

**2024**

**( 2nd Semester )**

**ENGLISH—II**

**Paper : Eng (Bsc/Bca/Bba)-205**

**( Short Stories, Drama, Grammar and  
Language Skills )**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

**Time : 3 hours**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

**( Short Stories )**

1. (a) *The Verger* by Somerset Maugham is a story of appearance, opportunity, dedication, success and humility. Elaborate.

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**Or**

- (b) Does *Marriage Is a Private Affair* depict a clash between traditional African and modern Western values? Give reasons.

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Or

(c) The story, *The Thief* is an in-depth study of the human mind. Elucidate.

2. Discuss any *two* of the following questions in 1 or 2 sentence(s) each : 2×2=4

(a) Why did the manager of the bank want to see Foreman?

(b) How did the thief realize that Arun knew that he was robbed?

(c) How would you describe Okeke's character?

## UNIT—II

### ( Drama )

3. (a) Bring out the farcical elements in the one-act play, *Refund*. 10

Or

(b) Bishop's character encompasses vibrant colours of compassion. Discuss.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 1 or 2 sentence(s) each : 2×2=4

(a) Why does Persome feel that people pretend to be sick?

- (b) On what ground was Wasserkopf awarded 'Excellent' in physical culture?
- (c) Who was Jeanette? What was the cause of her death?

UNIT—III

( Grammar )

5. Use the following pairs of words to make sentences of your own : 1×4=4

- (a) Patience—Patients
- (b) Board—Bored
- (c) Chance—Chants
- (d) Heal—Heel

6. Make sentences with the following idioms : 1×4=4

- (a) Over the moon
- (b) Back to square one
- (c) Spill the beans
- (d) Under the weather

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) They did not know where they \_\_\_\_\_ from.

(had come, have come, come)

(b) There will be a rush for seats when the train \_\_\_\_\_.

(will arrive, arrived, arrives)

(c) She feared that she \_\_\_\_\_.

(will fail, is fail, would fail)

(d) It \_\_\_\_\_ since morning.

(has been raining,  
is raining, rains)

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) You \_\_\_\_\_ get a reward for your achievement.

(b) It \_\_\_\_\_ snow in the evening.

(c) He \_\_\_\_\_ run very fast in his youth.

(d) We \_\_\_\_\_ not go before they come back.

9. Choose the correct option given within brackets to fill in the blanks :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) The travellers had a terrible journey through the \_\_\_\_\_ road.

(torturous/tortuous)

(b) Every airport has a \_\_\_\_\_.

(hanger/hangar)

(c) We were surprised to know his \_\_\_\_\_.

(dissent/descent)

(d) The teacher gave \_\_\_\_\_ to the students.

(council/counsel)

#### UNIT—IV

#### ( Language Skills )

10. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Scientists have developed a gel that helps brains recover from traumatic injuries. It has the potential to treat head injuries suffered in combat, car accidents, falls or gunshot wounds. Developed by Dr. Ning Zhang at Clemson University in South Carolina, the gel is injected in liquid form at the site of injury and stimulates the growth of stem cells there. Brain injuries are particularly

hard to repair, since injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells. So far, treatments have tried to limit this secondary damage by lowering the temperature or relieving the pressure at the site of injury. However these techniques are often not very effective.

More recently, scientists have considered transplanting donor brain cells into the wound to repair damaged tissue. This method has so far had limited results when treating brain injuries. The donor cell often fail to grow or stimulates repair because of the inflammation present there. The injury site also typically has very limited blood supply and connective tissue, which might prevent donor cells from getting the nutrients they require.

Dr. Zhang's gel, however can be loaded with different chemicals to stimulate various biological processes at the site of injury. In previous research done on rats, she was able to use the gel to help re-establish full blood supply at the site of brain injury. This could help create a better environment for donor cells. In a follow-up study, Dr. Zhang loaded the gel with immature stem cells, as well as the chemicals they needed to develop into full-fledged adult brain cells. When rats with

severe brain injuries were treated with this mixture for eight weeks, they showed signs of significant recovery. The new gel could treat patients at varying stages following injury, and is expected to be ready for testing in humans soon.

*Questions :*

- (a) Supply a suitable title for the passage. 1
- (b) What kind of brain injuries can the gel mentioned in the passage cure? 1
- (c) Which method has limited results when treating brain injuries? 1
- (d) Why, according to the author, brain injuries are hard to mend? 2
- (e) Why do the donor cells often fail to grow? 2
- (f) How were the rats with severe brain injuries treated? 3
- (g) Give the synonyms of the following words from the passage : 2
  - (i) Implant
  - (ii) Remarkable
- (h) Give the meaning of the following words? 2
  - (i) Donor
  - (ii) Full-fledged