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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- NOVEMBER 2025

BSC/BCA - III SEMESTER

GES 325: GENERAL ENGLISH - III

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.

SECTION – A (NOVELLA)

I. Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each answer carries **FIVE** marks. (4x5=20)

1. Describe **Totto Chan's** attitude towards her school and teachers in *Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window*.
2. How does the open-air classroom reflect the educational philosophy in *Totto Chan*?
3. Discuss the significance of Mr. Kobayashi's teaching methods.
4. How does Totto Chan's relationship with her mother influence her growth?
5. Explain the role of curiosity in Totto Chan's experiences.
6. Illustrate an incident from the novella that shows Totto Chan's resilience.

II. Answer any **ONE** question. Each answer carries **TEN** marks. (1x10=10)

7. Analyze how *Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window* challenges traditional educational norms and supports child-centric learning.
8. Examine how the author uses Totto-Chan's life to convey themes of innocence, acceptance, and unconventional education.

SECTION – B (POETRY & PROSE)

III. Answer any **FIVE** questions Each answer carries **TWO** marks. (5x2=10)

9. What mythological allusion is central to Carol Ann Duffy's poem *Medusa*?
10. How does Noah Yuval Harari define 'Chemical Happiness'?
11. What challenges does the speaker in *Exile* face related to identity?
12. What plea does the Indian father make in Robert Lake's essay?
13. Identify a metaphor used in *Medusa*.
14. How does Harari connect chemicals to human emotions?
15. What is the significance of 'home' in *Exile*?

IV. Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. (2x5=10)

16. Explain the themes of transformation and power in *Medusa*.
17. Discuss the concept of happiness as presented in *Chemical Happiness and the Meaning of Life*.
18. Analyze how *An Indian Father's Plea* highlights cultural expectations.

SECTION – C (LANGUAGE COMPONENTS)

V. Answer all the questions. Each answer carries ONE mark. (10x1=10)

19. Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to the given word. *Abandon*
a. Continue B) Desert C) Support D) Accept
20. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word. *Generous*
a. Selfish B) Kind C) Helpful D) Gentle
21. Identify the grammatically correct sentence from the options.
c. She don't like to read novels. B) She doesn't likes to read novels.
C) She doesn't like to read novels. D) She didn't likes to read novels.
22. Choose the correctly framed sentence using the word given. *Admire*
d. I admire her for her honesty. B) I admiration her for honesty.
C) I am admire her honesty. D) I admired for her honesty.
23. Change the following sentence into reported speech. He said, "I am tired."
e. He said that he is tired. B) He said that he was tired.
C) He says that he was tired. D) He told that he is tired.
24. Choose the correct one-word substitute for the given description. One who speaks less
f. Garrulous B) Loquacious C) Reticent D) Talkative
25. Change the given sentence into passive voice. They will finish the work by tomorrow.
g. The work will be finished by them by tomorrow.
h. The work is finished by them by tomorrow.
i. The work will have finished by them by tomorrow.
j. The work was finished by them by tomorrow.
26. Choose the correct question form for the given statement. She is going to the market.
A) Is she going to the market? B) She is going to the market?
C) Was she going to the market? D) Does she go to the market?
27. Fill in the blank with the correct article. He is _____ honest man.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
28. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence. The cat is hiding _____ the table.
A) on B) in C) under D) beside

VI. Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. (2x5=10)

29. Explain the key stages of an interview process and the essential skills required to perform effectively in each stage.
30. You have been shortlisted for a marketing executive position. Describe how you would prepare yourself before, during, and after the interview to make a positive impression.
31. Discuss the importance of group discussions in recruitment processes and outline the qualities of an effective participant.

VII. Answer any TWO questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. (2x5=10)

32. You are a sales executive negotiating a deal with a potential client who demands a lower price. Describe the strategies you would use to reach a win-win outcome.
33. Define negotiation and discuss the major types and stages of negotiation commonly used in corporate settings.
34. Explain the concept of team building and discuss the role of communication and trust in creating effective teams.
