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II Semester B.C.A. Degree Examination, June - 2025

GENERAL ENGLISH - II

Alchemy - II

(SEP Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Answer all the Sections.
2. Mention the question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A

(Literary Component)

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in a sentence or two.

(5×2=10)

1. Who is Fra Pandolf as mentioned in the poem *My Last Duchess*?
2. In Pablo Neruda's, *If You Forget Me*, What will the speaker do if he is forgotten by his beloved?
3. What is the name of Angoori's husband in *The Weed*?
4. Why was Carmen in a hurry to go home in the story *The Advance*?
5. What do all the three witches say together in the opening scene of *Macbeth*?
6. How did an unmarried woman acquire the name 'Spinster' in GB Shaw's essay *How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay*?
7. What will be the obvious reply of the Carpenter in R.K. Narayan's *Better Late*?

II. Answer any FOUR of the following in a page each.

(4×5=20)

1. How does the poet use the contrasts to convey his message in *If You Forget Me*?
2. Write a note on the significance of the opening scene in *Macbeth*.
3. Describe Carmen's relationship with Francoise in the *Advance*.
4. What memories are depicted in the poem *My Last Duchess*?
5. Describe R.K. Narayan's views on 'Punctuality' in the essay.

III. Answer any TWO of the following in two pages each.

(2×10=20)

1. Write your views on 'Capitalism spreads ignorance' in G.B. Shaw's essay.
2. Describe the Societal expectations with reference to Angoori's character in the story *The Weed*.
3. Bring out the significance of Murder scene in the play *Macbeth*.



SECTION - B

(Grammar Component)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the following questions. (5×1=5)

Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located between the ancient Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions. The most famous of these eruptions occurred in A.D. 79. The volcano had been inactive for centuries. There was little warning of the coming eruption, although one account unearthed by archaeologists says that a hard rain and a strong wind had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night. Early the next morning, the volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon Herculaneum, completely burying the city and filling the harbour with coagulated lava.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the mountain, cinders, stone, and ash rained down on Pompeii. Sparks from the burning ash ignited the combustible rooftops quickly. Large portions of the city were destroyed in the conflagration. Fire, however, was not the only cause of destruction. Poisonous sulfuric gases saturated the air. These heavy gases were not buoyant in the atmosphere and therefore sank toward the earth and suffocated people. Over the years, excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have revealed a great deal about the behaviour of the volcano. By analysing data, much as a zoologist dissects an animal specimen, scientists have concluded that the eruption changed large portions of the area's geography. For instance, it turned the Sarno River from its course and raised the level of the beach along the Bay of Naples. Meteorologists studying these events have also concluded that Vesuvius caused a huge tidal wave that affected the world's climate.

In addition to making these investigations, archaeologists have been able to study the skeletons of victims by using distilled water to wash away the volcanic ash. By strengthening the brittle bones with acrylic paint, scientists have been able to examine the skeletons and draw conclusions about the diet and habits of the residents. Finally, the excavations at both Pompeii and Herculaneum have yielded many examples of classical art, such as jewellery made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its tragic consequences have provided everyone with a wealth of data about the effects that volcanoes can have on the surrounding area. Today, volcanologists can locate and predict eruptions, saving lives and preventing the destruction of other cities and cultures.

1. According to archaeologists, what had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night of eruption?
2. What did sparks from the burning ash ignite?
3. What caused a huge tidal wave, according to the Meteorologist's study?
4. Fire from a volcanic eruption is the only cause for destruction (True/False).
5. Scientists have used _____ water to wash away volcanic ash from the skeletons of victims.
 - a. bottled
 - b. volcanic
 - c. purified
 - d. sea

**V. Do as directed:**

1. Choose the correct synonym for the word given below. (1)
Verbose
a) Natural b) Talkative c) Organic d) Sufficient
2. Choose the correct antonym for the word given below: (1)
Emerge
a) Disappear b) Pacify c) Appear d) Focus
3. Frame two sentences using the given homonym: (1)
'Bow'
4. Fill in the blanks with a suitable homophone given in the bracket: (1)
The _____ eventually declared a holiday after a lot of discussion with other teachers. (Principal, Principle).
5. Identify the homograph in the given sentence and state its meaning. (1)
Suyash will lead the team in a school science experiment based on lead and iron.
6. Add a suitable affix to the word given in the brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)
a) Always use _____ (cycle) products for the betterment of nature.
b) He is working hard to _____ (simple) the task for others.
7. Identify the right collocation: (1)
Cup of tea/ glass of tea.

