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II Semester B.Sc./B.Sc.(FAD)/B.V.A. Degree Examination, May/June - 2026

GENERAL ENGLISH - I

Eloquentia - II

(SEP Scheme)

Paper : II

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 Component 50 marks)

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

1. What does the expression 'sap and leaf' mean in the poem 'The Heart of the Tree'?
2. How does the poem 'Any Woman' depict the role of a mother?
3. Where did the peasant sow the corn in the second year?
4. When Hornus went to take the colours from the Colonel, the Colonel told him that the colours were:
 - a) At the arsenal.
 - b) At the Major's house.
 - c) On the battlefield.
5. _____ received instructions to take his new gunboat named, _____, to Badama.
6. What role does colonel Neha Singh currently hold in the Indian Army?
7. Who was the most influential person in Viji's life, and how did this relationship affect her personal life?

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about a page each:

1. How do trees contribute to life on Earth as described by the poet in 'The Heart of the Tree'?





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2. What does the sacred ring symbolize in the poem 'Any Woman' and why is it significant?
3. How does the poor peasant's behaviour evolve as he becomes wealthy in the story 'The Imp and the Crust'?
4. Explain the impact of women being appointed on warships in the Indian Navy, as mentioned by Lieutenant Commander Annu Prakash.
5. What role did Viji's family and friends play in supporting her through her illness and research endeavour?

III. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about two pages each: (2×10=20)

1. How does the peasant's transformation from a kind-hearted individual to a violent and envious character symbolize the themes of The Imp and the Crust?
2. Explain the circumstances that led to Sergeant Hornus becoming the twenty-third ensign of the day.
3. Ants are portrayed as the new competitors for the sovereignty of the globe. Justify.

SECTION - B

(Grammar Component 30 marks)

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

Climate change refers to long-term changes in the average temperature, weather patterns, and conditions on Earth. The primary driver of recent climate change is the increase in greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere, largely due to human activities like deforestation, industrial emissions, and the burning of fossil fuels. This leads to the greenhouse effect, which traps heat from the Sun and warms the planet.

The effects of climate change are widespread and diverse. One of the most visible impacts is the rising global temperature, also known as global warming. As temperatures rise, polar ice caps and glaciers melt leading to a rise in sea levels. This threatens low-lying coastal areas, displacing millions of people and endangering ecosystems.

In addition to melting ice, climate change is contributing to more frequent and intense extreme weather events like hurricanes, heatwaves, floods, and droughts.

These events disrupt agriculture, harm biodiversity, and pose significant threats to human health and infrastructure.

Climate change also affects natural ecosystems. For example, changing weather patterns alter the habitats of various species, causing some to migrate or face extinction. Forests, oceans, and other ecosystems that regulate the planet's carbon cycle are being damaged, further accelerating the process of global warming.



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To address Climate Change, international efforts like the Paris Agreement have been signed, aiming to limit global temperature rise and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, transitioning to renewable energy sources, protecting forests, and adopting sustainable practices are crucial steps in mitigating climate change and preserving the future of the planet.

1. The primary cause of recent climate change is _____.
2. How does climate change contribute to a rise in sea levels?
3. Mention any one extreme weather event linked to climate change.
4. What causes a few species to face extinction?
5. Which international agreement aims to limit global temperature rise?

V. Observe the given picture carefully and write:

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- a) A description of the picture.
- b) A suitable caption.



VI. Answer the following questions:

(3×1=3)

1. List out the steps involved in the listening process.
2. What is active listening?
3. Mention any one linguistic barrier in listening.



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(5×2=10)

VII. Do as directed:

1. Introduce yourself to an interview panel.
2. Introduce your friend to the Placement Officer of your institution.
3. Write an informal request to borrow a charger from a friend.
4. Offer help to a fellow student who is struggling with assignments.
5. Persuade your father for permission to go on the college trip.

VIII. Write a Welcome Speech on the inauguration of the cultural fest at your college.

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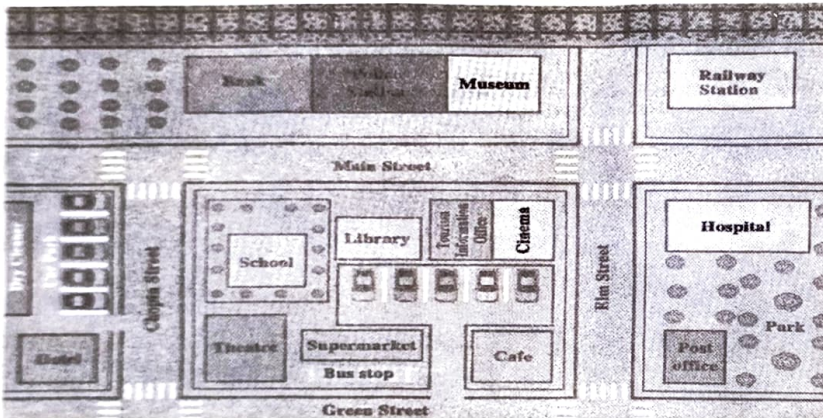
Draft a vote of thanks for an environmental awareness program held by your Department.

IX. Give instructions to your friend for preparing a healthy breakfast in under 15 minutes.

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Look at the map given below and give directions for the following:



- a) To reach railway station from the Hotel.
- b) To go to the School from the Post Office.

