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 **BBAENLN 201/BHMENLN 201**

**II Semester B.B.A./B.H.M. Examination, September 2022
(NEP 2020) (Effective for Batches Commencing From 2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)
ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE IN ENGLISH (AECC)
L2 – Generic English**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Unit – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Although most people know how to read, not everyone likes to read. But reading can be a pleasurable experience. First, you need to carefully choose a book or other material to read. A fabulous place to find good books is your public library. If you have difficulty finding a good book, ask a librarian. Librarians are highly trained to help people match books with their interests. They can even find a book for you that is audio-recorded. That way, you can listen to the words while reading them, too. Once you have your book, find a comfortable place. This can be an easy chair at home or a lawn chair in your yard. Some people like to read in bed.

Others like to read on a beach towel. Just be sure to find a place that is comfortable for you. Be sure that your reading place is well lit. You need your eyes to read and your eyes need light. But too much light can make reading difficult. Most people prefer a place to read that is not too noisy. Too much noise can distract you from what you are reading. Finally, many readers like having a glass of water close by. Snacks add to the reading experience, too. Now you are ready to start reading. Try not to read too quickly. You should read at a pace that you find comfortable. Feel free to read orally or silently to yourself – it really doesn't matter. Reading should be a fun experience. These tips will definitely help make reading enjoyable !

1) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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II. Do as directed.

1) Choose the right **synonym** from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence.

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a) The movie was absolutely remarkable; gorgeous scenery, a wonderful story and beautiful music.

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- 2) Fill in the blanks with appropriate **antonym** of the word underlined; 1
- a) It's just that it is something very private, and I simply cannot talk about it in _____
- 3) i) Fill in the blanks with the correct **homophone** from the options given in brackets. 1
- a) You _____ sugar to make a cake. (knead/need)
- ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single **homonym**. 1
- a) The curtains are a good _____ for the sofa.
- b) The _____ with so many ups and downs finally ended in a draw.
- 4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable **prefix** or **suffix**. (2×1=2)
- a) The store will be closed for an _____ period. (definite)
- b) Surely, a diplomatic solution is _____ to war. (prefer)
- 5) i) Match the word in Column A with the right **collocation** given in Column B. 1
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------|----------|
| Stage | i) fear |
| | ii) worm |
| | iii) bag |
- ii) Fill in the blanks with the right alternatives given in brackets. 1
- a) You may not see reeds in a library but you can _____ about them. (read/reed)

- III. Read the above passage and pick **two** words that are related to the central theme of the passage. (2×½=1)
- a)
- b)

Unit – II

IV. Do as directed.

- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in the reported speech. (3×1=3)
- a) Ashok said, "My cousin has been ill since last week".
- b) He said to us, "Let us return home".
- c) "Do they live here" ? said the stranger.

- 2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below. (1×3=3)
- a) Imagine that you are a patient suffering from severe headache and you go to a doctor to consult him. Write a dialogue based on this situation.
- b) Two classmates discussing the merits and demerits of advertisements.

- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is one-third of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary: (1×3=3)

There is an enemy beneath our feet – an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything that human mind can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes, and it is possible that at some time in the near future they will have discovered a means of protecting earth from earthquakes.

An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst, and gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. In 1968 an earthquake struck Alaska. As this is a relatively under-populated part, only a few people were killed. But it is likely that this was one of the most powerful quakes ever to have hit the world. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet farther west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire subcontinent! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that human power cannot hope to resist them.

All that can be done is to try to pinpoint just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can then be taken to save lives and some of the property. (301 Words)

- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below. (1×3=3)
- a) Write a welcome speech for the inauguration of the Students' Welfare Association.

- b) A retired soldier is the chief guest on the occasion of the Independence Day Celebration in your town. Write a short speech introducing him to the audience.
- c) Imagine that you are traffic police sub inspector. Draft an expository speech to a group of college students on road safety.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay. **(1×8=8)**
- a) Junk food and its effects on health.
(Digestive imbalance – impact on emotional and mental development – premature aging – addiction – obesity, BP and other health issues – economic burden on the self and the society.)
- b) Benefits of reading books.
(Reading books as a habit – builds vocabulary – increases cognitive ability – increases knowledge – reduces stress – helps in emotional development – stronger analytical skills – improves concentration – improves writing skills.)

