



II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A. Examination, August/September 2023  
(NEP – Freshers and Repeaters)

ENGLISH (L2)

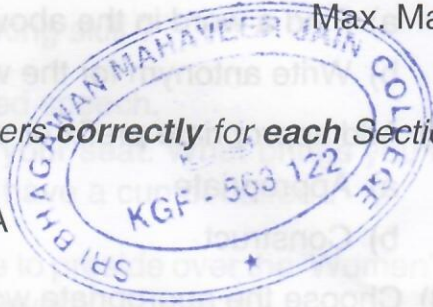
Generic English – II

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** questions.  
2) Write the question numbers **correctly** for **each** Section.

SECTION – A  
(Workbook)



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- I. Summarize the passage in **50 – 60** words and give a suitable title : 5

There is an enemy beneath our feet – an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from earthquakes. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst and gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down into the valley. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet farther west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire subcontinent ! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that man cannot hope to resist them. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can then be taken to save lives and some of the property. At the Earth's surface, earthquakes manifest themselves by shaking and displacing or disrupting the ground. When the epicentre of a large earthquake is located offshore, the seabed may be displaced sufficiently to cause a big Tsunami Earthquakes can also trigger massive landslides.

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II. Do as directed :

- 1) Reality TV shows will have an adverse effect on traditional dramas and comedies. As reality TV increases in popularity, network executives will begin canceling more traditional programs and replacing them with the latest in reality Television.
  - a) Find a word in the above passage which means 'Famous'. 1
  - b) Write antonym for the word 'Traditional'. 1
- 2) Add appropriate prefix or suffix to the following words. 2
  - a) Appropriate
  - b) Construct.
- 3) Choose the appropriate word/phrase from brackets. 4
  - a) The Minister asked the Officer the \_\_\_\_\_ to be sent through \_\_\_\_\_. (facts/fax)
  - b) You have to repay the \_\_\_\_\_. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ contestant. (loan/lone)

III. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

When I go to a stranger's library, I wander around the book shelves to learn what sort of a person a stranger is and when he comes in, I feel that I know the key to his mind and the range of interests. A house without books is a characterless house, no matter how rich the Persian rugs and how elegant the attire and the ornaments. The Persian rugs only tell you whether he has got money but the books tell you whether he has got a mind as well. It is not the question of money that we don't buy the books. Books are the cheapest as well as the best part of the equipment of a house. You can begin your library with the expenditure of a couple of shillings. Nearly all the best literature in the world is at your command at two shillings a volume. For fifty pounds you can get a library of fifty books. Even if you don't read them yourself, they are priceless investment for your children. What delight is there like the revelation of book, the sudden impact of a master, spirit, the sense of window flung wide open to the universe ? It is the adventure of the mind ...

Answer the following questions :

- 1) Why does the author wander around the book shelves ?
- 2) What do the Persian rugs tell us ?
- 3) According to the passage what makes a house characterless ?
- 4) Books are the best part of equipment of a house. (True/false)
- 5) Which word in the passage means 'happiness' ?



IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in **a sentence or two**. (2×3=6)

- 1) Write any two differences between oral and written communication.
- 2) Define pseudo listening.
- 3) What is aggressive listening ?
- 4) Define Verbal communication.
- 5) What are the benefits of good note taking skill ?

V. Change the following paragraph to reported speech. 3

The host said to the guest, "Please have your seat. What brings you here ? What can I do for you ? Would you like to have a cup of coffee".

VI. Imagine your college invites a female judge to preside over the 'Women's Day' celebration. Draft a vote of thanks for this event. 3

OR

Prepare a speech to Welcome Local Corporator who would inaugurate the Reading Room in your college.

VII. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics. 5

- a) Global Warming.
- b) Merits and Demerits of Learning Management System (LMS).
- c) Impact of Social Media on students.

VIII. Write a dialogue between a student and Principal on the student's lost mobile. 5

OR

Complete the following dialogue between Anu and Siri by filling up the blanks :

Anu : My holiday commences from May 16<sup>th</sup>. I am planning to go to Bombay for my holidays.

Siri : \_\_\_\_\_

Anu : My sister stays in Bombay. What are your holiday plans ?

Siri : \_\_\_\_\_

Anu : Which is your native place ?

Siri : \_\_\_\_\_

Anu : Oh ! Calcutta is a beautiful city, isn't it ?

Siri : Yes, there are many historical places to visit.

Anu : \_\_\_\_\_

Siri : You are most welcome.



## SECTION – B

## (Coursebook)

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

- 1) What does the nuclear sun refer to in 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 2) How does the narrator describe his friend in 'Bonds of Friendship' ?
- 3) After going home what happened to Ivan ?
- 4) How bright will the westering Sun be in 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ refused to eat Bhakri in 'A Corpse in the Well'.
- 6) Who gave the old man a silver coin in 'The Refugee' ?
- 7) Anna kept guard at the well in 'A Corpse in the Well'. (True/False)

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

- 1) The story 'A Corpse in the Well' reflects the humiliation of Mahar community. Explain.
- 2) Explain the plight of refugees as narrated in the story 'The Refugee'.
- 3) Trace the Evolution of friendship in the poem 'Bonds of Friendship'.

