

**FOUR YEAR B.A./B.Com./B.Sc./B.C.A./B.B.A./B.Music./B.Dance./B.A.(O.L)/  
B.H.M./B.VOCATIONAL IN DAIRYING AND ANIMAL  
HUSBANDRY/B.VOCATIONAL IN HORTICULTURE  
(ALL GROUPS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE/JULY -2024**

**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM**

**SECOND SEMESTER**

**PART-I(A) - GENERAL ENGLISH**

**PAPER-I: A COURSE IN READING AND WRITING SKILLS**

*(Under CBCS New Regulation w.e.f. the academic year 2023-24)*

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 75**

**I. Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

**(3×5=15)**

- a) Give a critical analysis of the poem, "Ulysses"
- b) Write Noun forms for the following words by adding a Suffix:
  - i) Communicate
  - ii) Organise
  - iii) Develop
  - iv) Analyse
  - v) Provide
- c) Write One Word Substitutes for the following.
  - i) One who does not have a definite belief about whether God exists or not.
  - ii) A great lover of books
  - iii) That which cannot be believed.
  - iv) One who is present everywhere.
  - v) Imaginary perfect society or place.

d) Match the following into appropriate collocations:

| A          |     | B          |  |
|------------|-----|------------|--|
| 1. Fast    | ( ) | A. Warming |  |
| 2. Global  | ( ) | B. Play    |  |
| 3. Gender  | ( ) | C. Jam     |  |
| 4. Role    | ( ) | D. Bias    |  |
| 5. Traffic | ( ) | E. Food    |  |

e) Explain: "Tis not too late to seek a newer world".

II. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions.

(3×5=15)

- How does A.J. Cronin's "The Best Investment I Ever Made" explore the theme of the value of human connections and relationships over material wealth?
- Who was Florence Nightingale, and what role did she play in the history of nursing, particularly during the Crimean War?
- How did Florence Nightingale earn the nickname "The Lady with the Lamp," and what significance does it hold in her legacy as a nurse and healthcare reformer?
- Write the differences between Skimming and Scanning.
- What are the advantages of Skimming and Scanning in Reading Comprehension?

III. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions.

(3×5=15)

- Describe narrator's encounter with the girl selling baskets in "Night Train at Deoli" and its significance in the story.
- Discuss the theme of infatuation portrayed in "Night Train at Deoli"
- Write the summary of "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" in your own words, highlighting the main ideas and emotions conveyed by the poem.
- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Albert Einstein, known for his brilliance in physics, had a reputation for being absentminded. One day, as he was traveling to deliver a lecture at a university, Einstein's driver, who resembled him in appearance, offered a suggestion.

"Professor Einstein," said the driver, "I've heard your lecture so many times that I could deliver it myself. Why don't you take a break and let me do it?"

Einstein, amused by the idea, agreed and swapped places with his driver. As the driver

delivered the lecture, Einstein, disguised as the driver, sat among the audience, enjoying the role reversal.

To his surprise, the driver delivered the lecture flawlessly, capturing Einstein's ideas and theories with remarkable accuracy. However, during the question-and-answer session that followed, a particularly challenging question was posed.

The driver, unfazed, replied, "Well, the answer to that question is quite simple. In fact, it's so simple that I'll let my driver in the audience answer it."

The audience burst into laughter as Einstein, still disguised as the driver, stood up and provided the correct answer, much to everyone's amusement.

This anecdote highlights Einstein's playful nature and his ability to find humor in everyday situations, even while sharing his profound insights with the world.

- i) Which word in the passage means 'exchanged'?
- ii) How did Einstein react to the driver's suggestion? (Choose the right option)
  - a) He declined the offer and delivered the lecture himself.
  - b) He swapped places with the driver and let him deliver the lecture.
  - c) He laughed at the driver's suggestion but continued with his plans.
  - d) He fired the driver for proposing such an idea.
- iii) How did the driver perform during the lecture?
- iv) What happened during the question-and-answer session?
- v) What does the anecdote reveal about Einstein's personality?

**e) Make Notes on the following passage.**

Climate change poses significant threats to biodiversity worldwide. Rising temperatures and erratic weather patterns are disrupting ecosystems, leading to habitat loss and fragmentation. This displacement forces species to migrate, impacting genetic diversity and increasing extinction risks. Moreover, climate change affects reproductive cycles and behaviours, causing mismatches in key life events like flowering and migration. These disruptions exacerbate existing threats like habitat destruction and pollution, pushing species towards extinction. Urgent action is needed to address these challenges. Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect natural habitats, and promote sustainable practices are essential. By mitigating climate change impacts, we safeguard biodiversity and maintain ecosystem services vital for human well-being. This requires global cooperation and policy interventions to ensure a sustainable future for all life on Earth.

**IV. Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

**(3×5=15)**

- a) Describe the feelings of the mother as presented in the poem "Night of the Scorpion".
- b) Rome was not built in a day. Expand the idea
- c) Write a critical analysis of the poem, "Night of the Scorpion."
- d) What is an agenda of a meeting? What is its significance?
- e) Imagine that you have been the student convener of cultural activities of your college. Prepare a notice inviting students to participate in the competitions in connection with Annual Day Celebrations of your college.

**V. Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

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- a) Provide a summary of "An Astrologer's Day" in your own words, highlighting the key events and characters in the story.
- b) Prepare a CV for the job you are aspiring to get.
- c) Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about frequent interruptions to power supply in your area.
- d) What is E-Correspondence? What are its advantages?
- e) Write an email to the principal of your college for leave of absence as you have to attend the marriage of your sister.