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BCMENLN 101



I Semester B.Com./B.Com. (E.Com.) Examination, April/May 2022
L2 – GENERIC ENGLISH (NEP 2020)
(Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)
(2021– 22 Batch Onwards)
(Effective for Batches Commencing from 2021 – 22 Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60


UNIT – I

I. A) Skim the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow :

Here's something to think about the next time you go shopping. Have you ever noticed how many trolleys are available when you go to the supermarket ? In my experience, it seems like hundreds! But how about the number of hand baskets ? Invariably I struggle to find even one, especially when I only need a few items. Why might this be the case? Well it seems to be a tactic used to encourage us to buy more. If you are walking around with an empty trolley, you are more tempted to fill it, so if you are planning on only doing a quick shop, always try to find a basket. It will be lighter, easier to use and is sure to save you money !

- 1) What can you find in large numbers at a supermarket ? 1
- 2) Why is it a good idea to use a basket instead of a trolley ? 1
- 3) Does the passage recommend using trolley ? 1

B) Scan the following image/paragraph and answer the questions that follow :



BARGAIN bucket
Job VACANCY
Position – PART TIME SHOP ASSISTANT
Location: City Centre

Job Duties

1. Stacking Shelves
2. Serving customers
3. Packing bags

Days of work
Monday, Friday and Saturday
Hours of Work
9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Contact jobs@bargainbucket.uk to find out more

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- 1) This text is 1
a) an e-mail
b) an advertisement.
- 2) The job is 1
a) part time
b) full time.
- II. Rearrange the following details and write a bibliography in MLA format : 3
Year : 2017
Title : *The Secret Lives of Indian Mammals*
Name of the Publisher : Hachette
Author : Vivek Menon
Place of publication : Gurgaon.
- III. Write an editorial on **any one** of the following topics in about **100** words : 4
1) Global warming: effects on earth
2) Social networking websites.
- IV. Design a Brochure on **any one** of the following topics : 3
1) Covid vaccination camp to be held in your college.
2) An Inter-collegiate cultural fest.
- V. a) Write a covering letter to The Secretary, Mount Carmel Educational Institutions, Bangalore in response to their advertisement in *The Deccan Herald* for the post of an Assistant Professor of Commerce. 3
- OR
- b) Write an e-mail covering letter to The Correspondent, Jnanasamuha Institutions for the post of an assistant teacher in High School.
- VI. Answer **any one** of the following in **two** sentences : (1×2=2)
a) What is listening? What are the various types of listening ?
b) What is active and passive listening ?



UNIT – II

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VII. Write a script in about **eight** sentences for a job interview :

1) A candidate is attending an interview for the post of an Accountant in a reputed company. Answer the following questions asked by the Interviewer :

Interviewer : May I know your name ?

Candidate : _____

Interviewer : Why do you want this job ?

Candidate : _____

Interviewer : What are you looking for in this Job ?

Candidate : _____

Interviewer : Tell me more about yourself.

Candidate : _____

OR

2) Complete the following telephone conversation between Mahesh and the receptionist :

Receptionist : Hello, Dr. Peterson's office. How can I help you ?

Mahesh : _____

Receptionist : Certainly, are you ill at the moment?

Mahesh : _____

Receptionist : OK, Dr. Peterson can see you tomorrow. Can you come in the morning ?

Mahesh : _____

Receptionist : May I have your name ?

Mahesh : _____

VIII. Answer the following questions in about **four** sentences **each** :

(2×2=4)

1) Introduce your friend to your family in about four sentences.

2) Give instructions to open a Bank Account.

IX. State whether the underlined parts in the following sentences are Phrases or Clauses :

(4×1=4)

a) They were disturbed by the loud noise.

b) The Cat mews loudly, when it sees me.

c) When I went to Mysore, I met my friend.

d) Sita has been working here for twelve years.



X. Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blanks using the right form of tenses : (2×1=2)
a) I _____ that letter last week. (write)
b) I _____ him before. (see)
- 2) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets : (2×1=2)
a) Anil, together with his sister, _____ to school every day. (go / goes)
b) I wish I _____ her address. (knew / know)

XI. Write a speech on **any one** of the following in about **100** words. 4

- 1) Imagine that you have been elected the Vice-President of the College Students' Association. You are supposed to address the gathering of students and lecturers of the college.
- 2) Write a welcome speech for the Inauguration of the Students' Welfare Association.

UNIT – III

XII. Answer the following in about **100** words : (2×5=10)

- 1) How is Pneumonia personified in the story 'Last Leaf'?

OR

- 2) How did Suresh defend himself when Sohrab asked him about the unfair distribution of property ?
- 3) How does a tree convey the loyalty of the man who planted it ? Explain with reference to the poem 'Heart of the Tree' ?

OR

- 4) How does Khalil Gibran describe the concept of work in the poem 'The Ploughman' ?

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

- 1) Narrate the circumstances that led to the disappearance of the Python from the bathroom in the lesson 'All Creatures Great and Small'.
 - 2) How did the arrival of the teacher expose Hellen Keller to new experiences in life ?
 - 3) Comment on the dramatic change that takes place in the author's opinion about himself in the essay 'A Conversation with a Reader.'
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