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**BCMENLN 201**

II Semester B.Com./B.Com.(E.Com.) Examination, September 2022
L-2 : GENERIC ENGLISH (as per NEP 2020)
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course Language (AECC)
(2021-22 Batch Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Verona is a lovely city, rich in history with quiet medieval streets and splendid buildings of an exquisite pale honey color. Romeo and Juliet are reputed to have lived there. Bombed in the recent wars, it has lost its brides, but not its gaiety or charm. The city casts spells of illusions on the viewers' eyes. There are vintage trains with many berths. Taking a stroll in the city street is like taking a step back in time. It lessens one's repressed burdens.

Suggest a suitable caption for the above passage.

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II. Do as directed :

(2×1=2)

1) Choose the right Synonyms from the passage for the underlined words in the following sentences :

a) The city had many grand buildings.b) Taking a walk in the mornings is good for health.

2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a Single homonym :

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a) The magician _____ a spell on the audience.

b) The _____ of the drama were very talented.

3) Match the word in Column A with the right Collocation given in Column B.

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Column A	Column B
Annual	i) Forces
	ii) Turnover
	iii) Management

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- 4) Use the words given below in Sentences of your own : (2×1=2)

The specific meaning of the words in the context has been given.

- a) Lovely : attractive and beautiful or pleasant and enjoyable.
- b) Repressed : to prevent feelings, desires or ideas from being expressed.

UNIT – II

- III. 1) Rewrite **any three** of the following sentences in active or passive voice as directed in the brackets : (3×1=3)

- a) We are shortlisting candidates for the interview.
(Change into passive voice using the word 'being')
- b) The bridge was being repaired by our soldiers.
(Change into active voice)
- c) The audience saw a man walking up to the stage.
(Change into passive voice, begin the sentence with 'a man')
- d) Did you understand the lesson ?
(Change into passive voice)

- 2) Rewrite the following sentences in the Reported speech : (3×1=3)

- a) "What a beautiful bracelet !" Jacob said.
- b) Tony said to his teacher, "Please give me another day to complete my work".
- c) The guest said, "Why is the room so stuffy ?"

- 3) Write a dialogue in about **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×4=4)

- a) Two friends discussing online classes.
- b) Father and daughter discussing the purchase of a new two wheeler.

- 4) Write a brief Newspaper report in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics given below : (1×4=4)

- a) Inauguration of a new shopping mall.
- b) Blood donation camp.

- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the topics : (1×8=8)
Use the hints given below the topic to develop the essay.

- a) Pros and cons of online learning.
(Efficiency — affordability — accessibility — use of ICT — updated knowledge sources — helps in visual learning — less safe for health — inability to focus on screens because of distractions — no hands-on experience — disadvantages of the lack of the physical presence of a teacher)



b) Should plastic bags be banned ?

(Plastics — man made material — also a man made disaster — cost of production — cheap-popular material for factories and consumers — our lives — never — plastic free — dumped as garbage after use — bacterias cannot degrade plastic — pollutes environment, air, water and land)

UNIT – III

IV. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) What are 'Wall's, according to the poet and why does he want to demolish them ? Explain with reference to the poem 'Walls'.
- 2) What does the caged bird aspire for and how does it express its desire ? Explain.

V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Discuss the geographical and mythological significance of Gandmardhan forests with reference to the lesson ' Homeless in the Global Village'.
- 2) Explain R. K. Narayan's journey into Cartooning.
- 3) Anasuya did not have anyone except her loneliness. Explain with reference to the lesson 'Alone'.

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** : **(2×5=10)**

- 1) Discuss the meeting of the two women with the son-in-law at the end of the lesson 'Money'.
 - 2) What kind of toys did Harvey bring for his nephews in the story "The Toys of Peace" ?
 - 3) Why did Anasuya employ a part-time maid ? Discuss with reference to the lesson 'Alone'.
 - 4) Why was the author's mother happy and how did his father react in the lesson 'Cartooning' ?
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