Unit – III

- V. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Describe the magic touch that the moonlight gives to the landscape as illustrated in Walter de la Mare's *Silver*.
 - 2) Discuss the central theme of Rabindranath Tagore's *Breezy April*.
 - 3) Do you think that death is a major theme of Brooke's *The Soldier*. Discuss.
- VI. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Assess the qualities that made Indra Nooyi's life a success story.
 - 2) Examine the role of the individual in the success of democracy as enunciated in Aruna Roy's essay.
 - 3) "Kalam's success in rocket technology lies in the fact that he made it his religion, his mission". Discuss.
- VII. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words. **(2×5=10)**
- 1) Briefly explain how Indra Nooyi managed to fulfill her parenting duties.
 - 2) Summarize Kalam's views on 'flow'.
 - 3) What purpose does the reference to the charwoman serve in the essay *Worship of the Wealthy*? Explain.
 - 4) How does mistake in print result in enjoyment for the readers? Elaborate with examples from *In Praise of Mistakes*.
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BCAENLN 201

II Semester B.C.A. Examination, July/August 2023
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)
L2 – GENERIC ENGLISH (NEP 2020)
(2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

- I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Meditation has been practised for thousands of years. Meditation originally was meant to help deep understanding of the sacred and mystical forces of life. These days, meditation is commonly used for relaxation and stress reduction. Meditation is considered a type of mind-body complementary medicine. Meditation can produce a deep state of relaxation and a tranquil mind. During meditation, you focus your attention and eliminate the stream of jumbled thoughts that may be crowding your mind and causing stress. This process may result in enhanced physical and emotional well-being. Meditation can give you a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. You can also use it to relax and cope with stress by refocusing your attention on something calming. Meditation can help you learn to stay centered and keep inner peace. These benefits don't end when your meditation session ends. Meditation can help you carry on more calmly through your day. Meditation may help you manage symptoms of certain medical conditions. When you meditate, you may clear away the information overload that builds up every day and contributes to your stress. Meditation might also be useful if you have a medical condition, especially one that may be worsened by stress. While a growing body of scientific research supports the health benefits of meditation, some researchers believe it's not yet possible to draw conclusions about the possible benefits of meditation.

- 1) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 1
- 2) Choose the right synonym from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence. 1
- Can you work under pressure ?

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II. Do as directed.

1) Fill in the blank with the appropriate antonym of the word underlined. 1

Imbalance in nature is caused by cutting trees.

2) a) Fill in the blank with correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1

She has not visited me for _____. (years/ears)

b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1

i) He _____ help the needy as he has resources to do so.

ii) They supplied fresh sweet lime juice brought in a _____.

3) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in the brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix. (2x1=2)

a) Do not _____ him with work. (load)

b) After a day's hectic work, one needs _____. (relax)

4) i) Match the word in Column A with the right collocation given in Column B. 1

Column A	Column B
Peace	adviser
	lover
	speaker

ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternative given in brackets. 1

Will you help me with _____ money ? (some/sum)

III. Read the passage on page 1 and pick two words that are related to the central theme of the passage. 1

a)

b)

UNIT – II

IV. Do as directed.

1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech. (3×1=3)

- a) He said, "I live in Bombay".
- b) She asked me, "What is your name ?"
- c) The old man said, "Please help me".

2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below. (1×3=3)

- a) Rajan and Shivan are making plans for the weekend.
- b) Two classmates discussing their favourite movies.

3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is one-third of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary. (1×3=3)

A person with good manners shows respect towards feelings and sentiments of others living in the surroundings. He/she never differentiates people and shows equal regard to everyone. Modesty, humbleness, kindness and courtesy are the essential traits of a well-behaving person. Hence, a well-behaved person never feels proud or arrogant and always take care of the feelings of others. Practising good manners and following them all through the day will definitely bring sunshine and add qualities to life.

These good manners are necessary for all. Some good manners which we can practise in our daily life are we must learn the habit of sharing things. We should be helpful, polite and humble to others in every possible way. We must use the words 'sorry', 'please', 'thank you', 'excuse me' as and when required. We must behave in a good way with humble respect to our teachers, parents, elders and senior citizens. We should always maintain cleanliness at home, school and all other public places. We should not use any offensive or abusive language to others at home or any other place.

