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I Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, JANUARY/FEBRUARY-2025

GENERAL ENGLISH

EMBOLDEN-I

(SEP Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

- 1) *Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.*
- 2) *Write the question number correctly.*

SECTION-A

(Literary Components)

I. Answer any Five of the following in a sentence or two each. (5×2=10)

1. In the poem 'London', What does the phrase 'mind-forg'd manacles' refer to?
2. Why being lucky is important, according to Paul's mother in 'The Rocking-Horse Winner'?
3. Why did no one help the sick man in the poem 'Siddhartha'?
4. How long had Michelangelo been painting the sistine Chapel? Why was it delayed?
5. What were the contents of Caesar's Will in 'The Forum'?
6. When did the barber meet Captain Torres for the first time?
7. What does 'food sovereignty' include, according to Vandana Shiva?

II. Answer any Four of the following in about a page each: (4×5=20)

1. Bring out the social life of the city of London according to William Blake.
2. How did the barber prove himself to be a 'conscientious barber' in Just Lather, That's All?
3. Comment on Michelangelo's style of working in the story 'Michelangelo'.

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4. How did Brutus justify stabbing Caesar in 'The Forum'?
5. Explain the impact of colonialism and industrialism on the Earth and indigenous cultures as observed by Vandana Shiva.

III. Answer any Two in about two pages each: (2×10=20)

1. What lessons did Siddhartha learn when he went out with his charioteer, Channa?
2. Explain Paul's relentless search for luck in the story 'The Rocking-Horse Winner'.
3. Gulzar's short story 'Michelangelo' contrasts innocence and deceitful nature of human beings in the character of Marsolini. Justify.

SECTION-B

(Language Component) (30)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5×1=5)

One of the most common injuries teenagers and adults experience is a sprained ankle. A sprain occurs when the ligaments of a joint are twisted and possibly torn. Ligaments are bands of stringy fibres that hold the bones of a joint in position. A sprain can occur from a sudden wrenching at the joint, or a stretching or tearing of the fibres of the ligaments. The injured area usually swells and becomes black and blue. Stepping off the sidewalk at the wrong angle or having one foot land in a hole while jogging can leave you rolling on the ground in agony with an ankle on fire! If you cannot walk without experiencing intense pain, you must seek medical help. If the pain is manageable, and you can walk, here are three words to help you remember how to treat yourself:

- i) Elevate
- ii) Cool
- iii) Bandage

As soon as there is injury to that ligament, there will be a certain amount of bleeding under the skin. Once the blood pools around the damaged blood vessels, inflammation and swelling occur. The pressure from the swelling results in additional stress and tenderness to the region. To minimize the degree of swelling, lie down as soon as possible and keep the ankle elevated so that it is actually higher than your heart. Next, to shrink the blood vessels and keep bleeding (hence bruising) to a minimum, apply a cold pack. After 20 minutes, take the pack off, wait half an hour, and then reapply. This can be done several times a day for a total of three days. Never leave a cold pack on for more than 20 minutes at a time. Finally, bandage the ankle. Be careful not to wind it too tightly: doing so can restrict blood flow and cause harm to the entire foot.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. The main idea of the passage is _____.
 - a) to describe sprains to the ligaments
 - b) to explain how to bandage head injuries.
 - c) to explain how to treat our fractured wrist.
 - d) to explain how the temperature of a wound is important.
2. According to the passage, how is a sprain caused?
3. In which cases, can the ankle be sprained according to the passage?
4. According to the instructions, once the initial cold pack is removed, one has to wait for 30 minutes and then reapply the ice. True/False.
5. It can be understood from the passage that the black-and blue symptom of the sprain is due to _____.

II. Fill each of the blanks with the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets:**(5×1=5)**

Tom Wilson was an explorer. He had been to nearly every country in the world, but the most exciting time he ever ____ (have) was when he ____ (go) to the Congo Jungle. A magazine ____ (ask) him to retrace the route of a famous explorer who ____ (have + disappear) in the 1920s as he ____ (follow) a small river he got separated from his guides.

III. Do as Directed:

1. **Choose the correct synonym for the word given below:** (1)
Link (connect, separate)
2. **Choose the correct antonym for the word given below:** (1)
Deny (oblige, refuse)
3. **Add suitable affixes to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks:** (2)
The final round of the ____ (champion) will be in Japan. The players will be ____ (happy) if team loses it.
4. **Write a suitable homophone for the word 'site'.** (1)

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**IV. Frame questions to get the underlined word/s as the answer:****(3×1=3)**

1. a) The boy came to buy some fish.
b) The flower pot fell on the floor.
c) The students greet the teacher in the class.
2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences:
a) The guests will not be late, _____.
b) The girl went to the school, _____.

(2×1=2)**V. Answer the following questions.****(5×1=5)**

1. Define communication.
2. What is non-verbal communication?
3. Give any two examples of Written communication.
4. What is Kinesics?
5. Communication through touch is known as haptics. True/False.

VI. Write a conversation between Sarah and Sameer about the upcoming interview and their preparation.**(5)**
