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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-MAY 2026
BCOM/BBA/BCOM TTM - II SEMESTER
GEC 224 : GENERAL ENGLISH II

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

This paper contains TWO printed pages and TWO 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

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks. **[5 x 2 =10]**

1. What happened to Jalaja in the story *Yellow Fish*?
2. What is the irony in the title of the story *Self Made Men*?
3. According to Orwell, how is science different from technology in the essay *What is Science*?
4. Who is Toba Tek Singh and why is he called Toba Tek Singh?
5. Explain the significance of the line, "They had no politicians and sang at their ease," in the poem *Refugee Blues*.
6. How does the speaker describe the house after the grandmother's death in the poem *My Grandmother's House?*
7. Mention any two dreams expressed by Martin Luther King Jr. in the speech *I Have a Dream.*

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. **[4 x 5= 20]**

8. Discuss the significance of the "yellow fish" as a symbol in the story.
9. How did Bindu's death change Mrinals life in the story *A Wife's Letter*?
10. How does the speech *I Have a Dream* reflect the historical context of the Civil Rights Movement?
11. How does Auden depict the indifference of society towards refugees in the poem *Refugee Blues*?
12. Analyze the theme of nostalgia and loss in *My Grandmother's House.*
13. Critically evaluate the role of objectivity in scientific inquiry as discussed by Orwell in the essay *What is Science.*

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries TEN marks. **[2 x 10= 20]**

14. How does Saadat Hasan Manto depict the theme of loss of identity through the character of Bhishan Singh in *Toba Tek Singh*?
15. How does Mrinals's letter question and criticize patriarchal oppression and traditional gender roles in the story *A Wife's Letter*?

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16. How does the author use irony and satire through the characters of Robinson and Jones in the story *Self Made Men?*

PART-B

17. **Answer ALL the questions in one to two sentences.** **[5 x 1 = 5]**

    a) What is non verbal communication?

    b) What is proxemics?

    c) How do gestures aid in communication?

    d) What is the importance of paralanguage?

    e) List some examples of audio-visual communication.

18. **Do as directed.** **[1 x 5 = 5]**

    Write a set of instructions on how to make a cup of tea.

19. **Write a news article on the following:** **[1 x 5 = 5]**

    Increasing cost of living in metropolitan cities like Bangalore.

20. **Write a dialogue for the given situation.** **[1 x 5 = 5]**

    Construct a conversation between a father and daughter regarding higher education and career options.

21. **Do as directed.** **[1 x 5 = 5]**

    Prepare a professional Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the position of an HR Manager. Your CV should highlight relevant qualifications, work experience, key skills, achievements, and any certifications related to human resource management.

22. **Write a speech for the following situation.** **[1 x 5 = 5]**

    You are invited to deliver a farewell speech in honour of your former Head of the Department. In your speech, reflect on their thirty years of dedicated service, highlight their significant contributions and achievements within the institution, and extend your heartfelt wishes for a fulfilling and happy retired life.

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