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II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Sc.(FAD)/B.V.A. All Science Courses  
Degree Examination, September - 2023

ENGLISH

Generic English (Language English - II) (Lingua Franca-II)

Paper : II

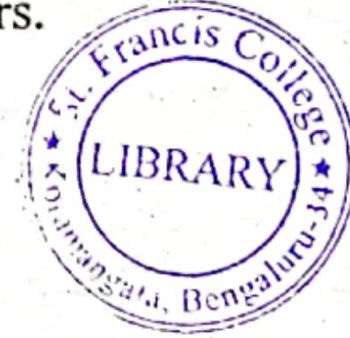
(NEP CBCS Freshers and Repeaters Semester Scheme)

Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

*Instructions to Candidates:*

1. Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.
2. Write the question number correctly.



SECTION - A

(Workbook - 40 marks)

I. Answer the questions set on the given passage and suggest a suitable title : (5×1=5)

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration. Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favour. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern Peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98

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days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

1. What was the age of 16<sup>th</sup> century important for?
2. Why did Ferdinand Magellan lose the king's favour?
3. What were the five ships that left Spain exploring?
4. How was Magellan killed?
5. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

II. Do as directed any Five of the following.

(5×1=5)

1. Choose the correct synonym for the word given below :

Abolish

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|--------------|------------|
| a. Setup     | b. Remove  |
| c. Establish | d. Mistake |

2. Choose the correct antonym for the word given below :

Humble

- |          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| a. Meek  | b. Difficult |
| c. Proud | d. Neat      |

3. Add a suitable affix to the word given in brackets and fill in the blanks :

The flower is \_\_\_\_\_ (beauty).

4. Frame two sentences using the given homonym.

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5. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone in the given sentence :

The wound will \_\_\_\_\_ over time. (heel, heal)

6. Frame a sentence using the following collocation.

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## III. Do as directed :

1. She has \_\_\_\_\_ question to ask. (Fill in the blank with a suitable article).
2. Keep the bottle \_\_\_\_\_ the fridge. (Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition).
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the park when it started raining. (Fill in the blank with a suitable verb form).

## IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable tense forms.

(3×1=3)

1. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) karate class every day.
2. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a watch for my birthday.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Mumbai tomorrow.

## V. Change the dialogue given below into reported speech :

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Natasha : What time is it? We are going to be late!

Tara : It is a quarter after seven. We are on time. Don't panic.

Natasha : But I thought we had to be at the restaurant by 7:30.

Tara : Sure we will. The party starts at 8:00.

Natasha : Can you call the restaurant and ask them where we park our car?

## VI. Your friends have planned to attend a musical at palace ground. Write a dialogue between your parents and you seeking permission to attend it.

(1×5=5)

## VII. Answer any two of the following questions in one/two sentences :

(2×2=4)

1. Mention any two categories of communication.
2. Name any two differences between verbal and non - verbal communication.
3. What is the percentage of communication that is verbal?

## VIII. Write a paragraph on the given topic in not less than TEN sentences.

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## IX. You have invited an eminent writer as the chief guest to your College Annual Day. Prepare a welcome speech, using the profile given below.

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Arundhati Venkatesh, children's writer from Bengaluru, Food, a recurring theme in her books for both younger and middle readers \_\_ with characters like Junior Kumbhakarna and Petu pumpkin, who just love to eat. Her latest release, Koobandhee \_ The Advantures of Bala and the Book - barfing Monster hit shelves just this month and tackles another theme that is close to her heart ..... books! With some sibling rivalry and feminism thrown in for good measure, She nurtures dreams of writing in the hills a la Ruskin Bond, she can't imagine

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doing what she does in any other city than Bangalore. Some stories she has written - Junior

Kumbhakarna ; Pettu Pumpkin : Tiffin thief, Retu Pumpkin : Tooth Troubles Bookasura-  
The Adventures of Bala and the Book - eating Monster, and Koobandhee - The Adventures  
of Bala and the Book - barfing Monster.

(OR)

Prepare a vote of thanks for the same occasion as mentioned above.

**SECTION - B**

**(Course Book - 20 marks)**

**X.** Answer any **five** of the following in a word/phrase/sentence :

**(5×1=5)**

1. What did Sir Richard Ottaway suggest?
2. What do tabloids do to celebrities in the poem 'Celebrity'?
3. Whom did the Gandhis share a home with in Johannesburg?
4. Who opposed Lohia?
5. Who does Titania fall in love with when the love juice affects her?
6. Why does Bhagavata say that lord Ganesha is mysterious?
7. What virtue does Devadutta represent?

**XI.** Answer any **one** of the following in about a page :

**(1×5=5)**

1. Write a note on the state on handloom weavers of India before the British came and after.
2. How did Tagore and Gandhi differ from each other's views about English?
3. How do bankers treat poor people? What are your views on it?

**XII.** Answer any **one** of the following in about two pages.

**(1×10=10)**

1. Describe the debate between Gandhi and Polak in their views of English Education.
  2. Bring out the role of Puck in the extract 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
  3. Comment on the transformation in the understanding of talent in our present society, with reference to the poem 'Celebrity'.
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