

Bs/BBA/BCA/ENG-105

2025

(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Paper : Eng (G)-105



(Fiction, Poetry, Grammar and Composition)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

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

UNIT—I

(Fiction)

(Marks : 14)

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Why did the old man pity the fish?**
- (b) What do the lions in Santiago's dream symbolize?**
- (c) Why did Manolin's parents stop him from fishing with Santiago?**

2. (a) How does Santiago's battle with the Marlin highlight the theme of human struggle and endurance?

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Or

- (b) How does Santiago's relationship with Manolin reflect companionship and mentorship?

Or

- (c) Examine Hemingway's portrayal of the sea as both a nurturing and destructive force in *The Old Man and the Sea*.

UNIT—II

(Poetry)

(Marks : 14)

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) What does Ulysses mean when he says, "I am a part of all that I have met."?
- (b) In *The Unknown Citizen*, how does bureaucracy measure a person's life?
- (c) Why does the speaker in *Birches* wish to climb toward heaven and return?

4. (a) Analyze Tennyson's *Ulysses* as a symbol of human aspiration.

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Or

- (b) Discuss how *The Unknown Citizen* reflects the loss of personal identity in a bureaucratic society.

Or

- (c) Explain the significance of the birch trees in the poem, *Birches*.

UNIT—III

(Grammar)

(Marks : 14)

5. Fill in the blanks with articles : $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$

- (a) He has _____ axe to grind.
(b) Do you like _____ pen?
(c) _____ lion walks with majestic gait.
(d) You are late by half _____ hour.
(e) There is _____ book on the table.

6. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$

- (a) The stream is flowing _____ the wooden bridge.

- (b) It has been raining _____ morning.
- (c) He faces failures _____ renewed energy.
- (d) She has been living in this house _____ two years.
- (e) _____ a cat, she has a dog in her house.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) _____ book is yours?
- (b) This is an _____ monument.
- (c) The soldiers showed _____ courage in the battle.
- (d) The library has a _____ collection of rare manuscripts.
- (e) We took shelter under a _____ tree.

8. Choose the correct verbs in agreement with the subject :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) The boy _____ (play/plays) football every evening.
- (b) Nothing _____ (is/are) certain in this world.

- (c) Both of them _____ (has/have) done well in the exam.
- (d) Each of the players _____ (was/were) given a medal.
- (e) The news _____ (is/are) shocking.

9. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

1×4=4

- (a) He don't like to eat apples.
- (b) She is in the school bus.
- (c) Ten miles are a long distance to walk.
- (d) Neither of the boys have done their assignments.

UNIT—IV

(**Composition**)

(Marks : 14)

10. Write a formal letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the problem of increasing noise pollution in your locality. 14

Or

You are a fresh graduate seeking an entry-level position in a reputed company. Apply with CV for the post of Management Trainee at Reliance Industries Ltd., Mumbai.

UNIT—V

(**Composition**)

(Marks : 14)

11. Write an essay in about 400 words on any one of the following topics : 14

(a) The importance of mental health in a student's life

(b) The dangers of drug abuse among teenagers

(c) An experience that taught you about kindness

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