

Second Semester B.Com. Degree Examinations, May/June 2025
(SEP Scheme)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
(2024-25 Syllabus)
(SCB 0080) : PAPER - II : EXPRESSIONS AND WORKBOOK

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions to the Students:

1. The student should legibly write Section number along with question numbers within the margin ONLY.
2. The answers without Section number and question numbers will not be valued.
3. Do not write anything (except register number) on the question paper.

SECTION - A (PROSE)

I. A. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each: $2 \times 8 = 16$

1. What characteristic traits make Pepe a striking individual?
2. Write about the friendship between Owens and Long.
3. How did the doctor manage his professional duty while dealing with his grief and dilemma?

B. Write short notes on any TWO of the following: $2 \times 4 = 8$

1. Sportsman spirit in My Greatest Olympic Prize
2. Pepe as a poet
3. Possession is a crime according to Gandhi

SECTION - B (POETRY)

II.A. Annotate any TWO of the following: $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that
Lived thousands of years ago
2. Is not water the mother of all matter?
Do you know the caste of Water?
3. Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it

B. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each: $2 \times 8 = 16$

1. How does the poem 'The End and the Beginning' capture the emotional burden on war survivors?
2. Discuss Whitman's poem 'Animal' as a Critique of human civilization.
3. Critically summarize the poem 'Digging'

SECTION - C
(LANGUAGE SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

Lakshadweep is an archipelago located 200 - 400 km west of the coast of Kerala in the Arabian Sea. The archipelago consists of 36 main islands and many smaller islands, coral atolls and coral reefs. It is the smallest union territory in India. Lakshadweep means a hundred thousand Islands in the local language, Malayalam. Earlier the name Lakshadweep referred to the three archipelagos in the Indian Ocean, the present Lakshadweep, Maldives and Suvarnadweep. Only - ten of the Lakshadweep islands are inhabited and more than 90 percent of the indigenous population is Muslims. The main economic activities are fishing coconut cultivation and coir twisting. Tourism is an emerging industry. Tourists require an entry permit to visit Lakshadweep; the permit is issued in Kochi (in Kerala). Foreign nationals are allowed only in Kadmat, Bangaram and Agatti islands. Coconut is the main crop cultivated on the island. Lakshadweep is India's largest producer of coconuts. About 2,598 hectares are under coconut cultivation and the productivity per hectare is 22,310. Coconuts cultivated in the Lakshadweep are also rich in coconut oil.

1. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence as required. 6x1=6

- a) Which is the smallest union territory in India?
- b) What is the earlier name of Lakshadweep?
- c) Lakshadweep means _____
- d) Malayalam is the local language of this island. True / False.
- e) Where is Lakshadweep located?
- f) How many islands are populated in Lakshadweep?

2. Answer the following in about two or three sentence each. 2x2=4

- a) Write about the coconut cultivation on this island.
- b) Name the main economic activities of Lakshadweep.

IV. Rewrite the sentences as directed. 4x1=4

- a) Smoking isn't good for your body. It's very _____ (Fill in the blank by adding a suitable prefix to 'healthy')
- b) I _____ drink coffee. (Fill in the blank by adding a suitable suffix for 'occasion')
- c) A person who does not believe in God. (Give one-word substitute)
- d) A self-centered person. (Give one-word substitute)

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given in brackets. 2x1=2

- _____ I use your phone to make a call? (can / shall)
- You _____ wear a helmet when riding a bike. (should / must)

3. Transform the sentences as directed. 2x1=2

- He has a new car.
(Change into Negative sentence)
- They are watching IPL match.
(Change into Negative sentence)

4. Change the sentences as directed. 4x1=4

- It rains.
(Change into a yes or no question)
- I am paid Rs. 50,000/- per month.
(Frame a Wh-question so as to get the underlined word/s as answer)
- She like playing tennis, _____?
(Add a suitable question Tag)
- I'm not invited to the party, _____?
(Add a suitable question Tag)

5. Change the voice of the verbs in the following sentences as directed. 4x1=4

- I am writing a story. (Change into Passive voice)
- The athlete broke the record. (Change into Passive voice)
- The food was served by my mother. (Change into Active voice)
- A pizza is being caten by me. (Change into Active voice)

6. Write an imaginary dialogue between two friends regarding their performance in the semester examination. 4x1=4

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