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III Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, December/January-2025/26

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

**Embolden-III**

**(SEP Scheme)**

**Paper - III**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

1. Answer questions from all the Sections
2. Mention the question numbers correctly

**SECTION - A**

**LITERARY SKILLS**

**I. Write short notes on any Two of the following:**

**(2×5=10)**

- a) Biff Loman
- b) Ben
- c) Happy Loman



**II. Answer any One question in about 2 pages.**

**(1×10=10)**

- a) Describe the father-son relationship in the play 'Death of a Salesman.'
- b) Analyze 'Death of a Salesman' as a modern tragedy.
- c) Explain the American dream as depicted in the play 'Death of a salesman.'

**III. Answer any Four questions in about a page each:**

**(4×5=20)**

- a) Explain how mentorship and opportunity play a crucial role in shaping Virat Kohli's career?
- b) Trace the journey of Steve Jobs from Apple to Next.
- c) How did the mother bring her child up despite the challenges in the poem 'Mother'?
- d) What does Walt Whitman reveal about America its people, culture, and values in the poem 'I Hear America Singing'?
- e) How does Rajkumar recount some of Virat Kohli's training sessions at WDCA?

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## SECTION - B

## COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS

IV. Prepare 5 slides for the presentation on any One of the following. (1×5=5)

✓ Online Education

Importance of parks in cities

V. Read the following passage and answer the following questions. (5×1=5)

The elephant is the largest of all living animals and the strongest. It is a strange-looking animal, with its thick legs, huge sides and back, large hanging ears, small tail, little eyes, long white tusks and above all, its long nose, called trunk. The trunk is the elephant's unique feature, and it puts it to various uses. It draws up water by its trunk, and can squirt it all over its body like a shower bath; and with it, it picks leaves from the trees and puts them into its mouth. In fact its trunk serves the elephant as a long arm and hand. Elephants look very clumsy and heavy, and yet they can move very quickly when they like. Elephants are found in India and in Africa. The African elephant differs in some points from the Indian counterpart, being larger, with longer tusks and bigger ears. In fact the two are considered to be different species. In both countries, they live in herds in the jungles, and are naturally shy animals who keep away from humans.

Elephants are great in size and strength though they live entirely on leaves of trees, grass, roots and bulbs. Elephant is a very intelligent animal, and its intelligence combined with its great strength, makes it when tamed, a very useful servant to man, and it has been trained to serve in various ways. Elephants can carry heavy loads and they are used to draw heavy wagons and big guns that would require many horses. They are very skilful too in carrying timber. The trained elephant will kneel down, lift a heavy log of wood with its tusks, carry it to the place where it is wanted, and lay it exactly in position. In olden days elephants were used in battles, and all Indian Rajas had their regiments of trained fighting elephants. And they still have their place in state processions, when they are painted with bright colours and covered with silk and velvet clothes.

- a) What is unique about an elephant?
- b) Mention the various uses of elephant's trunk?
- c) How are elephants of Africa different from those of India?
- d) How is an elephant useful to us?
- e) In the olden days elephants were used in \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Rearrange the jumbled sentences into a coherent paragraph. (5×1=5)**

- a) Last summer my family went on an amazing picnic in a park.
- b) Suddenly this small squirrel grabbed my delicious piece of pie off my plate and scurried off.
- c) To our surprise, we couldn't believe this hungry squirrel had invited himself to our family picnic!
- d) We brought freshly made ham sandwiches, apple pie and ice cold lemonade.
- e) While we enjoyed our picnic lunch under a tree, a small gray squirrel crawled close to us.

**VII. Develop a story based on the hints given below: (1×5=5)**

A tiger---became old----no longer hunting---tries a plan---it spreads--rumour- had golden rings---said would give away this ring--- a poor man----came near den--- caught----killed.

**VIII. Correspondence:**

- a) **Write a Resume and Cover Letter for one of the following: (1×5=5)**
- i) Write a cover letter to the Manager of Z Media House in Bengaluru for intern training

(OR)

- ii) Write an application for the post of a cashier in Karnataka Bank. The bank is looking for an aspirant with five years experience.

- b) **Answer any One (Formal Letter): (1×5=5)**

- i) Write a letter to Chamapaka-the President Kannada Vedike, inviting her to be the guest of honor for your college Kannada Rajyotsava.

(OR)

- ii) Draft a letter to your college Principal seeking permission for 10 days leave. Mentioning that you have to attend a family marriage.

- c) **Answer any One (Business Correspondence) (1×5=5)**

- i) You are planning a college trip to Sakaleshpura. Write a letter to the Director, KSTDC Karnataka tours and travels, enquiring about discounts, accommodations, itinerary, and safety measures.

(OR)

- ii) You have received the parcel of sports articles ordered by you, which are defective and old. Write a letter of complaint to New Sports, Bengaluru, the supplier of the sports articles.

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