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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-NOVEMBER 2025
BSC/BCA - SEMESTER 1
GES 124: GENERAL ENGLISH I

TIME: 3 hours 6 **MAX. MARKS: 80**

This paper contains THREE 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 of the following questions. Each answer carries TWO marks. [5 x 2= 10]

1. Why was politics not possible in Hatthur in the story, *The Golden Dream*?
2. What was the duration of confinement and where was the prisoner housed during the confinement in the story, *The Bet?*
3. Mention the four types of men that Dylan Thomas addresses in the poem, *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night.*
4. What do the broken mangalsutra and bangles symbolise in the poem, *Now I Remain for Myself?*
5. How do the Burmese people react to the shooting of the Elephant in the essay, *Shooting an Elephant?*
6. How does the poem convey the mother's concern for Meena in the poem, *At The Railway Station?*
7. Why was Pachaiamma hesitant to invite Chokkalingam to the wedding in the story, *Corpse?*

Answer any FOUR of the following questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. [4x5=20]

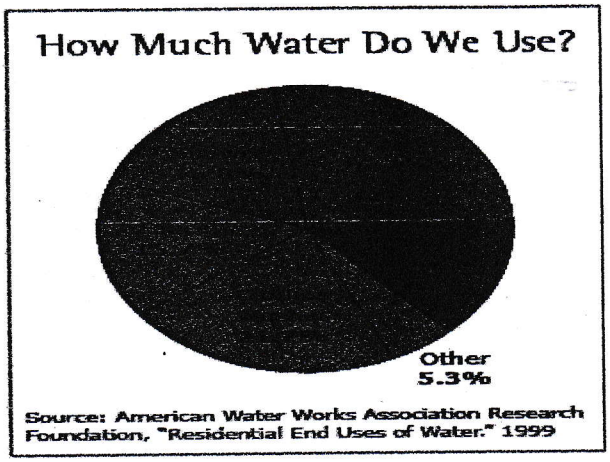
8. Justify the title *Who can be called a Great Man.*
9. Why did the banker regret his action at the end of the agreement period in the short story, *The Bet*?
10. Analyse the character of Chokkalingam from the story, *Corpse.*
11. How would you describe George Orwell's feelings about killing the elephant in *Shooting an Elephant?*
12. How does Dylan Thomas explore the theme of defiance in the face of death in *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night*?

Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each answer carries ten marks. [2x10=20]

13. Analyse the scene in which the narrator shoots the elephant from the essay, *Shooting an Elephant.*
14. Explain the three tests of greatness from Ambedkar's essay, *Who can be Called a Great Man.*
15. Elaborate on the banker's regret on his actions at the end of the agreement period in the short story, *The Bet.*

PART- B

16. **The pie chart shows the percentage of water used daily for different purposes. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant in 200-250 words.** **[1 x 6 = 6]**



17. Read the passage and answer the following questions. **[6 x 1= 6]**

The study of history provides many benefits. First, we learn from the past. We may repeat mistakes, but, at least, we have the opportunity to avoid them. Second, history teaches us what questions to ask about the present. Contrary to some people's view, the study of history is not the memorization of names, dates, and places. It is the thoughtful examination of the forces that have shaped the courses of human life. We can examine events from the past and then draw inferences about current events. History teaches us about likely outcomes. Another benefit of the study of history is the broad range of human experience which is covered. War and peace are certainly covered as our national and international affairs. However, matters of culture (art, literature, and music) are also included in historical study. Human nature is an important part of history: emotions like passion, greed, and insecurity have influenced the shaping of world affairs. Anyone who thinks that the study of history is boring has not really studied history.

a) What is the main idea of this passage?
   i. Studying history helps us to live in today's world.
   ii. Studying history is not just memorization.
   iii. The role of education is to help students deal with real life.
   iv. Students should study both national and international history.

b) In the first paragraph, inferences mean
   i. graphs
   ii. articles
   iii. conclusions
   iv. circumferences

c) Which method of teaching history does the author of this passage support?
   i. Applying historical events to modern society.
   ii. Using flash cards to remember specific facts.

iii. Weekly quizzes on dates and events.
iv. Student competitions for most books memorized

d) What has been the influential factor in shaping world affairs?
e) Mention the benefits that we learn from history.
f) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

Answer the following question. Each answer carries THREE marks. **[2 x 3= 6]**

18. Write a set of instructions to place a product online through an app.
19. Give instructions to prepare a lemonade.

20. Answer any THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences. **[3 x 2= 6]**

a) What is active listening?
b) What is appreciative listening? Give examples.
c) Differentiate between hearing and listening.
d) What is empathetic listening?

20. Choose the correct option from the brackets. **[6 x 1= 6]**

a) Meena is _____doctor. (a, an, the)
b) Alex is sitting _____ (at, on) the pine tree.
c) The seminar is postponed _____ (due to, above) some official reasons.
d) _____ bag which Abdul is carrying is blue in colour. (a, an, the)
e) Natasha _____ (study) when my mother called me from Mangalore.
f) I saw a horror film this weekend. It _____ (scare) me a lot.