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St. Claret College

Autonomous, Bengaluru

UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-NOV 2025
III SEMESTER BA
GEA 325: GENERAL ENGLISH



TIME: 3 hours.

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MAX MARKS: 80

This paper contains THREE printed pages and THREE parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

(Choma's Drum)

Answer any FOUR questions in 80-100 Words. Each answer carries FIVE mark. [4x2=20]

1. Explain the symbolic importance of the drum in the novella.
2. How does Choma's Drum portray religion and conversion?
3. Discuss the theme of resistance and protest in the novella.
4. What is the significance of land in *Choma's Drum*?
5. Examine the character of Belli and her significance in the novella.
6. Describe Choma as a tragic hero.

Answer any ONE question in about 200 words. The answer carries TEN marks. [1x10=10]

7. How does *Choma's Drum* critique the economic and social dimensions of feudalism?
8. How does *Choma's Drum* depict the conflict between individual aspiration and social determinism?

PART-B

(Poetry & Prose)

Answer any FIVE questions in one or Two Sentences. Each answer carries TWO marks. [5x2=10]

9. What kind of person is Captain Torres, according to the barber as mentioned in the short story, *Just Lather, That's All*?
10. What Message does the story, *Kutum-Katam* give us?
11. How does nature react as mentioned in the poem, *When the Great Trees Fall*?
12. In the Poem, *The Frog and the Nightingale* why is the frog's joy both sweet and bitter?
13. Identify the reason why the nightingale accepted the frog's tutelage in *The Frog and the Nightingale*.

14. How does the story, *Just Lather, That's All* end?
15. What does the shuddering of 'rocks' on distant hills symbolize in the Poem, *When the Great Trees Fall*?

Answer any TWO questions in 80-100 Words. Each answer carries FIVE mark. [2x5=10]

16. In spite of having a melodious voice and being a crowd puller, the nightingale turns out to be a loser and dies. How far is she responsible for her own downfall?
17. Describe the Internal Conflict faced by the barber in the story, *Just Lather, That's All*. How does it reflect his character?
18. How does the story end and what is the significance of the names, *Kutum and Katam*?

PART-C
(Language Component)

19. Do as Directed:

[1x10=10]

- i. Fill in the blanks (Cloze Test)**
The keynote speaker managed to _____ the session despite unexpected delays.
a) conduct b) conducts c) conducting d) conducted
- ii. Choose the correct sentence (Sentence Correction)**
a) Each of the students have completed the assignment.
b) Each of the students has completed the assignment.
c) Each of the student completed the assignment.
d) Each of the students have complete the assignment.
- iii. Change the Sentence into Indirect Speech**
He said, "I will submit the report by Friday."
a) He said that he submits the report by Friday.
b) He said that he will submit the report by Friday.
c) He said that he would submit the report by Friday.
d) He said he submitting the report by Friday.
- iv. Choose the correct article**
_____ United Nations conference was attended by world leaders.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- v. Choose the correct preposition**
She insisted _____ attending the workshop despite her busy schedule.
a) on b) at c) for d) in
- vi. Choose the correct passive form**
The students will submit their assignments by Monday.
a) The assignments will submitted by the students by Monday.
b) The assignments will be submitted by the students by Monday.
c) The assignments are submitted by the students by Monday.
d) The assignments have been submitted by the students by Monday.
- vii. Choose the correct degree of comparison**
Among all the participants, Rahul was the _____ prepared for the debate.
a) good b) better c) best d) most good

viii. Choose the correct one-word substitution

A person who studies the origin, development, and structure of human societies is called _____.

- a) Historian b) Sociologist c) Anthropologist d) Archaeologist

ix. Choose the correct homophone

The farmer decided to _____ his land to grow wheat next season.

- a) sow b) so c) sew d) saw

x. Choose the correct use of the word "principal."

- a) The school principal addressed the students during assembly.
b) He invested a large principal amount in the business.
c) Both (a) and (b).
d) None of these.

Answer any TWO of the following

[2x5=10]

20. You are attending an interview for the post of a content writer. Prepare answers for the following two questions:

- a. Tell me about yourself.
b. What makes you suitable for this role?

21. What are the essential skills of an effective public speaker?

22. Explain how research and preparation contribute to successful presentations.

Answer any TWO of the following

[2x5=10]

23. Conduct a short Group Discussion on the topic Remote work enhances productivity.

24. Explain the importance of feedback in organizational communication.

25. State any Five qualities of a successful team leader.
