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**I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (Music) Degree Examination,
January/February - 2025
GENERAL ENGLISH
(SEP Scheme)**

Time : 3 Hours**Instruction to Candidates:**

- 1) Answer all the questions.
- 2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**SECTION - A
(Literary Components)**

- I. Answer any Five of the following in a sentence or two each. (5×2=10)**
1. What is 'Xanadu' as described in the poem 'Kubla Khan'?
 2. In the poem 'Hope' *is the thing with feathers* refers to _____
 3. What was the alternative arrangement Shubha's grandfather made in place of desire to learn music by her grandmother?
 4. What request did Saugandhi's father make to conductor?
 5. The sage Durvasa angrily said Samba will deliver _____
 - a) boy
 - b) girl
 - c) twins
 - d) neither boy nor girl but dead wood
 6. Mention the names of the narrator's children in the story 'Confessions of a Humorist'.
 7. Mention any two things Abraham Lincoln urges the teacher to teach his son.
- II. Answer any Four of the following in about a page each. (4×5=20)**
1. How does Coleridge draw visual pictures in the poem 'Kubla Khan'?
 2. According to the poet where does Hope live in the poem 'HOPE' - *the thing with feathers*? Explain.
 3. Write a short note on motherhood as presented in the article, 'Making Music Shubha Mudgal',
 4. Attempt a character sketch of Saugandhi's father.
 5. Briefly describe the prank played on Durvasa and its consequences.
 6. 'JRD Tata's letter is loaded with guiding principles;. Elucidate.

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**III. Answer any Two of the following in about two page each.****(2×10=20)**

1. Write a note on description of nature Presented in the poem, *Kubla Khan*,
2. Describe how passion for music and motherhood has been managed very well by Shubha Mudgal.
3. Discuss the attitude about marriage displayed by different characters in the story, *'Saugandhi Talking to Herself'*.
4. 'Abraham Lincoln's letter is not a mere letter to the teacher, but it is a code of conduct for everybody. Explain.

SECTION - B**(Language Components)****IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.****(5)**

Reading is a fundamental skill that plays a vital role in our lives. It's not just about deciphering words on a page but about the doors it opens, the knowledge it imparts, and the worlds it allows us to explore. Reading is an essential tool for learning, expanding our horizons, and fostering imagination. When we read, we acquire knowledge. Whether it's reading textbooks, newspapers, or online articles, we gain information that helps us understand the world. Books, in particular, are a treasure trove of knowledge. They contain the wisdom of generations, the discoveries of great minds, and the stories of diverse cultures.

Reading books can educate us on history, science, literature, and countless other subjects. It's like having a mentor, guiding us through the complexities of life.

Reading also broadens our horizons. It exposes us to different viewpoints, perspectives, and experiences. When we read about characters from various backgrounds or explore far-off lands through the pages of a novel, we step into their shoes and see the world from a different angle. This broadening of perspective fosters empathy and understanding, making us more tolerant and open-minded individuals.

Furthermore, reading fuels our imagination. Whether it's a fantasy novel, a science fiction story, or a compelling mystery, books transport us to other worlds and challenge us to envision the unimaginable. Our minds become the canvas, and words paint the pictures. It's a magical experience that ignites creativity and inspiration.

Moreover, reading is a skill that transcends academic boundaries. It's not just about scoring well on tests; it's about developing critical thinking, analytical skills, and the ability to communicate effectively. A person who reads regularly is likely to have a broader vocabulary, better writing skills, and an improved ability to express their thoughts and ideas.

In our modern digital age, reading has taken on new forms. E-books and audiobooks have made it more accessible and convenient. With just a few clicks or taps, we can access a vast library of literature. However, there's something timeless and intimate about holding a physical book, flipping its pages, and smelling the scent of paper and ink.



In conclusion, readings not just a hobby; it's a cornerstone of education, personal growth, and cultural enrichment. It empowers us with knowledge, broadens our perspectives, ignites our imagination, and equips us with essential skills. Whether we're reading for pleasure, information, or self-improvement, reading is a journey that enriches our lives and shapes us into more informed, empathetic, and creative individuals

1. What are some of the benefits of reading mentioned in the passage?
2. How does reading broaden our horizons?
3. What are the advantages of reading physical books compared to digital formats?
4. How does reading enrich our lives and shape us as individuals, according to the passage?
5. Suggest a suitable title to the passage.

V. Do as directed.

A) Fill in the blank with the suitable article from the brackets.

The school has organized _____ excursion to North India. (a, an) (1)

B) Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition from the brackets.

_____ 16th December, Vijay Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the victory of Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. (on, in) (1)

C) Fill in the blank by selecting the appropriate linker form the brackets. (1)

_____ former CM S. M. Krishna's sad demise, state mourning is observed for three days. (because, since, on account of)

VI. Do as directed.

A) Fill in the blanks using the correct tense forms of the verbs from the brackets. (2×1=2)

1) _____ meditation helps in concentration and very focused mindset. (do)

2) By the time we had reached the cinema hall, the movie had already _____. (begin)

B) Add suitable question tags to the following statements. (2×1=2)

1) Lithium is a key element used in ceramics, glass, telecommunication and aerospace industries. _____?

2) Voters should not get carried away by the false promises of political parties. _____?

C) Frame questions for the following sentences so as to get the underlined word/s as the answer. (2×1=2)

1) Sanjay Malhotra is appointed as the 26th Governor of the RBI for three-years term.

2) On December 12, 2024 Gukesh D has become the youngest world chess Champion.

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**VII. Do as directed.**

- A) **Fill in the blank with the right synonyms given below.**
Winning trophy was a/an _____ task for the team. (difficult, arduous) (1)
- B) **Choose the correct antonym for the word given below.**
The arrogant behavior led to his _____ (disqualification/misqualification) (1)
- C) **Fill in the blank by adding suitable affix to the word given in brackets.**
Candidate should not attempt answering MCQs if he/she is _____ about the answer. (doubt) (1)
- D) **Frame two sentences each for the homonym 'book' in different contexts.** (2)
- E) **Write a suitable homophone for the word 'know'.** (1)

VIII. Answer the following in a sentence each.

(4×1=4)

1. What is Oral Communication?
2. Mention any two advantages of written Communication.
3. Give two examples of body language.
4. What is Visual Communication?

IX. Change the sentences to reported speech.

(3×1=3)

1. My friend said. 'I am going to watch Puspa-2 movie this evening, can I book ticket for you as well?'
2. "You have jumped the signal, pay the fine", said the traffic policeman.
3. "Why don't you go to a doctor, don't do self-medication" mummy said.

X. Write an imaginary dialogue between the bank clerk and a customer regarding opening an account in the bank.

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