



SE - 142

**II Semester B.Com. Examination, June/July 2025**  
**(SEP)**  
**LANGUAGE ENGLISH**  
**General English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions** : 1) Answer **all** the Sections.  
2) Write the **correct** question number.

**SECTION – A**  
**(Prose and Poetry)**

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

- 1) Where does the conversation between Jones and Robinson take place in the story *Self-Made Men* ?
- 2) Who is Bishan Singh in the lesson *Toba Tek Sing* ?
- 3) How does Phatik's mother treat him in the lesson *The Homecoming* ?
- 4) Why does the narrator compare the fish to Jalaja in the story *Yellow Fish* ?
- 5) How does the reviewer feel about reviewing books in the story *Confession of a Book Reviewer* ?
- 6) What happened to the house after the poet's grandmother died in the poem *My Grandmother's House* ?
- 7) Why does the speaker mention an atlas in the poem *Refugee Blues* ?
- 8) What does the phrase "We cannot walk alone" signify in the speech *I have a Dream* ?

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

- 1) Analyse how Manto use the setting of the asylum to reflect the chaos and absurdity of partition in the story *Toba Tek Singh* ?
- 2) How does Phatik's life change after moving to Kolkata in the story *The Homecoming* ?
- 3) Discuss the significance of the phrase "I have a dream" ?
- 4) Describe Orwell's experience as a Book Reviewer.
- 5) Explain how the poem portrays the struggles of refugees in the poem *Refugee Blues*.
- 6) Examine how Ambai blend the personal and universal themes in the story *Yellow Fish* ?

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III. Answer **any two** in about **2-3** pages. **(2×10=20)**

- 1) "Self-Made Men is a satirical critique of the myth of self-made success". Discuss how Leacock uses humour, exaggeration and irony to deconstruct the concept of the self-made man.
- 2) How does the story depict the contrast between rural and urban life in the story The Homecoming ? Explain.
- 3) Elaborate the significance of the phrase "I have a dream" in the speech by Martin Luther King.
- 4) Analyse the theme of nostalgia in the poem "My Grandmother's House".

SECTION – B  
(Language Components)

IV. Basic Communication Skills (Answer **any five**). **(5×1=5)**

- 1) What is kinesics ?
- 2) Mention four voice qualities.
- 3) How do you understand written communication ?
- 4) List the examples of audio-visual communication.
- 5) Identify key elements of verbal communication.
- 6) In what ways is eye contact essential in communication ?
- 7) Define communication.

V. Introducing oneself, making enquiry, giving information, giving instructions (Answer **any one**). **(1×5=5)**

- 1) Introduce yourself to the interview panel.
- 2) Enquire about the admissions open for the next academic year.
- 3) How to send an Email in Gmail ?
- 4) Enquire about the hotel booking for your college educational trip to Goa.
- 5) List the steps to withdraw money from an ATM.

VI. Write a news report on a Job Fair conducted in your college campus in **200-250** words with headline and dateline. Ensure the report includes the following details : **(1×5=5)**

- Include number of companies, student turnout and outcomes.
- Include a quote from a recruiter or placement officer.



VII. Complete the following conversation between Mother and Daughter. (1×5=5)

Mother : I want you to learn to prepare a few dishes during these vacations.

Daughter : Is it really necessary ?

Mother : (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter : (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother : (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter : (d) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother : (e) \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. Write an email to a vendor complaining about a product that arrived damaged.

Request a replacement or refund.

(1×5=5)

OR

Write an email inviting a colleague to a team-building event. Include the event details (date, time, location).

IX. Your college is organizing the Annual Day function and you are assigned to deliver the welcome speech. Write a speech addressing the following : (1×5=5)

- 1) Introduction of yourself and your role in the event.
- 2) A warm welcome to the Chief Guest (research their background and achievements).
- 3) Express gratitude to faculty, students and parents for attending the event.
- 4) Create an enthusiastic and inviting tone.

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