

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BCom / BBA / BCA / BVoc & BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(Third Semester)

Common to – BCom / BBA / BCA / BVoc & BSc PROGRAMMES

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH – III DEVELOPING ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SKILLS THROUGH LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION A

I Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in brackets. (5x1=5)

1. The train _____ before we reach the station. (Leave)
2. I was in a hurry, so I _____ time to phone you. (have)
3. I was very tired, so I _____ to bed early. (go)
4. It was hard work carrying the bags. They _____ very heavy. (be)
5. The candle _____ been burning for two hours now.

SECTION B

II Answer all questions in about 150 words.

(5x3=15)

6. a) To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
As tho' to breathe were life!

(OR)

- b) Money is our madness, our vast collective madness.
And no wonder, for money has a fearful cruel power among men.
But it is not money we are so terrified of,
It is the collective money-madness of mankind.
7. a) If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;

(OR)

- b) They used to laugh with their hearts
And laugh with their eyes:
But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice-block-cold eyes

8. a) Water is a remarkable substance. It has many unique properties that make it indispensable for life and civilization.

(OR)

- b) Good manners in speech mean speaking politely and pleasantly, not shouting or using bad language, not interrupting or contradicting, not boasting or lying.”
9. a) The rich accumulate wealth by exploiting the labour of the workers and by charging high prices for their products.

(OR)

- b) And though only 15, I was an experienced and fairly successful hand. Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25 — a tall, lean fellow — and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose.

10. a) What is the main conflict in the essay “The Bet”?

(OR)

- b) How did Joe and Delia discover each other's sacrifice for their art?

SECTION C**III Answer all questions in 350 words.****(5x6=30)**

11. a) What are some of the benefits and challenges of water conservation and management in India? Discuss with reference to C.V. Raman's article and your own observations.
(OR)
b) How does J.C. Hill illustrate the importance of good manners in human life and society? Discuss with reference to his examples and arguments.
12. a) How does Shaw critique the capitalist system and its impact on human intelligence, skill, and morality?
(OR)
b) "Ulysses is not happy to perform his duties as a king." Why?
13. a) What are the similarities and differences between the speakers' attitudes and experiences in the poems "Money Madness" and "Once Upon a Time"?
(OR)
b) How does the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling explore the qualities of a good leader and a good human being?
- 14 a) Compare and contrast the character of the banker and the lawyer.
(OR)
b) Throw light on how Joe and Delia's love, communication, and sacrifice shape their characters and influence their decisions.
- 15 a) Distinguish the major and minor characters of, "The Ugly Duckling" based on the incidents and turn of events in the play.
(OR)
b) Discuss the significance of the title "The Ugly Duckling". How does it relate to the plot, characters, and message of the play?

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