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St. Claret College

Autonomous, Bengaluru

UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-NOV 2025

B.COM/BBA Third Semester
GEC 325: General English-III



TIME: 3 hours

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

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[4 x 5 = 20]

1. Examine the role of Mr. Butt and Butt the Hoopoe in helping Haroun in the novella, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.
2. Describe the characteristics of Gup City and how it differs from Chup City in the novella, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.
3. Write a note on the character of Mudra in the novella, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.
4. Explain Kattam-Shud's plan to destroy the Sea of Stories in *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*. How does his plan threaten the world of stories?
5. Describe Mali the Floating Gardener and his role in the novella, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.
6. How does the departure of Soraya affect both Rashid and Haroun in *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*?

Answer any ONE question. The answer carries 10 marks.

[1 x 10 = 10]

7. Discuss the conflict between Gup and Chup and how it represents the clash between speech and silence in the novella, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*?
8. Discuss Haroun's wish in *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* and explain how it affected the Moon Kahani and the Alifbay by the end of the novella. How does this wish contribute to the overall resolution of the story?

PART-B

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[5 x 2 = 10]

9. Explain the significance of the word "strange" in the poem's title, *Strange Meeting*.
10. Describe the realization the speaker has about the enemy he meets by the end of the poem, *Strange Meeting*.
11. Write a note on Achebe's portrayal of Okeke's character at the beginning of the story *Marriage is a Private Affair*.

12. State Okeke's main concern regarding Nnaemeka's marriage in the story, *Marriage is a Private Affair*.
13. Who is the central character in the story *Rotti*, and what is the purpose of her journey?
14. In the story *Rotti*, what does the woman observe about the man standing near the pillar?
15. According to the poem, *A Cobbler Cannot be a Poet*, who occupied the inner soul of the poet Malagatti?

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[2 x 5= 10]

16. Explain how the theme of the futility of war is presented in the poem, *Strange Meeting*.
17. Discuss the conflict between tradition and modernity in the story, *Marriage is a Private Affair*.
18. Discuss how the poem *A Cobbler Cannot be a Poet* depicts the humiliation and social oppression faced by Dalits.

PART-C

19. Do as directed. Each question carries ONE mark.

[10 x 1 = 10]

- i) Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the correct option.
- A. although she was tired
B. she continued to work
C. until the project was finished
D. without taking any rest
- Options:**
a) A B D C, b) B C A D, c) D A B C, d) A D B C
- ii) Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the correct option.
- A. I had reached the station
B. and everyone had gone
C. the train had already left
D. by the time
- Options:**
a) A D C B, b) B A D C, c) A C D B, d) C B A D
- iii) Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the correct option.
- A. if you had followed my advice
B. you wouldn't be
C. as you are now
D. in trouble
- Options:**
a) A D C B, b) B A D C, c) A B D C, d) C B A D
- iv) One word in the following set is spelt incorrectly. Choose the misspelt word.
A) Speech, B) Necessery, C) Category, D) Stationary
- v) One word in the following set is spelt incorrectly. Choose the misspelt word.
A) Parallel, B) Separate, C) Definite, D) Tommorow
- vi) One word in the following set is spelt incorrectly. Choose the misspelt word.
A) Harassment, B) Occurrence, C) Recommend, D) Committee
- vii) Identify the grammatically correct sentence:
A) Either of the two books are useful.
B) Either of the two books were useful.

- C) Either of the two books is useful.
- D) Either of the two books has useful.
- viii) Identify the grammatically correct reported speech sentence:
 - A) She told me that she will come tomorrow.
 - B) She told me that she would come tomorrow.
 - C) She told me that she would come the next day.
 - D) She told me that she will come the next day.
- ix) Choose the word that does NOT belong to the group.
 - A) Analyse, B) Evaluate, C) Examine, D) Expansion
- x) Choose the word that does NOT belong to the group.
 - A) Tsunami, B) Drought, C) Flood, D) Poverty

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[2 x 5= 10]

- 20. What is a job interview? Discuss the essential skills required to perform well in an interview.
- 21. Explain the different types of interviews with suitable examples.
- 22. You are a recent graduate in Computer Science. Prepare a Curriculum Vitae for the post of Software Developer in an IT firm.

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[2 x 5= 10]

- 23. Write a short note on the 7 Cs of Team Building, explaining their importance in developing an effective team.
- 24. What are the five approaches to negotiation? Explain briefly.
- 25. You are a sales manager negotiating a contract with a new client. Prepare a step-by-step negotiation plan highlighting the strategies and communication skills you will use to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.
