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**BCMENLN 201**

**II Semester B.Com./B.Com. (E.Com.) Examination, July/August 2023  
(2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)  
(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. 2

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 : 1

a) We believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.

b) He is a man of wealth and \_\_\_\_\_.

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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.



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

(1×10=10)

- 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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