



SE – 032

I Semester B.B.A./B.H.M. Examination, Jan./Feb. 2026
(SEP 2024-25)
ENGLISH
General English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

SECTION – A
(Prose and Poetry)

- I. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences **each**. **(5×2=10)**
- 1) What problems did the school face, according to Thandappa ?
 - 2) Mention the reason for Mr. Nuttel visiting Mrs. Sappleton.
 - 3) Why didn't the narrator get off at Deoli to search for the girl ?
 - 4) Name one quality that makes the woman in the poem "Phenomenal Women".
 - 5) Why didn't they go to Charlie's father's club for lunch in 'Reunion' ?
 - 6) What three tests of greatness does Ambedkar deliberate in the essay ?
 - 7) How does the happy man treat success and failure ?
- II. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **80-100** words. **(4×5=20)**
- 1) What changes in the landscape did the writer observe when she visited the school for the second time in 'In Sahyadri Hills, A lesson in Humility' ?
 - 2) How does the narrator's encounter with the girl at Deoli station reflect the theme of fleeting human connections ?
 - 3) Discuss the relevance of the Dynamo Moscow football team's visit in supporting Orwell's views on sport.

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- 4) Cheever uses humour and irony to convey the awkwardness of the father son encounter. Justify.
- 5) What are the qualities of a great man according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar ?
- 6) Maya Angelou portrays the confidence and power of women in the poem, 'Phenomenal Woman'. Explain.

III. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **200** words. **(2×10=20)**

- 1) How does "The Night Train to Deoli" reinforce the themes of longing, impermanence, and acceptance ?
- 2) Discuss George Orwell's views on the connection between sport, nationalism, and political rivalry in *The Sporting Spirit*.
- 3) What three tests of greatness does Ambedkar deliberate in the essay and why ?
- 4) The poem 'The Happy Man' is a revelation about human conditions and the pursuit of happiness. Justify.

SECTION – B
(Language Components)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

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The Roman Empire was one of the greatest and most influential civilizations in world history. At its height, it spanned three continents and included more than 50 million people. The Romans were known for their military prowess, their sophisticated system of government, and their impressive architectural achievements, including the construction of roads, aqueducts, and public buildings.

The Roman Republic, which lasted from the 6th century BC to the 1st century BC, was a model of governance that influenced many later civilizations. It was a federal system of government that divided power between the Roman Senate and the People's Assembly.



In the 1st century BC, the Roman Republic was replaced by the Roman Empire, which was ruled by a dictator called the Roman Emperor. The Roman Empire saw the construction of many impressive buildings and the expansion of the Roman military. However, it has also seen numerous internal conflicts, including the rise of various factions vying for power.

Despite these challenges, the Roman Empire was able to endure for more than five centuries, until it finally collapsed in the 5th century. Today, the legacy of the Roman Empire can be seen in the many cultural and architectural achievements it left behind.

Questions :

- 1) How many continents did the Roman Empire span at its height ?
- 2) What was the Roman Republic known for ?
- 3) What replaced the Roman Republic in the 1st century BC ?
- 4) Who ruled the Roman Empire ?
- 5) When did the Roman Empire fall ?

V. Answer the following questions :

(5×1=5)

- 1) What is the difference between hearing and listening ?
- 2) Give one example of a barrier to effective listening.
- 3) State one non-verbal cue that shows you are listening attentively.
- 4) Empathetic listening requires understanding the speaker's feelings. (True/False)
- 5) Name one situation where careful listening is important.

VI. A) Introduce your grandmother to your classmates.

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B) You are at a railway station. How would you enquire about the availability of tickets to Delhi ?

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C) Give a set of instructions on how to send an email.

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VII. Do as directed :

A) Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the verb.

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- 1) She always tell interesting stories in class.
- 2) While the old man walk down the road, it began to rain heavily.
- 3) The bell ring before we could enter the class.



B) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tenses given in the brackets. **3**

- 1) He has always _____ (speak/spoken) politely to his elders.
- 2) By next week, they _____ (will finish/finished) their project.
- 3) While the dog _____ (cross/crossed) the road, a car came speeding.

C) Identify the phrases in the following sentences. **2**

- 1) We sat near the fireplace and talked for hours.
- 2) She is fond of playing the guitar.

D) Identify the clauses (Independent and Dependent) in the following sentences. **2**

- 1) If you practice daily, you will become better at English.
- 2) I couldn't attend the meeting as I was travelling.

VIII. You are asked to deliver a Welcome Speech for a Guest Lecture on "Career Opportunities after Graduation." Write it in a formal tone. **5**

OR

You are delivering the Vote of Thanks at the end of the Teachers' Day Celebration. Write a short and polite speech.
