mark **[2x5=10]**

23. Rewrite the following informal/rude sentences into professional statements.

a. "I can't help you."
→ _____
b. "Send it again."
→ _____
c. "You are wrong."
→ _____
d. "I'm busy now."
→ _____
e. "Read the notice properly."
→ _____

24. You are working at the college help desk. A student calls complaining that they have not received their hall ticket. Construct a Telephonic Conversation. Respond politely and guide them professionally

25. You receive a call from a guest speaker who is confused about the venue of an event. Provide clear and polite instructions using proper telephone etiquette.

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