Good manners creates an effective interaction with friends as well as makes a good impression on a public platform. It helps us to be positive throughout the day. Therefore, parents must help their kids to inculcate all possible good manners in their habit. (223 words)



- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below. **(1×3=3)**
- Your college is celebrating International Women's Day and you have been asked to welcome the gathering at the event.
 - An IT professional is the Chief Guest for the IT Fest of your college. Introduce him/her to the audience.
 - Imagine that you are a doctor and are enlightening the students on health and hygiene.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay. **(1×8=8)**
- The kinds of books you like to read.
(The genre you like – why ? – who introduced it to you – the first titles you read in the genre – the other titles that have interested you – your favourite authors in the genre – the titles you look forward to reading).
 - Importance of Education.
(Role of education in an individual's life – how does creativity get enhanced with education ? – empowerment by education – areas where education is needed – role of education in the society).

UNIT – III

- V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- Write an analysis of the poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".
 - How does the poet want to make 'love fruitful in service' in the poem, Song 36 from Gitanjali ?
 - What is the significance of memory in the poem 'The Punishment in Kindergarten' ?
- VI. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- What are the reasons that led Gandhi to choose voluntary poverty ?
 - Write an analytical study of the character Rosemary in 'A Cup of Tea'.
 - Explain the guiding principles of Subroto Bagchi's life which he shares with young professionals in 'Go Kiss the World'.
- VII. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each**. **(2×5=10)**
- According to 'Knowledge and Wisdom', why is wisdom necessary in education ?
 - Explain the significance of the last words uttered by Subroto Bagchi's mother in 'Go Kiss the World'.
 - In what way is Rosemary different from other people in 'A Cup of Tea' ?
 - Why did Gandhiji decide on voluntary poverty ?

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BASENCN 202

**II Semester B.A. Examination, July/August 2023
(NEP – 2020) (2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)**

ENGLISH OPTIONAL

Paper – A4 : Indian Writing in English (Part II) (DSCC)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A

I. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300 words each**. **(2×10=20)**

- 1) What were the major themes found in the Post-Independence Indian English poetry ?
- 2) Discuss the growth of Post-Independence Indian English fiction.
- 3) Enumerate the development of post – 1980s Indian English literature.
- 4) Explain the different stages of growth of Post-Independence prose.

SECTION – B

II. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in about **100 words each**. **(2×5=10)**

- 1) Discuss any two of the Post-Independence Indian English novelists.
- 2) Write a short note on any two of the Post-Independence Indian English poets.
- 3) Discuss any two of the Post-Independence Indian English playwrights.
- 4) Write a brief note on any two of the Post-Independence Indian English writers.

SECTION – C

III. Answer **any three** of the following in about **300 words each**. **(3×10=30)**

- 1) How does A. K. Ramanujan describe his ancestral house in *Small Scale Reflections on a Great House* ?

OR

- 2) Attempt an analysis of Syed Amanuddin's *Don't Call Me Indo-Anglian*.

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3) Explain the historical background of the novel, *Train to Pakistan*.

OR

4) Analyse 'Train to Pakistan' as a post-colonial novel.

5) Describe the plight of the Hijra community as discussed in the play *Seven Steps Around the Fire*.

OR

6) Attempt the character sketch of Anarkali in *Seven Steps Around the Fire*.

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(NEP 2020)**

**L-2 : GENERIC ENGLISH
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

About a hundred years ago, whenever an operation was performed, the patient would cry out in agony because he felt the surgeon cut his flesh. But now serious operations are performed without pain, and thousands of lives are saved. James Simpson was the first to discover and use the pain-killing power of chloroform. James was born into a poor family. So in his childhood, he not only helped his father on holidays but also helped the village doctor.

But he was horrified by the dire suffering of the people who came to the hospital for treatment. He now made it his life's mission to find new inventions that would prevent so much pain. Simpson did many experiments and finally discovered chloroform. Now the patient is not afraid of the operation.

Suggest a suitable caption for the above passage.

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II. Do as directed :

1) Choose the right synonyms from the passage for the underlined words in the following sentences :

(2×1=2)

a) My ankle began to throb and I cried out in anguish.

b) We were frightened by her dreadful prediction.

2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym :

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a) We believe in the _____ of prayer.

b) He is a man of wealth and _____.

P.T.O.



3) Match the word in Column – A with the right collocation given in Column – B. 1

Column – A	Column – B
Street	i) wise
	ii) bag
	iii) smart

4) Use the words given below in sentences of your own : (2x1=2)

The specific meaning of the words in the context has been given :

- a) Prevent : Keep something from happening or hold back.
- b) Discover : Find or bring to light.

