



II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A. Examination, October/November 2022
(NEP Scheme)
ENGLISH (L2)
Generic English – II

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* questions.
2) Write the question numbers correctly for *each* Section.

SECTION – A

Workbook – 40 marks

- I. Summarize the passage in **75-100** words and give a suitable title : **5**

This century is the age of science. We cannot imagine our lives sans Science. Science has become a part and parcel of our lives. Science has become a symbol of progress. The progress is in the field of medicine, education, industry, etc., and we enjoy the comforts of science in all fields. Science has developed an effective transport and communication system. Buses, cars, trains, planes have made transportation easy and comfortable, safe and fast. Man has even landed on the moon with the help of technology. In the field of medicine, science has worked wonders. Almost all kinds of diseases are entirely cured by modern drugs and medicines. Medicine has reduced pain and suffering. Electricity is another important scientific invention. The comforts of our life like electric lamps, refrigerators, fans , grinders, washing machines, etc. are all run by electricity.

Scientific methods of cultivation have solved the flood problem. The pests destroying the crops are killed immediately by pesticides. Poultry and sericulture are also improved. Thus, science is helpful in all walks of life and makes our life comfortable and happy.

- II. Do as directed :

1) Sharp object should be disposed of in hard plastic or metal containers with secure lids. The containers should be clearly marked and be puncturing resistant.

a) Find a word in the above passage which means 'Tight'. **1**

b) Write antonym for the word 'Marked'. **1**

P.T.O.



2) Add appropriate prefix or suffix to the following words :

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a) Resist

b) Remark.

3) Choose the appropriate word/phrase from brackets :

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a) I turned _____ when I dropped the water _____. (Pail/Pale)

b) Will the teacher give me a special _____ now that I'm on the honor _____ ? (role/roll)

III. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below : (1×5=5)

Comparisons of technology are often difficult to make, not only because of the rapid pace of improvements but also because of the many new applications that are available as time progresses. If we were to consider the contemporary graphing calculator and the calculation capacities of computing machines from fifty years ago, there would be astounding improvements between these two devices. However, the improvements are not reduced merely to speed improvements. A graphing calculator also has numerous output capacities that far exceed those available much older computers, none of which had the ability to represent their output in any manner even closely resembling that of contemporary devices. Merely consider the display capacities of such a device. These enable users to input many new kinds of information, enabling design engineers to design new hardware functions to match the new means of collecting user input.

The situation is even more obvious when one considers the numerous functions performed by a modern "smartphone". These devices are equipped with panoply of features. With all of these new functions come many new types of computational capabilities as well. In order to process images quickly, specialized hardware must be designed and software written for it in order to ensure that there are few issues with the phone's operation. Indeed, the whole "real time" nature of telecommunications has exerted numerous pressures on the designers of computing devices. Layers of complexity, at all levels of production and development, are required to ensure that the phone can function in a synchronous manner. Gone are the days of asynchronous processing, when the computer user entered data into a mainframe, only to wait for a period of time before the processing results were provided. Today, even the smallest of digital devices must provide seamless service for users. The effects of this requirement are almost beyond number.



Questions :

- 1) Why are the comparisons of technology often difficult ?
- 2) What is the special feature of graphing calculator ?
- 3) Pick out the word from the passage which means wide range or collection of things which are impressive.
- 4) Why is specialized hardware required for smartphones ?
- 5) What do designers of computing device ensure ?

IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in **a sentence or two** : **(2×3=6)**

- 1) What is Aggressive listening ?
- 2) Define verbal communication.
- 3) Mention any two listening barriers.
- 4) What are the first two stages of listening ?
- 5) Define comprehensive listening.

V. Change the following paragraph to reported speech. **3**

“How very well you speak Hindi!” Murali said. “I ought to know it”, Banu modestly said. “I learnt it in school, and moreover my mother is from Delhi.”

VI. Imagine your college invites Sudha Murthy to preside over the ‘Women’s Day’ celebration. Draft a vote of thanks for this occasion. **3**

OR

Prepare a speech to thank Registrar Evaluation VTU who inaugurated the ‘Literary Club’ in your college.

VII. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics : **5**

- a) Health and Healing at your fingertips.
- b) Frustration at the Airport.
- c) Social Responsibility in youth.



VIII. Write a dialogue between father and son about course selection after PU.

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OR

Complete the given dialogue by filling the blanks :

Mechanic : How can I help you, Sir ?

Car owner : _____ .

Mechanic : The engine has some _____ .

Car owner : _____ .

Mechanic : It may take a couple of days to repair it.

Car owner : _____ ?

Mechanic : I can try but can't guarantee anything.

Car owner : Ok then, I will leave the car. _____ .

Mechanic : _____ .

SECTION – B

Coursebook – 20 marks

IX. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences : (2×5=10)

- 1) What made the refugees leave their village in the story, 'The Refugee'?
- 2) What does nuclear Sun refer to in the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 3) In the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' the poet describes the friend's heart as _____ and _____ .
- 4) The 'well' mentioned in the story 'The Corpse in the Well' was frequently used by the villagers. (True/False)
- 5) Why did the constable yell at Anna, in the story 'The Corpse in the Well'?
- 6) Who gave the old man a silver coin in the story, 'The Refugee'?
- 7) When did Ivan get angry with the General in the story 'The Death of the Government Clerk' ?

X. Answer **any two** of the following questions in a paragraph : (5×2=10)

- 1) Comment on the embarrassment faced by Ivan in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk'.
- 2) The story 'A Corpse in the Well' criticizes the attitude of society towards Mahar community. Explain.
- 3) Describe the plight of the refugees as narrated in the story 'The Refugee'.
- 4) Why does poet thank his friend in the end of the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' ?
