

I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, February/March 2023  
(NEP Scheme)  
ENGLISH  
Paper – 1 : Generic English (L2)

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

**Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* questions.2) Mention the question numbers *correctly*.

SECTION – A  
Workbook



I. Skim the passage to identify the topic. Choose the appropriate option : 2

1) Stress is a health problem affecting people of all ages nowadays. It is created by the pressures of the contemporary life style, with its competitiveness, rapid pace and loneliness. This results in tiredness, depression, worry and irritability in individuals. Extreme stress can lead to chronic anxiety, nervous breakdowns and even suicide.

- a) The article throws light on stress and stress related issues.  
b) This article offers solutions to lessen stress in life.

2) Scan the passage given and answer the following questions : 2

Many men and women are so money-minded that they do not undertake any serious work that does not pay. They believe that it is foolish to exert themselves for study and work that cannot be converted into cash. An old working woman complained about her son's habit of buying books. She said, "He wastes money on his books. How are they useful ? He is a carpenter and not a school master".

- a) Why do many men and women not undertake any serious work ?  
b) What is the complaint of the old working woman ?

II. 1) Mention any two types of editorials. 2

2) Nidhi Agri Products Pvt. Ltd. Kannur has advertised for the post of Area Manager. Write a cover letter in response to the post advertised for. 5

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- III. 1) Define discriminative listening. 2
- 2) Prepare a write-up for Group Discussion on 'Expectation kills happiness'. 3
- IV. 1) You are at a District Level Sports Meet. How do you introduce yourself to your fellow participant ? 2
- 2) What enquiry would you make in the following situation ?  
You want to know the various courses offered in a college. 2
- V. 1) Give a set of instructions on how to replace the light bulb. 4
- 2) Underline the noun phrases in the following sentences : 2
- a) The one-eyed man is walking across the road.
- b) The new pink bike is mine.
- VI. 1) Identify the clauses in the following sentences : 2
- a) The boy, who secured first rank, was given cash prize.
- b) If you work hard, you will pass the exam.
- 2) Fill in the blanks with appropriate tenses given in the bracket : 2
- a) She \_\_\_\_\_ (has been writing/was writing) for one hour.
- b) My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (is driving/was driving) when the accident took place.
- VII. 1) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb which agrees with the subject : 3
- a) Slow and steady \_\_\_\_\_ (win/wins) the race.
- b) The principal and warden \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) returned.
- c) All that glitters \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) not gold.
- 2) Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms given in the bracket : 2
- (Make up one's mind, a bird's eye view, Leaps and bounds)
- a) I can't \_\_\_\_\_. Can you help me?
- b) From the top of the hill, you can get \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.
- VIII. On the occasion of Independence Day in your college, you are asked to give a welcome speech. Draft the Welcome Speech. 5





SECTION – B  
Course Book

IX. Answer **any 5** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences. (5×2=10)

- 1) What, according to Sue, did Johnsy want to paint some day ?
- 2) Who did Grandfather buy the python from ?
- 3) Enumerate any two benefits of planting trees as suggested by Henry Cuyler Bunner.
- 4) Sohrab Saheb was \_\_\_\_\_ when he first heard Suresh Shyamdas Chhabria's distribution of property.
  - a) Calm
  - b) Shocked
  - c) Happy
- 5) Deepa's brothers were neither surprised nor alarmed after hearing the will. True/False.
- 6) Name the village mentioned in the lesson 'The Last Leaf'.
- 7) Where did the grandfather leave the python, at the end of the story ?

X. Answer **any two** of the following questions in a paragraph. (5×2=10)

- 1) Behrman is the epitome of sacrifice. Elucidate.
- 2) Describe Aunt Mabel's reaction when she first saw the python.
- 3) Do you think the title 'Heart of the Tree' is appropriate? Justify.
- 4) Narrate the incident that made Helen Keller feel repentance and sorrow, in the story 'My Teacher'.
- 5) Write the different uses of the trees that are mentioned in the poem 'Heart of the Tree'.