

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA / BSc / BCom / BBA / BCA / BVoc & MSc (SS) DEGREE EXAMINATION
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(Second Semester)

Common to – BA / BSc / BCom / BBA / BCA / BVoc & MSc (SS) PROGRAMMES

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH-II - ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Section A

I. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS: (5x1 = 5 Marks)

1. Fill in the Blanks of the Following Paragraph with appropriate Linkers:

Technology has transformed our lives in many ways. (1) _____ the invention of the internet, communication has become much easier and faster. (2) _____, social media platforms allow people to connect with each other across the globe. (3) _____, there are concerns about privacy and security online. (4) _____ the advantages of digital platforms, it is crucial to protect personal information. (5) _____, technology is a powerful tool, but it must be used responsibly.

II. Select any one of the given topics to write a descriptive paragraph: (1x4 = 4 Marks)

1. A Festival or Cultural Event
2. A Day at the Amusement Park
3. A Childhood Memory
4. Your Favorite Place

III. Construct an essay on any one of the topics: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

1. The First Day of College
2. The Best Birthday Party Ever
3. A Walk in the Park

IV. Draft a paragraph on the given topic sentence selecting relevant information: (1x6= 6 Marks)

Topic sentence: Humans are surrounded by a thousand enemies threatening their health, and thereby their happiness.

1. The World Health Organization looks after the health of the people of the world.
2. Some of these enemies are so small that they cannot be seen by the unaided eye
3. Nowadays there are electron microscopes, which magnify objects a million fold.
4. But the size of the enemy is not clue to the extent of the harm it can case.
5. In fact the greatest of our enemies are the viruses and bacteria, infinitely small creature that cause and spread some of the deadliest diseases.
6. Microbiology is the scientific study of micro-organisms.

V. Write an expository paragraph on any one of the given topics: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

1. The Impact of Social Media
2. The Importance of Teamwork
3. The Benefits of Exercise

VI. Read the Following Passage and Prepare a Note – Making: (1x5 = 5 Marks)

Regular Exercise is essential for maintaining physical and mental health. Regular physical activity helps improve cardiovascular health by strengthening the heart and increasing blood circulation. It also aids in weight management, as it burns calories and helps regulate metabolism. Beyond physical benefits, exercise significantly boosts mental health. Engaging in regular workouts can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, as it releases endorphins, often referred to as "feel-good" hormones. Moreover, exercise can improve sleep quality, leading to better overall well-being. To reap these benefits, it is recommended to engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week, such as walking, swimming, or cycling.

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VII. Write a Narrative essay on any one of the Topics:**(1x10 = 10 Marks)**

1. The Day I Overcame My Biggest Fear
2. A Time I Stood Up for What I Believe In
3. The First Time I Made a Friend

VIII. Answer any one of the Following:**(1x10 = 10 Marks)**

1. Write a letter to the Principal of the College requesting permission for an Industrial Visit.
2. Draft a letter to the Editor of the Newspaper on Promoting Recycling and Waste Management of your locality.

IX. Draft a circular as the principal of the College on Scholarship and Financial Aid**Opportunities available at the college.****(1x5 = 5 Marks)****X. Prepare a Précis of the Following Passage:****(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

Butterflies are fascinating creatures that go through a remarkable transformation known as metamorphosis. The life cycle of a butterfly consists of four distinct stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

The journey begins when a female butterfly lays eggs on a host plant. These tiny eggs can be found on the underside of leaves to protect them from predators. After a few days, the eggs hatch into larvae, commonly known as caterpillars. During this stage, caterpillars eat voraciously, growing rapidly and shedding their skin several times.

Once the caterpillar has grown sufficiently, it enters the third stage, called the pupa or chrysalis. Inside this protective casing, the caterpillar undergoes a remarkable transformation. This stage can last from a few days to several weeks, depending on the species and environmental conditions.

Finally, the adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis. At first, its wings are soft and crumpled, but they soon expand and dry, allowing the butterfly to take its first flight. Adult butterflies play a crucial role in pollination and contribute to the ecosystem by helping plants reproduce.

Understanding the life cycle of a butterfly not only highlights the beauty of nature but also emphasizes the importance of protecting their habitats to ensure their survival.

XI. Punctuate the Following Passage:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

As the sun began to rise the sky transformed into a canvas of vibrant colors the birds chirped cheerfully welcoming the new day sarah eager to start her morning routine brewed a cup of coffee and opened the window what a beautiful morning she exclaimed taking a deep breath of fresh air after enjoying her coffee she decided to go for a walk in the nearby park the park was filled with people children playing joggers passing by and couples strolling hand in hand she felt grateful for moments like these where nature and life came together in harmony

XII. Frame sentences using the Following Phrasal Verbs:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

1. Give up
2. Hang on
3. Take off
4. Let in
5. Break down

XIII. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate Concord:**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

1. The dogs _____ at strangers. (barks/bark)
2. Everyone _____ invited to the party. (is/are)
3. Half of the cake _____ gone. (is/are)
4. The cat and the dog _____ playing in the yard. (is/are)
5. Either the manager or the assistant _____ available to help you. (is/are)

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