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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-MAY 2025

BCOM/BBA/BCOM TTM – II SEMESTER

GEC 224: GENERAL ENGLISH II

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TIME: 3 hours

MAX. MARKS: 80

This paper contains TWO printed pages and TWO 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

(Literary Component)

Answer FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[5 x 2 = 10]

1. What is the setting of the story, *Toba Tek Singh*, and why is it significant?
2. How does the poem, *Refugee Blues* depict the struggles of refugees?
3. In his speech, *I Have a Dream*, how does King address the issue of racial injustice in America?
4. According to Orwell, how is science different from technology in the essay, *What is Science?*
5. What emotions does the poet express in *My Grandmother's House*?
6. What does Leacock suggest about luck and success in the story, *Self-Made Man*?
7. How does Mrinal's letter serve as a form of rebellion in Tagore's *A Wife's Letter*?

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[4 x 5 = 20]

8. Briefly explain how Kamala Das expresses a sense of loss in the poem, *My Grandmother's House*.
9. What role does irony play in the poem, *Refugee Blues*?
10. How does the story, *Toba Tek Singh* highlight the absurdity of the partition of India?
11. Elaborate on the various emotional stages in the story, *Yellow Fish*.
12. Give examples of how King uses repetition in his speech, *I Have a Dream* to strengthen his message.
13. How does Mrinal challenge the traditional role of women in society in the story, *A Wife's Letter* by Rabindranath Tagore?

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries TEN marks.

[2 x 10 = 20]

14. Discuss how the story, *Yellow Fish* explores themes of personal freedom and confinement.
15. Evaluate Manto's portrayal of the impact of partition on human relationships in the story, *Toba Tek Singh*.
16. Critically analyze Leacock's use of exaggeration and satire in the story, *Self-Made Man*.

PART-B
(Language Component)

17. Answer ALL the questions in one or two sentences.

[5 x 1 = 5]

- a) What is meant by proxemics?
- b) List two examples of audio-visual communication
- c) What are some notable qualities of voice in communication?
- d) What does the term kinesics refer to?
- e) What is the importance of body language?

18. Do as directed:

[1 x 5 = 5]

Write a set of detailed instructions for a first-time user of an ATM.

19. Write a news article on the following.

[1 x 5 = 5]

Three-hour-long Traffic in Bangalore.

20. Write a dialogue for the given situation:

[1 x 5 = 5]

You are meeting your favorite teacher from school after 10 years.

21. Do as directed:

[1 x 5 = 5]

You are a commerce graduate looking for a job in banking. Create a CV that highlights your financial knowledge, internships, and professional skills.

22. Write a speech for the following situations.

[1 x 5 = 5]

You have been invited to speak at a youth event. Write a speech on the importance of self-confidence and positive thinking.
