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BCAENLN 201

**II Semester B.C.A. Examination, June/July 2024
(2021-22 Batch Onwards) (NEP 2020)
L2-GENERIC ENGLISH (AECC)**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I



I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Once upon an unfortunate time, there was a hairy thing called 'man'. Along with him was a hairier thing called 'animal'. The man had a larger brain which made him think he was superior to animals. Some men thought they were superior to others. One of such men became the leader man. Leader man said, 'We have no need to work, we will kill animals to eat.' The knights working for the leader get on to their work.

Man increased and animal decreased. Eventually, leader man said, 'There are not enough animals left to eat. We must grow our own food.' So man grew food. Now, the only animal that had not been destroyed were tiny ones, like rabbits and mice, and these little animals were caught eating some of the man's crops. 'These animals are a menace. They must die,' said the leader. The leader and his knights even set the whole dry land on fire. When they poured more kerosene flames flared wildly.

In China they killed all the sparrows; in Australia, they killed all the rabbits; in India they killed all the snakes. Everywhere man killed all wildlife. By the time of spring, there was none, and all the birds were poisoned. Leader man said, 'At last we are free of pests.' All the animals became easy prey to the cruel man.

Man's numbers increased. The world became crowded with men who are wary of strangers. They all had to sleep standing up. One day a leader man saw some new creatures eating his crops. To have a better look at them, he pushed in the brake of his chariot. These creatures' name was 'the starving people'. 'These creatures are a menace !' said the leader man.

1) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 1

2) Choose the right synonym from the passage for the underlined word in the sentence. 1

It's only a small mistake.

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II. Do as directed :

1) Fill in the blank with appropriate antonym of the word underlined. 1

In the eyes of the Maker, no human being is _____ or inferior.

2) a) Fill in the blank with the correct homophone from the options given in brackets : 1

When you're ready to stop the car, push in the _____ and the clutch. (brake/break)

b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a single homonym : 1

i) The best way to spend one's _____ time is a purely subjective choice.

ii) The old couple received _____ entry/admission into the museum.

3) Fill in the blanks by modifying the words given in the brackets by adding a suitable prefix or suffix : (2x1=2)

a) Sometimes, dining with ones' own relatives is _____. (enjoy)

b) There was an _____ strike by the factory workers. (definite)

4) i) Match the word in Column A with the right collocation given in Column B : 1

Column A	Column B
Fabulous	rain
	water
	news

ii) Fill in the blank with the right alternatives given in brackets : 1
 You may not see reeds in a library but you can _____ about them. (read/reed)

III. Read the passage on page 1 and pick two words that are related to the central theme of the passage : 1

a)

b)



IV. Do as directed :

- 1) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech : (3×1=3)
 - a) The home minister said, "I want to make the city safe for everyone".
 - b) Kavitha said, "The birds are flying away".
 - c) I said to the teacher, "Please explain this question to me".
- 2) Write a dialogue in **ten to twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×3=3)
 - a) Two siblings discussing their plans to start their own business.
 - b) Daughter asking mother's permission to buy a new Smartphone.
- 3) Read the following passage and write a summary that is one-third of the original passage. Ensure that the main points of the passage are covered in the summary. (1×3=3)

Charity is a universal duty, which it is in every man's powers sometimes to practice, since every degree of assistance given to another on proper motives, is an act of charity; and there is scarcely any man in such a state of weakness that he may not on some occasion benefit his neighbour. He that cannot relieve the poor may instruct the ignorant, and he that cannot attend the sick may reclaim the vicious.

He that can give little assistance himself may yet perform the duty of charity by inflaming the ardor of others and recommending the petitions which he cannot grant, to those who have more power to bestow. The widow that shall give her mite to the treasury, and the poor man who shall bring to the thirsty a cup of cold water, shall not lose their reward. **(140 words)**

- 4) Write a speech in about **60** words on **any one** of the topics/situations given below : (1×3=3)
 - a) Imagine that you are trained in first aid. Draft an expository speech on the first aid to be administered in case of burning.
 - b) Your college is celebrating World Yoga Day. Prepare a welcome speech for the event.
 - c) Draft an argumentative speech that is for or against banning smoking in public places.



5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the following topics using the hints given below the topic to develop the essay : **(1×8=8)**

a) 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.)

b) Road safety.

(Are our roads safe for pedestrians and motorists ? — recent data on road accidents and its implications — major causes of road accidents — do we have a quick response system to these emergencies — government's efforts and road regulations — their effectiveness — what can citizen's do to ensure road safety.)

UNIT – III

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

- 1) Write a critical appreciation for the poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".
- 2) What is Tagore's vision for his country as expressed in song 36 of 'Gitanjali' ?
- 3) What is the poem 'Punishment in the Kindergarten' about ?

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

- 1) Explain the conflict between civilization and desire of ownership in 'Voluntary Poverty'.
- 2) Is the title of the story 'A Cup of Tea' appropriate ? Justify your answer.
- 3) Explain the guiding principles of Subroto Bagchi's life which he shares with young professionals.

VII. Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words each : **(2×5=10)**

- 1) What are the different examples the author uses to explain wisdom in the essay 'Knowledge and Wisdom' ?
- 2) Explain the essence of success expressed in the lesson 'Go Kiss the World'.
- 3) How can you say that Rosemary feels insecure about her own physical appearance ?
- 4) How does joy come from poverty according to M. K. Gandhi ?