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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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