UNIT – II

III. 1) Rewrite **any three** of the following sentences in active or passive voice as directed in the brackets : (3x1=3)

- a) The bank will provide us a housing loan.
(Change into passive voice by using the word 'we')
- b) The thief was arrested by the police.
(Change into active voice)
- c) The dogs have not been fed today.
(Change into active voice, begin the sentence with 'no one')
- d) They have played cricket.
(Change into passive voice)

2) Rewrite the following sentences in the reported speech : (3x1=3)

- a) The prisoner said, "I was walking along the street".
- b) Shilpa said, "Where are you going ?"
- c) He said, "I have completed my work".

- 3) Write a dialogue in about **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×4=4)
- a) Two classmates discussing the merits and demerits of advertisements.
 - b) Two friends discussing the various ways in which they can improve their English communication skills.
- 4) Write a brief newspaper report in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics given below : (1×4=4)
- a) Job Fair.
 - b) No Tobacco Campaign.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the topics. Use the hints given below the topic to develop the essay : (1×8=8)
- a) Daily practices for a healthy lifestyle.
Proper food, hygiene – proper environment – good hobbies for mental and physical health – physical exercise – disciplined time management – proper rest and sleep – family and healthy home environment.
 - b) Yakshagana – Karnataka's Pride
Folk art form based on mythological stories and belief systems – types – costumes – characters and performers – as an expression of the nation's culture and heritage – new formats and innovations.

UNIT – III

- IV. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : (1×10=10)
- 1) How does Maya Angelou contrast the free bird and the caged bird in the poem 'Caged Bird' ?
 - 2) Explain the central idea of the poem 'Wall' by D.S. Dadhalkar.



(1×10=10)

V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 1) Explain the theme of money versus relationship as evident in the story 'Money'.
- 2) How does Sheila Nayampalli Baruva highlight the theme of loneliness in the story 'Alone' ?
- 3) Nature is necessary for our physical and mental health. Discuss with reference to the lesson 'Homeless in the Global Village'.

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** :

(2×5=10)

- 1) What, according to the wife, was her husband's loss in the story 'Money' ?
- 2) What holiday task did the boys have to do for the History class in the story 'The Toys of Peace' ?
- 3) Describe the first teacher's appearance in the lesson 'Cartooning'.
- 4) How does development destroy the bond between man and nature in the lesson 'Homeless in the Global Village' ?

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**II Semester B.Sc./B.Sc. (FND)/B.Sc. (HS)/B.Sc. (CS)/B.Sc. (FD)/
B.Sc. (GD)/B.Sc. (ID&D)/B.Sc. (LD&D)/B.Sc. (A&VE)/B.Sc. (FT)/
B.Sc. (Home Science) Examination, July/August 2023
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)
L2 – GENERIC ENGLISH (NEP 2020)
(2021-22 Batch Onwards)**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

In biomedical research, cloning is broadly defined to mean the duplication of any kind of biological material for scientific study, such as a piece of DNA or an individual cell. For example, segments of DNA replicated exponentially by a process known as polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, a technique that is used widely in biological research. The type of cloning that is the focus of much ethical controversy involves the generation of cloned embryos, particularly those of humans, which are genetically identical to the organisms from which they are derived, and the subsequent use of these embryos for research, therapeutic, or reproductive purposes.

Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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II. Do as directed :

1) Choose the right synonym from the above passage for the underlined word in the sentence :

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I faced a similar situation last year.

2) Fill in the blank with the appropriate antonym of the word underlined :

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It is not ethical to support _____ issues.

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- 3) i) Fill in the blank with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1
The speaker _____ after speaking for five minutes. (paws/pause).
- ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1
a) The man was punished for his _____ act.
b) I did not _____ any harm to my friend.

- 4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in the brackets by adding a suitable prefix/suffix. (2×1=2)
- a) He reacted to the story with _____. (belief)
b) Mr. Roy was _____ interested in the study of stars. (particular)

- 5) i) Match the word in Column A with the correct collocation given in Column B : 1
- | A | B |
|-----------|--------------|
| a) Launch | a) a paper |
| | b) a deal |
| | c) a product |

- ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternative given in the brackets : 1
I am planning to buy a _____ in Mysore. (cite/site)

- III. Read the passage on page 1 and pick two words that are related to the central theme of the passage. (2×½=1)
- a)
b)

UNIT – II

- IV. Do as directed :
- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech : (3×1=3)
- a) The boy asked the stranger, "Can you help me find my way to the station ?"
b) The manager said, "The committee will be meeting us tomorrow".
c) "Are you going to Bangalore to fetch your brother ?" said Roy to his friend.
- 2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences on **any one** of the following situations. (1×3=3)
- a) Two friends sharing their views about the movie they watched recently.
b) A student of B.Sc. discussing career opportunities with the placement officer.

