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II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Sc. (FAD/IDD) Examination, July/August 2024
(NEP Scheme)
ENGLISH
Generic English – II

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** the questions.
2) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A

Workbook – 40 marks



I. Summarize the passage in **75-100** words and give a suitable title :

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Books are great treasure of knowledge. They are the living examples of man's march on the path to higher and higher civilization. The great men who died long ago, live in their books. We feel their very personality and existence when we read their books. We feel as if they were conversing with us.

Books not only store civilization but also carry it forward. All coming generations get the light of knowledge from the books written by their ancestors and try to improve upon that knowledge. Civilizations cannot make such headway in a country where there are not many good books. We get through books the latest knowledge in the fields of art, science and commerce, etc., this knowledge is helpful to us and enables us to achieve success in the field of our choice.

Books are never failing friends. They never desert us, not even when all fair-weather friends have deserted us. They dispel the dark clouds of gloom

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from our minds and increase our happiness if we are already happy. Through the ages, the scriptures and other great books have provided immeasurable solace to the wounded and strife-torn humanity.

There may books prescribed for some course or profession, but then there are books for general study. The books of literature - poetry, drama, novel, short stories, etc., are generally highly thrilling and inspiring if they are written by good author. There may be tragic, comical or humorous books. The question is that of an individual's choice.

To be a lover of books , though not to be a book worm, is a sign of good luck. A voracious reader gets much more pleasure from reading books than the miser gets in hoarding money. The knowledge embedded in books is priceless, so the pleasure obtained from reading books. A good book absorbs the whole spirit of man. The reader's pleasure is indescribable.

II. Do as directed :

1) Men, animals, birds, plants and insects of this planet are each of them a link in a greater chain of life. They are interdependent for their survival. If they are at peace with one another and their surroundings, they may be said to sustain a state of equilibrium. This, the ecologists say, is conducive to growth of all species.

a) Find a word in the passage which means "connect".

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b) Write the antonym of the word 'imbalance' from the passage.

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2) Add appropriate prefix or suffix to the following words : 2

a) measure

b) peace

3) Choose appropriate word/phrase from brackets : 2

a) Hitler's _____ was filled with a lot of bloodshed. (rain/reign)

b) After _____ consideration, we decided not to go with that idea.
(cautious/careful)

4) Write two sentences for the below word with different meanings : 2

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III. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below : (1×5=5)

Today, researches are being conducted to study the effect of mind over body.

A few years ago, when the following incident occurred, I would have passed it off as a mere coincident – but not today. Darshan Singh was a 70-year-old man living in the neighborhood. He was very sociable and a frequent visitor at home. Both his sons were abroad and his married daughter was in Assam. One day, he developed a serious heart trouble and was admitted to the Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU) in my hospital. Over a period of 3-4 days, he showed improvement and pronounced stable and out of danger. In the meantime, a telegram was sent to his daughter and she was to arrive in 3-4 days' time.



Every evening, before I went home, I would pay him courtesy call. One day, I suddenly had an urge to visit him in the morning. At about 11.30 a.m. when I visited him, he was looking a lot better and started asking me when our doctors would take him out from the ICCU. He again reminded me to get his daughter back in Mumbai as early as possible as he had an intensive desire to see his little grandchildren. While talking to him, I noticed a team of doctors trying in vain to revive a young heart-that of a 35-year-old man who had sustained a massive heart attack and was by then almost dead. Out of curiosity, I looked at the cardiac monitor of Shri Singh suddenly collapsed and was immediately revived. He was now critical though conscious. There was yet another request to trunk-call his daughter. He lived for about six days till his daughter and grandchildren had a chance to see him and then he passed away peacefully. Human nature and intuition are inexplicable.

Questions :

- 1) What is the aim of today's researches according to the passage ?
- 2) Who was the frequent visitor to narrator's home ?
- 3) Why was the telegram sent to Darshan Singh's daughter ?
- 4) What was the desire of Darshan Singh ?
- 5) Pick out the word from passage which means 'understand without any logic/reasoning'.



IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in **a sentence or two** : (2×3=6)

- 1) Mention any two physiological barriers to listening.
- 2) Give two examples of bad listening practices.
- 3) What is biased listening ?
- 4) What is written communication ? Give one example.
- 5) What do you mean by para linguistics ?

V. Change the following paragraph to reported speech : 3

“How very well you speak Hindi!” Mohan said. “I ought to know it”, Bharath modestly said. “I learnt it in school, and more over my mother is from Delhi.”
“That’s fine! I too wish to learn it with your help” Mohan said.

VI. Do as directed : 3

- 1) You have invited Mr. Rahul a famous cricketer for inaugurating inter-collegiate athletic meet in your college. Prepare a welcome speech for this occasion.

OR

- 2) As a President of English Club of your college, prepare vote of thanks on the occasion of Literary Fest held at your college.

VII. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics : 5

- a) Importance of Green energy.
- b) Effects of social networking sites on youth.
- c) Role of youth against terrorism.



VIII. Write a dialogue between a media correspondent and the author of the book on the release of her new book.

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OR

Complete the given dialogue by filling the blanks :

Office Staff : May I help you ?

Student : _____

Office Staff : You need to visit the university to know the reason for withholding of your result.

Student : _____

Office Staff : You need to enquire about it at the exam section in the University.

Student : _____

Office Staff : It may be due to technical error !

Student : _____

Office staff : They may take one week to resolve the issue.

Student : _____

Office Staff : You are welcome !

SECTION – B

Literary Components – 20 marks

IX. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences : (5×2=10)

1) What is the effect of acid rain on the forests in 'Earth Never Dies' ?

2) When did the poet recall his friendship ?

3) _____ is the culprit of friendship as mentioned in 'Bonds of Friendship' ?



- 4) The 'Well' mentioned in the story 'A Corpse in the Well' was frequently used by the villagers. (True/False)
- 5) Why did the boy scream when he saw his father slide down the rope in 'A Corpse in the Well' ?
- 6) What was the bitter feeling of the city dwellers of new capital towards the refugees ?
- 7) Why were the refugees indifferent to the sights in the new capital as they walk through the streets ?

X. Answer **any two** of the following questions in **a paragraph each** : **(2×5=10)**

- 1) How does the poet depict the state of the dying earth ?
 - 2) Narrate the embarrassing situation faced by Ivan in 'The Death of a Government Clerk'.
 - 3) Comment on the theme of the poem 'Bonds of Friendship.'
 - 4) Give an account of the plight of the refugees as depicted in the story.
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