



SE – 014

I Semester B.Com. Examination, January 2025  
(SEP 2024-25)  
LANGUAGE ENGLISH  
General English



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

SECTION – A  
(Prose and Poetry)

I. Answer **any five** in **one** or **two** sentences. (5×2=10)

- 1) Who was arrested in Tripathi's death case in "I am a Ghost" ?
- 2) Lencho seeks \_\_\_\_\_ pesos from God in "Letter To God".
- 3) Why did the narrator go to the bank in "My Financial Career" ?
- 4) Name any two military heroes mentioned in "Who Can Be Called Great Man".
- 5) What is the colour of the classroom walls in "An Elementary School in a Slum" ?
- 6) Whose skeleton did the Shepherd discover in "Fidelity" ?
- 7) Mention the colour of Madhura sari in "My Mother's Saree."

II. Answer **any four** in about **a** page. (4×5=20)

- 1) Sketch the character of Narayan Sharma in "I am a Ghost."
- 2) Write a note on the Verger, Albert Edward Foreman.
- 3) What are the three tests of greatness Dr. Ambedkar deliberates in "Who Can Be Called Great Man" ?
- 4) Explain the two kinds of conflicts illustrated in "Letter To God."
- 5) How does Vaidehi use Sari to discuss the roles and experience of mother in the society ?
- 6) Discuss the conversation between the bank manager and Albert in "The Verger."

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III. Answer **any two** in about **2-3** pages.

(2×10=20)

- 1) Analyse the theme of the story "I am a Ghost".
- 2) How does Stephen Leacock develop the protagonist's character through his actions and interaction in "My Financial Career" ?
- 3) Explain the development of the protagonist's situation in "The Verger".
- 4) Justify the title of the poem "Fidelity".

**SECTION – B**  
**(Language Components)**

IV. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

(5×1=5)

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- 1) Why is Holika Dahan performed ?
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- 4) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me your pen ? (lend/borrow)
- 5) The vast \_\_\_\_\_ stretched before us. (see/sea)

VI. Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

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- 1) Rama directs the play.
- 2) David is managing the project.
- 3) The government passed the law.
- 4) Vibha was giving the presentation.
- 5) The CEO will distribute the award.

VII. Change the following sentences into reported speech.

(5×1=5)

- 1) "The weather is beautiful today", said Ram.
- 2) Raju said, 'Do you like pizza ?'
- 3) "What a beautiful view!", said Emily.
- 4) "The test will be postponed", the teacher announced.
- 5) The writer said, "What a beautiful handwriting !"

VIII. Do as directed.

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- 1) She ate breakfast. (Identify the clause)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_, the students were excited. (Add subordinate clause and complete the sentence)
- 3) The teacher had been teaching for over twenty years. (Underline the verb phrase)
- 4) The old wooden table was covered in dust. (Underline the noun phrase)
- 5) She is dancing on the stage. This sentence has a noun phrase. (True/False)

IX. Write an essay on **any one** of the following.

(1×5=5)

- 1) The role of media in shaping public opinion.
  - 2) AI and Job displacement.
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