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B. A., III Semester Examination, December-January : 2025-2026

(Ability Enhancement Course (AEC-02))

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : Two Hours] [*Maximum Marks* : 35

Note : Answer all questions.

Section-A

1. Answer the following objective questions: 1 × 5 = 5

i) What was the author's age when her father's died? 'Baa-My Mother - A Person, A Woman".

(a) 2 (b) 3

(c) 4 (d) 5

ii) Who was Mr. Verma's old friend living next door in the lesson "A Devoted Son"?

(a) Mr. Sharma (b) Mr. Verma

(c) Mr. Bhatia (d) Mr. Prajapati

iii) Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel prize for Literature in the year

(a) 1912 (b) 1913

(c) 1914 (d) 1915

iv) Which word(s) in the poem "The Solitary Reaper", indicate that the reaper was singing a sad song?

(a) Melancholic (b) Plaintive

(c) Unhappy (d) All of the above

v) The poem "stopping by the words on a snowy evening" is a →

(a) dramatic dialogue (b) dramatic narrative

(c) dramatic monologue (d) dramatic conversation

2. Answer the following questions (Short Answer Type). 2 × 5 = 10

a) Why did the author say "Baa remains to stay at the center of the family" in the lesson "Baa - My Mother - A Person, A Woman"?

b) How did Mr. Verma try and use his grand children for getting sweets in the lesson "A Devoted Son"?

c) Describe the character of Makhan in the lesson "The Home Coming"?

d) Identify at least three words from the poem that indicate that the reaper was alone in the field.

e) What is the theme of the poem "stopping by the woods on a snowy evening"?

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Section-B

$5 \times 4 = 20$

Attempt any one question from each unit.

Unit-I

3. Why does the author say that, "My present picture of her is far more objective than it was then" in the lesson "Baa - My Mother - A Person, A Woman"?

OR

4. "This is how great doctors treat their fathers." What did Mr. Verma mean by this comment in the lesson "A Devoted Son"?

OR

5. What gifts did Photic give Makhan before he left for Kolkata in the story "The Home Coming"?

Unit-II

6. How do we know that the poet of the poem "The Solitary Reaper" cannot understand the lyrics of the song?

OR

7. Why has the poet repeated the last lines in the poem "stopping by the woods on a snowy evening"?

Unit-III

8. Write a letter to your father asking him to send Rs. 5,000/- for purchasing some books prescribed in the syllabus of your class.

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to grant your three days leave as you are suffering fever, cough and cold.

OR

Write a narrative paragraph, not exceeding more than 450-500 words - (any one)

1) My first day at college.
2) The best game I have played.
3) When I received the "Best Speaker" award.

OR

Based on the information given below of ace shooter Abhinav Bindra, write a biographical sketch in about 100 words.

1)	Birth	:	28.09.1983
2)	Education	:	Doon School, Dehradun, (till grade 8); St. Stephen's School, Chandigarh, BBA from Colorado University
3)	Achievements	:	Youngest contributor at the Olympics Games, 2000; Bronze Medal in Munich World Cup, 2001, Gold Medal in Manchester, Commonwealth Games, 2002; Gold Medal in Rifle shooting in Beijing Olympics, 2008.
4)	Awards	:	Arjun Award, 2000; Padma Bhushan, 2009.

9. Do as directed :

Unit-IV

A) a) Add a prefix to the following word to make new words:
   i) Climax
   ii) possible
   b) Select and write the correct suffix in the blank
   The town may _____ (er, or) welcome _____ (ing, ed) the visit (ers, ors).
   c) Can you google this for me? (Write the common meaning of the underlined word)
   d) Identify the compound words in the following sentence:
   I agree that watching too much television may hurt your eyeballs.

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OR

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate idioms or phrases:

i) The mother scolded the child severely for entering a stranger's car she took _____.

ii) Desperate times _____ desperate measures.

iii) If this problem is not _____ it will get out of hand really fast.

iv) I have three weeks of vacation every year. I made the office write it in _____.

OR

C) Fill in the blanks with the most effective word or phrase given in the options:

a) _____ grandma tasted the sauce, she declared that it needed more masala and salt.

1) Unless
2) Although
3) whereas
4) After

b) _____ Sohan scores a 100 on the final exam, he cannot pass college Algebra, a class he is taking for the third time.

1) Because
2) Since
3) As a request
4) Unless

c) One who loves to read or collect books

1) Stoic
2) biophile
3) bibliophile
4) Androgynous

d) Safe to drink

1) potable
2) interregnum
3) posse
4) portable

OR

D) Use correct article (a / an / the) where necessary

1) He bought _____ BMW car.
2) Kolkata is _____ best city of India.
3) He is _____ engineer by profession.
4) He _____ (love, loves) to read books.

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