

GENERAL ENGLISH
B.A. / B.Com. / B. Sc
Semester – I (w.e.f. 2025–26)
COURSE 1: ENGLISH BRIDGE–I: LIFE SKILLS
Semester–End Examination under CBCS Pattern

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section – A

I. Answer ALL questions. Each question carries 10 marks. 5 × 10 = 50 Marks

1. a) Describe how Sarojini Naidu presents the bond between fishermen and nature in the poem *Coromandel Fishers*.

(Or)

b) In Ruskin Bond's *The Night Train at Deoli*, how does the narrator's simple attraction to the girl turn into true affection, and why does he finally hesitate to get off the train to know more about her?

2. a) In *The Lost Child*, how does Mulk Raj Anand portray that no attraction or temptation is stronger than a child's love for his parents? Discuss with reference to the child's experiences in the story.

(Or)

b) Write an essay on how *Letter to a Teacher* criticizes educational inequality and calls for social justice.

3. a) How does Rabindranath Tagore present his vision of an ideal nation in the poem *Where the Mind is Without Fear*?

(Or)

b) Analyse how Greta Thunberg uses emotional appeal and strong arguments to raise awareness about climate change in her speech *How Dare You*.

4. a) Examine how Nissim Ezekiel presents superstition and a mother's love in the poem *Night of the Scorpion*.

(Or)

b) Discuss how humour and satire are used in Fritz Karinthy's play *Refund*.

5. a) Describe how suspense and irony are created in R. K. Narayan's short story *Astrologer's Day*.

(Or)

b) What are pure vowels? Give their phonetic symbols and provide one example word for each.

Section – B

II. Answer any FIVE questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

5 × 5 = 25 Marks

6. Match the underlined words under Column-A with their respective Parts of Speech under Column-B

Column-A

- a) She spoke softly to the child.
- b) Visakhapatnam is a beautiful city.
- c) Wow! This is amazing.
- d) India won the women world cricket cup in 2025.
- e) She is physically challenged but she has won the game.

Column-B

- i) Adjective
- ii) Conjunction
- ii) Verb
- iv) Adverb
- v) Interjection

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles (a, an, the). If no article is required, write "No Article."

- a) He is ___ university student.
- b) She went to ___ Mumbai yesterday.
- c) ___ Ganga is a sacred river.
- d) I have ___ idea to share.
- e) My uncle plays _____ violin.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the options given in brackets.

- a) I believe ___ God. (on / in / with)
- b) The teacher congratulated the girl _____ her success. (on / for / at)
- c) The boy is good _____ English (in / with / at)
- d) She divided the cake ___ five children. (among / between / around)
- e) The old man is suffering _____ pneumonia (with / from / of)

9. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences.

- a) I am your class teacher, _____?
- b) They haven't finished the work, _____?
- c) You will help me, _____?
- d) Divya can speak Hindi, _____?
- e) Let's go for a walk, _____?

10. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

- a) She _____ (go) to Church every Sunday.
- b) The children _____ (sleep) when their father arrived.
- c) They _____ (play) cricket since morning.
- d) The sun _____ before we reached the village. (set)
- e) He _____ (buy) a car next year.

11. Mark the stressed syllable in the following words.

- a) Photograph
- b) Preparation
- c) Book
- d) Teacher
- e) Economy

12. Identify whether the intonation is Rising, Falling, or Rising–Falling.

- a) Where are you going?
- b) Please close the door.
- c) What a beautiful view!
- d) Come here at once.
- e) Are you coming with us?

13. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones from the pairs given in brackets.

- a) She hurt her ___ while playing. (heel / heal)
- b) Is there any _____ (stationary/stationery) shop nearby?
- c) He is too _____ (week/weak) to walk.
- d) We saw a _____ (deer/dear) in the forest.
- e) Please ___ your name here. (write / right)

14. Write ANY FIVE meaningful sentences about the picture given below.



15. Write a short paragraph on any ONE of the following topics.

- a) My village/town/city
- b) My favourite movie
- c) The national leader I admire most