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- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is **one-third** of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary.

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Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them, our purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realize this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life. It is not enough just to choose the first system of education one finds; or to continue with one's old system of education without examining it to see whether it is in fact suitable or not.

In many modern countries it has for some time been fashionable to think that, by free education for all-whether rich or poor, clever or stupid – one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough. We find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees they refuse to do what they think 'low' work; and, in fact, work with the hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries.

But we have only to think a moment to understand that the work of a completely uneducated farmer is far more important than that of a professor; we can live without education, but we die if we have no food. If no one cleaned our streets and took the rubbish away from our houses, we should get terrible diseases in our towns. In countries where there are no servants because every-one is ashamed to do such work, the professors have to waste much of their time doing housework.

In fact, when we say that all of us must be educated, we mean that all of us must be educated in such a way that, firstly, each of us can do whatever job is suited to his brain and ability, and secondly, that we can realize that all jobs are necessary to society, and that it is very bad to be ashamed of one's work, or to scorn someone else's. Only such a type of education can be called valuable to society.

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- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the following topics. 3
- a) A welcome speech on the occasion of a cultural fest in college. The event will be inaugurated by a singer. Prepare a welcome speech for the event.
 - b) Introduce the chief guest of the Youth Day celebration of your college.
 - c) An argumentative speech that is for and against the New Education Policy.

- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay : 8
- a) Importance of sports
Purpose of education — bring out physical, mental and spiritual potential — sports activities guarantee intellectual proficiency — ensure a healthy body and a sound mind — encourage large — heartedness, generosity, tolerance, confidence, fearlessness — tournaments develop healthy competition.
 - b) Advantages of travelling
Urge to travel — inborn instinct — helps to learn — face challenges — troubles — solve issues — meet strangers — helps to grow — be confident.

UNIT – III

V. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words. (1×10=10)

- 1) What concern does the poet Niyi Osundare express in the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 2) How does the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' trace the growth of friendship from childhood to adulthood ?

VI. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words. (1×10=10)

- 1) Elaborate on the crime committed in Mr. Soames' office in 'The Adventures of the Three Students'.
- 2) Describe the plight of the refugees and their suffering in 'The Refugees'.
- 3) How does Tcherviakov anger General Brizaloff in 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?

VII. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **100** words each. (2×5=10)

- 1) Write a note on Bannister in 'The adventure of the Three Students'.
- 2) How, according to Tabish, do human beings differ from other organisms as stated in 'Ignorance isn't Bliss' ?
- 3) How are the mahars treated in the story "A Corpse in the Well" ?
- 4) Describe the old refugee in 'The Refugees'.

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L-2 : GENERIC ENGLISH (as per NEP 2020)
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course Language (AECC)
(2021-22 Batch Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Verona is a lovely city, rich in history with quiet medieval streets and splendid buildings of an exquisite pale honey color. Romeo and Juliet are reputed to have lived there. Bombed in the recent wars, it has lost its brides, but not its gaiety or charm. The city casts spells of illusions on the viewers' eyes. There are vintage trains with many berths. Taking a stroll in the city street is like taking a step back in time. It lessens one's repressed burdens.

Suggest a suitable caption for the above passage.

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II. Do as directed :

(2×1=2)

1) Choose the right Synonyms from the passage for the underlined words in the following sentences :

a) The city had many grand buildings.b) Taking a walk in the mornings is good for health.

2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a Single homonym :

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a) The magician _____ a spell on the audience.

b) The _____ of the drama were very talented.

3) Match the word in Column A with the right Collocation given in Column B.

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Column A	Column B
Annual	i) Forces
	ii) Turnover
	iii) Management

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- 4) Use the words given below in Sentences of your own : (2×1=2)
The specific meaning of the words in the context has been given.
a) Lovely : attractive and beautiful or pleasant and enjoyable.
b) Repressed : to prevent feelings, desires or ideas from being expressed.