VI. Complete the following dialogue appropriately: (3)

- Nandan : Hello sir, I am nandan from the first year BCA, and I want to join NSS, may I know what the procedure is?
- NSS Officer : Good, _____.
- Nandan : Is filling application enough, sir?
- NSS Officer : Based on your application, you will be shortlisted.
- Nandan : Do I have _____?
- NSS Officer : No, there aren't any additional fees to join, it's included in your college fees.
- Nandan : When _____?
- NSS Officer : On or before Thursday.



VII. Answer any TWO of the following questions in one/two sentences:

(2)

1. What is Verbal Communication?
2. Mention any two advantages of Written Communication.
3. Mention any two components of Kinesics.

VIII. Read the following sentences and change them as directed in brackets.

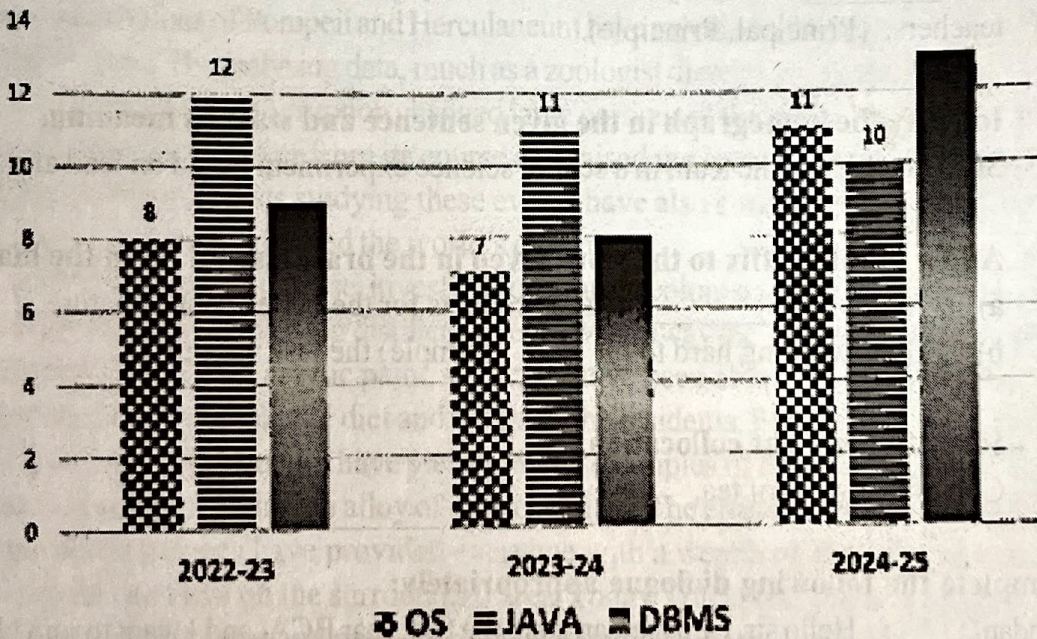
(4)

1. This book was published by Norton Publishers. (Active Voice)
2. Plants are watered by the gardener every day. (Active Voice)
3. Manoj distributes free laptops to MBA students. (Passive Voice)
4. The teacher punished Aryan for misbehaviour. (Passive Voice)

IX. Write a paragraph focusing on the given bar graph using cohesive devices/ conjunctions/ linkers.

(3)

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X. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word given in the brackets:

(5)

1. It is better to carry umbrella _____ it may rain soon. (because, and)
2. Harini was not feeling well _____ I accompanied her to hospital. (so, but)
3. He was very sick today _____ he finished the task early. (as, yet, so)
4. _____ Mani is very poor, his confidence always gives him success. (although, because).
5. I can wait for you here _____ your arrival. (until, because)