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**I Semester B.Sc./ B.Sc.(FAD), B.V.A. Degree Examination,
JANUARY/FEBRUARY-2025
GENERAL ENGLISH
ELOQUENTIA-I
(SEP Scheme)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

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

SECTION-A

(Literary Components)

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

1. What did the poet request for at the end of the poem, 'Telephone Conversation' from the white land lady?
2. Name the two aquatic creatures mentioned in the poem, 'Ode to our Ocean'.
3. How did Muni calculate his age?
4. Who purchased the whiskers of Jenks and for how much?
5. What condition does Laura's father set for Hughie Erskine to marry Laura?
6. What is Mr. Balfour's habit?
7. According to Adichie what does the word feminist mean?

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

1. Why does Wole Soyinka mention that his colour is not entirely black? Explain this with reference to 'Telephone Conversation'.

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2. What led Muni to think that the red-faced foreigner was paying him money for the goats?
3. Describe the character of Jenks as described by Solomon in the story, 'Jenks Whiskers'.
4. How is Hughie's act of giving a sovereign to the beggar an important moment in the story, 'Model Millionaire'?
5. Why was becoming a class monitor a big deal according to Adichie?

III. Answer any Two of the following questions in about two page each. (2×10=20)

1. How is the title 'Telephone Conversation' relevant to the poem's themes?
2. Explain the significance of the title 'Ode to Our Ocean'
3. How did the language barrier create confusion between muni and American in the short story 'A Horse and Two Goat's by RK Narayan?

SECTION-B

(Grammar Component)

(30)

IV. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it: (5×1=5)

The only woman in the world who has scaled MT Everest twice was born in a society where the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing, and a daughter, though not considered a curse, was not generally welcome. When her mother was expecting Santosh, a travelling 'holy man' giving her his blessing, assumed that she wanted a son. But, to everyone's surprise, the unborn child's grandmother, who was standing close by, told him that they did not want a son. The 'holy man' was also surprised! Nevertheless, he gave the requested blessing... and as destiny would have in the blessing seemed to work. Santosh was born the sixth child in a family with five sons, a sister to five brothers. She was born in the small village of Joniyawas of Rewari district in Haryana.

1. What was the societal attitude towards the birth of a daughter in Santosh's community?
2. Why was the 'holy man' surprised at the grandmother's words?
3. How many siblings did Santosh have at the time of her birth?
4. In which village was Santosh Yadav born?
5. What significance does Santosh's birth hold in the context of her family's preference for sons?

**V. Do as directed.**

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles (2)
Instead of ending on ___ abrupt end, one should conclude _ paragraph impressively.
2. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. (2)
Pranav will surely complete this project _ a week's time.
Disnesh jumped _____ the moving bus.
3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (2)
 - a) Computer experts (be) in great demand today.
 - b) India ____ (launch) its first satellite in the year 1990.
4. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences. (2)
 - a) You are not playing football.
 - b) She is a doctor.
5. Frame questions using the appropriate question word to get the underlined word or phrase as the answer. (2)
 - a) I can hold my breath for one minute.
 - b) Sanvi won the gold medal in swimming this year.

VI. Answer the following questions:

1. What is nonverbal communication? Give an example. (2)
2. Which of the following is a synonym for barbarous? (1)
 - a) Savage b) Elegant c) peaceful d) generous
3. Which of the following is the antonym of humiliation. (1)
 - a) Embarrassment b) Shame c) Pride d) Disgrace
4. Fill in the blanks by adding the suitable affixes (ively, noise, ness, ly) to the given base words. (2)
We should elaborate on the topic _____ (exhaust) without going beyond the _____ (harmony) unit of the paragraph.

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5. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones.

(1)

The _____ ate the _____ of the coconut. (Kernel/colonel)

VII. Change the following sentences into Direct or Indirect speech:

(4)

1. The police man said to us, "Where are you going"?
2. Pranav said to Raju, "Go away!"
3. Ajay said, "How clever I am!"
4. Suhas requested to wait till he returned.

VIII. Write a dialogue between two friends, Shishir and Rohith about the benefits of cycling.

(4)

(OR)

Complete the following dialogue between a parent and a child:

Inchara: Hello! How are you? Did you finish your homework yet?

Belaku: Good! Worried about my exams _____

Inchara: Okay, let's do like this _____, you need to isolate from the disturbances

Belaku: Still I forget _____

Inchara: Read attentively and focus.

Belaku: _____