UNIT – II

- III. 1) Rewrite **any three** of the following sentences in active or passive voice as directed in the brackets : (3×1=3)
- We are shortlisting candidates for the interview.
(Change into passive voice using the word 'being')
 - The bridge was being repaired by our soldiers.
(Change into active voice)
 - The audience saw a man walking up to the stage.
(Change into passive voice, begin the sentence with 'a man')
 - Did you understand the lesson ?
(Change into passive voice)
- 2) Rewrite the following sentences in the Reported speech : (3×1=3)
- "What a beautiful bracelet !" Jacob said.
 - Tony said to his teacher, "Please give me another day to complete my work".
 - The guest said, "Why is the room so stuffy ?"
- 3) Write a dialogue in about **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×4=4)
- Two friends discussing online classes.
 - Father and daughter discussing the purchase of a new two wheeler.
- 4) Write a brief Newspaper report in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics given below : (1×4=4)
- Inauguration of a new shopping mall.
 - Blood donation camp.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the topics : (1×8=8)
Use the hints given below the topic to develop the essay.
- Pros and cons of online learning.
(Efficiency — affordability — accessibility — use of ICT — updated knowledge sources — helps in visual learning — less safe for health — inability to focus on screens because of distractions — no hands-on experience — disadvantages of the lack of the physical presence of a teacher)



b) Should plastic bags be banned ?

(Plastics — man made material — also a man made disaster — cost of production — cheap-popular material for factories and consumers — our lives — never — plastic free — dumped as garbage after use — bacterias cannot degrade plastic — pollutes environment, air, water and land)

UNIT – III

IV. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) What are 'Wall's, according to the poet and why does he want to demolish them ? Explain with reference to the poem 'Walls'.
- 2) What does the caged bird aspire for and how does it express its desire ? Explain.

V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Discuss the geographical and mythological significance of Gandmardhan forests with reference to the lesson ' Homeless in the Global Village'.
- 2) Explain R. K. Narayan's journey into Cartooning.
- 3) Anasuya did not have anyone except her loneliness. Explain with reference to the lesson 'Alone'.

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** : **(2×5=10)**

- 1) Discuss the meeting of the two women with the son-in-law at the end of the lesson 'Money'.
 - 2) What kind of toys did Harvey bring for his nephews in the story "The Toys of Peace" ?
 - 3) Why did Anasuya employ a part-time maid ? Discuss with reference to the lesson 'Alone'.
 - 4) Why was the author's mother happy and how did his father react in the lesson 'Cartooning' ?
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**II Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD)/B.V.A. Examination, September 2022
(Effective for Batches Commencing from 2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)
(NEP 2020)**

(Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)

ENGLISH

L2 – Generic English

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Mallika Srinivasan (b. 1959) is an Indian industrialist who currently acts as the Chief Executive Officer of Tractors And Farm Equipment (TAFE). She is the recipient of several illustrious awards, including the First Business Woman of the Year Award for India which she received from BBC, Business Woman of the Year Award which was given to her by the Economic Times, and Entrepreneur of the year in the field of manufacturing, from Ernst and young. She has been given the title of 'Tractor Queen' by many members of the media for her success in the tractor industry. The media has also ranked her as one of India's most powerful businesswomen. Born on 19 November 1959 in Chennai, in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, Mallika Srinivasan grew up listening to her father discussing business with the family at the dinner table. Her father's attitude to business taught Srinivasan a lot, shaping her into the industrialist she became. In school, she performed well, showing a keen understanding of business and economic principles. Her father had suggested that she study Literature, but she disregarded his advice. She pursued an MA in econometrics from Madras University instead. During that period of time she also got married to Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of the motorcycle manufacturer TVS Motor Company. However, Mallika was not content with an idle life. She decided to study abroad to further enhance her skills.

1) Identify the central theme of the passage.

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II. Do as directed.

1) Choose the right **synonym** from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence. 1

a) She enjoyed a long and famous career as a film producer.

2) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate **antonym** of the word underlined. 1

a) Success and _____ are the two sides of the same coin.

3) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable **prefix** or **suffix**. (2x1=2)

a) Though he is forty, he is still _____ (married).

b) It is necessary for the youth to think about personal growth and career _____ (enhance).

4) Match the word in Column A with the right **collocation** given in Column B. (2x1=2)

No.	Column A	Column B
1.	Warm	i) apology ii) welcome iii) thanks
2.	Stage	i) hatred ii) wand iii) fear

UNIT – II

III. Do as directed.

1) Rewrite **any two** of the following sentences in reported speech. (2x1=2)

a) Arun said, "It is time to leave for the meeting".

b) I said to the teacher, "Please explain the topic to me".

c) The guest said, "Why is the room so stuffy" ?

