

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(Second Semester)

Branch -ENGLISH

PROSE I

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	What does Bacon call the “greatest care of parents”? a) Education of children b) Earning wealth c) Gaining fame d) Managing relatives	K1	CO1
	2	Bacon compares truth to which natural element? a) Gold b) Pearl c) Diamond d) Silver	K2	CO1
2	3	Which Roman writer does Addison mention in connection with ghosts? a) Cicero b) Virgil c) Pliny the Younger d) Ovid	K1	CO2
	4	How does Richard Steele describe a poor storyteller? a) Too brief b) Adds useless details c) Very clear d) Funny always	K2	CO2
3	5	Name one thing Abraham Cowley wishes to avoid in “Of Myself”. a) Crowds b) Books c) Gardens d) Friends	K1	CO3
	6	How does Goldsmith portray the streets in “City Night Piece”? a) Crowded and noisy b) Silent and empty c) Full of joy d) Bright and cheerful	K2	CO3
4	7	Which profession does the “quack doctor” falsely claim? a) Soldier b) Priest c) Physician d) Merchant	K1	CO4
	8	Why does Macaulay say Goldsmith’s works remain popular? a) Politics b) Length c) Knowledge d) Simplicity	K2	CO4
5	9	What is the main theme of “Dream Children: A Reverie”? a) Games b) Memories c) Travel d) Ghosts	K1	CO5
	10	Where does Lamb humorously suggest roast pig was discovered in “A Dissertation upon Roast Pig”? a) Chinese b) Egyptians c) Greeks d) Romans	K2	CO5

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)Answer **ALL** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Identify the different purposes of studies mentioned in Bacon's essay "Of Studies". (OR)	K3	CO2
	11.b.	How does Bacon explain the first fruit of friendship in "Of Friendship"?		
2	12.a.	Build a short paragraph on how Sir Roger's behavior makes the audience laugh in the theatre in "Sir Roger at the Theatre". (OR)	K3	CO2
	12.b.	Explain the theme of childhood in "Recollections of Childhood" by Richard Steele.		
3	13.a.	Examine the main theme of "Of Myself" by Abraham Cowley. (OR)	K4	CO3
	13.b.	Discover the elements of mystery in "City Night Piece" by Oliver Goldsmith.		
4	14.a.	Inspect the character of the quack doctor in "Description of a Quack Doctor" by Daniel Defoe. (OR)	K4	CO3
	14.b.	Analyse the main qualities of Oliver Goldsmith as described by Thomas Babington Macaulay in "Oliver Goldsmith".		
5	15.a.	Evaluate the humor in "A Dissertation upon Roast Pig" by Charles Lamb and its effect on readers. (OR)	K5	CO4
	15.b.	Compare the linguistic challenges of "spoken English and broken English" by G.B. Shaw.		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)Answer **ANY THREE** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Critically analyze the essay "Of Truth" by Francis Bacon.	K4	CO3
2	17	Examine the narrative technique in "The Spectator Club" by Richard Steele.	K4	CO3
3	18	Assess the significance of the "Man in Black" as a literary device in Oliver Goldsmith's essay.	K4	CO3
4	19	Evaluate the main theme of Thomas Babington Macaulay's essay "Oliver Goldsmith".	K5	CO4
5	20	Judge the importance of childhood memories in Charles Lamb's essay "Dream Children: A Reverie".	K5	CO5