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

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

**Embolden - I**

**(SEP Scheme)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

1. Read all the questions carefully and Answer.
2. Write the question numbers correctly.

**SECTION - A**

**(Literary Components)**

**I. Answer any Five of the following in a sentence or two each. (5×2=10)**

1. What is the expression on people faces in London, as seen by Blake?
2. Whose birthday does Paul wish to gift money?
3. What did Siddhartha see on his first journey outside the palace?
4. Who requested Michelangelo to hurry up with his painting?
5. Why does Brutus say Caesar had to be killed?
6. Where had the captain gone for four days? How captives did he have?
7. What is monocropping in the lesson "why the food we eat matters?"



**II. Answer any Four of the following in about a page each. (4×5=20)**

1. How does the poet address the subject of poverty in the poem 'London'?
2. The mother's perspective on money is instrumental in the leading Paul to his tragic end in the story 'The Rocking -Horse Winner.' Explain
3. How does Channa explain the inevitable truths of life to Siddhartha?
4. What were the reasons behind Michelangelo's initial hesitance to paint the Sistine Chapel?
5. How does Brutus defend his involvement in the murder of Ceaser?

**[P.T.O.]**

**III. Answer any Two in about two pages each.****(2×10=20)**

1. How does Mark Anthony change people's opinion about Caesar? Explain
2. Comment on the internal conflict in the mind of the barber in the story "Just Lather, That's all"?
3. What are the false assumptions' that colonialism and industrialism imposed on earth and food systems?

**SECTION - B****(Language Components)****I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.****(5×1=5)**

Holi celebrations start on the night before Holi with a Holika Dahan where people gather, perform religious rituals in front of the bonfire, and pray that their internal evil be destroyed the way Holika, the sister of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, was killed in the fire.

The next morning is celebrated as Rangwali Holi- a free-for-all festival of colours, where people smear each other with colours and drench each other. Water guns and water-filled balloons are also used to play and colour each other. Anyone and everyone are fair game, friend or stranger, rich or poor, man or woman, children, or elders. The frolic and fight with colours occur in the open streets, open parks, outside temples and buildings.

Groups carry drums and other musical instruments, go from place to place, sing, and dance. People visit family, friends, and foes to throw coloured powders on each other, laugh and gossip, then share Holi delicacies, food, and drinks. Some customary drinks include bhang (made from cannabis), which is intoxicating. In the evening, after sobering up, people dress up and visit friends and family.

1. Holika Dahan is performed
  - a) So that their internal evil is destroyed
  - b) To utilize the firewood at home
  - c) Because it is the night before Holi
  - d) As Holika was Hiranyakashipu's sister
2. Which are the two rituals followed during the Holi celebrations?
3. 'Bhang' is a customary drink made from \_\_\_\_\_, which is intoxicating.
4. Which word means "not intoxicated" in the passage
  - a) Free-for-all
  - b) Cannabis
  - c) Destroyed
  - d) Sober
5. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

**II. Fill each of the blanks with correct tense form of the verb given in the brackets:**

(5×1=5)

Last Summer, my family and I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (go) on a trip to the mountains. We (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) it for months, so everyone was excited. By the time we (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), the sun (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (set), and the sky was painted with beautiful shades of orange and pink. We (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (not expect) it to be so breathtaking.

**III. Do as directed:**

- 1) Choose the correct synonym for the word given below: (1)  
Brilliant (dull, intelligent)
- 2) Choose the correct antonym for the word given below: (1)  
Generous (Selfish, Kind)
- 3) Add suitable affixes to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)  
The manager was extremely (help)\_\_\_\_\_ during the crisis. Her leadership qualities never \_\_\_\_\_ (guide) the team members.
- 4) Write a suitable homophone for the word 'Rite'. (1)

**IV. 1) Frame questions to get the underlined word/s as the answer: (3)**

- a) Rajaneesh will bake the cake tomorrow
- b) Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and four-time Olympian Sharath Kamal were the flag bearers of India at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- c) The men pulled the animal out using ropes.

**2) Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: (2)**

- a) Amy's father is a pilot \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Many Youngsters cannot survive without their phones, \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Answer the following questions: (5×1=5)**

1. What is verbal communication?
2. Give any two examples of Non-verbal communication .
3. What is intra personal communication?
4. What is Haptics?
5. What is Kinesics?

**VI. Write a dialogue between a dentist and his patient: (5)**

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