2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below. (1x4=4)

a) Two friends discussing the merits and demerits of films.

b) Daughter asking mother's permission to buy a new smartphone.

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- 3) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics given below. **(1×4=4)**
- a) Write the story of a movie that you have seen or a novel that you have read, in your own words.
 - b) A large tree in your backyard.
- 4) Write a speech in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below. **(1×4=4)**
- a) You are the Secretary of the Arts Association of your college. Prepare a welcome speech for the inauguration of the association.
 - b) A famous sports person has visited your town to inaugurate a newly-built stadium. Write a short speech introducing him to the audience.
 - c) Draft an argumentative speech that is for or against online teaching in higher education.
- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics. Use the hints given below the topic to develop the essay. **(1×8=8)**
- a) Benefits of reading books.
(Reading books as a habit-builds vocabulary – increases cognitive ability – increases knowledge – reduces stress – helps in emotional development – stronger analytical skills – improves concentration – improves writing skills)
 - b) Our responsibility towards environment.
(Nature's processes in delicate balance – man's responsibility for sustenance of his environment – the importance of natural ecosystems – the need for sustenance rather than commercialization – save the biodiversity of earth – responsibility towards future generations)

UNIT – III

- IV. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**
- 1) What is the theme of the poem, 'Of Mothers, Among Other Things' ?
 - 2) How does Nissim Ezekiel depict the worm in the poem, 'The Worm' ?

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V. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words. **(1×10=10)**

- 1) "Nathu's words uttered in a moment of frustration lead to far-reaching consequences" – Elaborate.
- 2) Explain the significance of the title, 'The All Seeing Blind'.
- 3) What is the central idea of Maupassant's story, 'Two Friends' ?

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words. **(2×5=10)**

- 1) Why did Nathu grumble to himself ? How did Sitaram try to help him ?
- 2) What did Morrisot and Sauvage do every Sunday before the war ?
- 3) How does Loknath describe his dream to his mother ?
- 4) Why does Satyarthi think that we have failed to impart an education to our children ?

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B.Sc. (GD)/B.Sc. (ID & D)/B.Sc. (LD & D)/B.Sc. (A&VE)/B.Sc. (FT)/
B.Sc. (Home Science) Examination, September 2022
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)
L2 GENERIC ENGLISH (As per NEP 2020)
(Batches Commencing from 2021-22 Batch Onwards)**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

One could be struck in awe if they could relive the earth's geological past. Huge beasts such as the dinosaur have never really become extinct. Mothra, a giant caterpillar who later becomes a moth, destroys Tokyo and stars in the 1962 Japanese film named after him. The famous Japanese cult Mothra is born, dies and reborn regularly on classic movie channels. In Japan, Mothra is one of the most popular films ever made. Mothra has survived the creation of more current scary creatures such as giant apes, extra-terrestrial beings and swamp creatures. More than 30 years after his creation, Mothra still lives. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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II. Do as directed :

1) Choose the right synonym from the above passage for the underlined word in the sentence :

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The present situation in Taiwan is fragile.

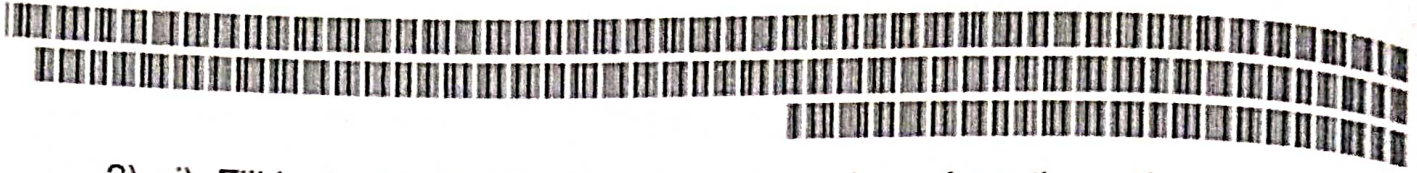
2) Fill in the blank with appropriate antonym of the word underlined :

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_____ and destruction are nature's ways of balancing life.

