

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA/BSc/BCom/BCA/BVoc & MSc (SS) DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Second Semester)

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

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH – II ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

I. Fill up the passage with appropriate word from the brackets:

5 x 1 = 5

(Learning, Science, world, important, laboratory)

My favourite subject is ----- . I like Science very much because it helps me understand the ----- around me. Science makes me curious about how things work and why certain things happen. The experiments in the ----- are exciting, and I enjoy learning through observation and discovery. Science also helps us find solutions to real-life problems. For example, ----- about plants and animals helps us protect nature. I want to become a scientist in the future, so learning Science is very ----- for me. Overall, Science is my favourite subject as it inspires me and allows me to explore new ideas.

II. Find out the topics that lead to write a descriptive paragraph:

4 x 1 = 4

- The Whispering Forest
- The Advantages and Disadvantages of Solar Power
- My Forgotten Childhood Toy
- The Girl with the Autumn Hair
- My Grandmother's Locket
- The Gentle Giant

III. Write a descriptive paragraph on any one of the following topic:

5 x 1 = 5

- The Bustling Market
- The Stranger on the Train
- The Taste of Summer

IV. Write a paragraph on the given topic sentence selecting relevant information:

5 x 1 = 5

The old oak tree stood as a silent sentinel in the center of the yard

Pieces of information:

- its gnarled branches stretching out
- wrinkled arms to touch the sky
- rough and deeply furrowed
- textured as coarse sandpaper
- leaves whispered secrets in the gentle breeze
- tree transformed into a blazing tower of gold and orange
- blanketed the grass below
- a home for birds
- sturdy branch for a tire swing
- the heart of our childhood adventures

V. Write an expository paragraph on any one of the following topic:

1 x 5 = 5

- Process of Making Homemade Bread
- The Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly
- Urbanization Affects Local Wildlife

VI. Read the following essay carefully in order to answer the following questions:

6 x 1 = 6

"Free speech" in the digital age, while protected under democratic principles, is increasingly challenged by the rapid spread of misinformation, hate speech, and the power of private platforms to moderate content. The internet democratizes information but creates dilemmas regarding surveillance, accountability, and the balance between free expression and societal, legal, or constitutional limits. Online platforms enable global, instantaneous communication, allowing individuals to hold powerful actors accountable and, as documented in incidents like the killing of George Floyd, bringing injustice to public attention.

Private technology companies often act as gatekeepers, creating guidelines that may restrict content that is technically legal, blending state regulation with corporate censorship.

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The Problem of Misinformation and Hate Speech: The speed of digital information allows for the swift spread of harmful content, prompting calls for stricter regulation, such as the proposed Digital India Act, to define boundaries.

Courts continue to grapple with applying traditional, often vague, free speech laws to modern digital platforms, raising issues of "overbreadth" and the scope of protected speech, such as the right to express views that may not be truthful.

The digital era poses complex dilemmas where maintaining anonymity or privacy can clash with the need to identify those responsible for abuse or illegal speech. The future of free expression requires a framework that considers both the constitutional protections and the logistical realities of private, algorithmic control of speech.

- Find out the exposition part of the essay
- Identify the thesis statement in the essay
- Identify the topic sentence of the paragraph no.2
- Identify the discourse feature used in paragraph no.3
- Identify the amplifier device used in paragraph no.4
- Identify the transitional paragraph

VII. Write an essay in about 400 words using the given blue print:

1 x 10 = 10

Blue Print:

Television – its uses and abuse

- Exposition followed by thesis statement
- Topic sentence for the first paragraph
- Topic sentence for the second paragraph
- Transitional paragraph
- Topic sentence for the fourth paragraph
- Conclusion

VIII. Answer any one of the following:

1 x 10 = 10

- Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper presenting your views on the increasing sexual harassment for women in India.
- Write a letter to the manager of the company requesting permission for practical training.

IX. As a head of the institution write a circular to the staff at college regarding implementation of new office timings and instruct them to follow strictly.

1 x 5 = 5

X. Write a précis of the following passage:

1 x 10 = 10

It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. It is the case of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. The doctors also have the same problem. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still second.

XI. Write sentences using the following phrasal verbs:

5 x 1 = 5

- Waiting for someone
- Turn on
- Run out
- Put on
- Pick up

XII. Fill in the blanks with appropriate concord:

5 x 1 = 5

- Both Raja and Rani ----- (is / are) good at studies.
- The poet and philanthropist ----- (is / are) coming for the function.
- One of the teachers ----- (has / have) a good sense of humour.
- A citation, along with a cash award, ----- (were / was) given.
- Either he or you ----- (is / are) lying.