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- 3) i) Fill in the blank with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1
She shifted to Singapore shortly after walking down the _____.
(isle/aisle)
- ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1
a) The advocate was asked to file a _____ against the rioters.
b) He was wearing an ill-fitting _____.
- 4) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix : (2x1=2)
a) Aditya's personality is a _____ of intelligence and wit. (combine)
b) Students tend to _____ matters of urgency. (look)
- 5) i) Match the word in Column A with the correct collocation given in Column B : 1
- | A | B |
|---------|------------------|
| a) Draw | i) a frame |
| | ii) a conclusion |
| | iii) a picture |
- ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternative given in brackets : 1
The Cheetah darted at _____ speed. (lightening/lightning)
- III. Read the above passage and pick two words that are related to central theme of the passage. (2x½=1)
a)
b)

UNIT – II

- IV. Do as directed :
- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech : (3x1=3)
a) 'The girl in blue is a fabulous singer', said Amandeep.
b) The President of the organization said, 'Let us meet on the first of every month to report the progress'.
c) The little girl said to the passerby, 'Will you give me a plate of rice to feed my sick brother' ?
- 2) Write a dialogue in ten to twelve sentences on any one of the following situations : (1x3=3)
a) Two students discussing their intended tour to New Delhi.
b) A mother and her daughter discussing the job opportunities available to them after relocating to Mumbai.

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- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is **one-third** of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary. 3

Whales are the largest and most powerful creatures on earth. They live in all of the oceans of the world. Whales are mammals. They are warm-blooded. They are called Cetaceans. Whales are social creatures. They travel in groups called pods or schools. They breathe through their nostrils, called blowholes. They must surface above the water to breathe. The blowhole is on top of the whale's head. When whales breathe out, this vapor looks like a fountain. The blowhole is closed when the whale dives below the ocean. Some whales can stay under the water for up to an hour.

Sperm whales are the largest of the toothed whales. They have a huge square snout. These snouts contain almost a ton of oil. Early whale hunters went after the sperm whales. They live off the coast of North America and sometimes move to the polar seas. A whale's flippers balance and steer the creature. The two parts of its tail are called flukes. They move up and down and push the whale through the water. The mother whale is called a cow. Her baby is born under water. She pushes it up to the surface for its first breath. The baby calf can swim immediately.

Whales make many different sounds. The humpback whale sings. It may emit high-pitched screams or low throbs for up to fifteen minutes. Their songs have been recorded. They seem to be able to sing six different songs. Gray whales talk in grunts, cracking sounds and whistles. Beluga whales are called canaries because of their singing. Whales are very intelligent. The U.S. Navy has trained small whales for secret work. Whales can be trained for rewards of fish and attention. **(283 words)**

- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the following topics : 3

- a) Your college is hosting an inter-collegiate English literary festival. It will be inaugurated by the noted novelist Arundathi Roy. Prepare a welcome speech for the inaugural event.
- b) Your college has invited Madhuri Dixit, acclaimed film personality, to address the students on International Women's Day. Write a short speech to introduce her.
- c) Write an argumentative speech that is for or against reservation of seats for women in public transport.

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- 5) Write an essay in about 200 words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay :

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- a) Perils of watching too much television :

(Watching TV a ubiquitous practice – content of TV programme often questionable – effect on younger generation – gender stereotyping – waste of time – loss of reading habit – lack of physical activity – effects on children and intellectual development – need to emphasise positive uses of TV).

- b) Road safety :

(Are roads safe for pedestrians and motorists ? – recent data on road accidents – its implications – major causes of accidents – inefficiency of emergency handling system – government's efforts – road regulations and their effectiveness – citizen's responsibility to ensure safety)

UNIT – III

- V. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 200 words. (1×10=10)

- 1) Highlight the atrocities inflicted by humans on nature as depicted in the poem 'Earth Never Dies'.
- 2) How does the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' trace the growth of friendship from childhood to adulthood ?

- VI. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 200 words. (1×10=10)

- 1) How does Holmes solve the case of Mr. Hilton Soames ?
- 2) How does the story 'A Corpse in the Well' bring out the theme of oppression ?
- 3) Bring out the pathos in the story 'Refugees'.

- VII. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 100 words each. (2×5=10)

- 1) Why does Bannister try to protect Gilchrist ?
 - 2) Briefly highlight Tabish's arguments to prove that books are more reliable than the internet.
 - 3) Elaborate on how Tcherviakov irks General Brizaloff.
 - 4) Why were the city dwellers unhappy about the influx of the refugees ?
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