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BCMENLN 201

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

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60



UNIT – I

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

The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations, which result in behavioural differences and sometimes, conflict among them, is usually called generation gap. The generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and children. It is not only because of the age gap but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children are very young and not mature enough to understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, even if the parents are matured, they do not empathize with the changing values and thinking pattern of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations.

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and do not take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression of the parents being authoritative persons because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by the children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing and what kind of mentality, is growing in them. This ultimately creates a gap between them. Changes in technology have led to the generation gap in the modern world.

Suggest a suitable caption for the above passage.

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II. Do as directed :

1) Choose the right **synonyms** from the passage for the underlined words in the following sentences : (2×1=2)

- a) The two parties resolved their dispute amicably.
- b) Finally, the better team won the match.

2) Fill in the blank in the following sentences with a single **homonym**. 1

- a) What a _____ weather for an evening walk !
- b) The principal asked him to pay a _____ of five hundred rupees.

3) Match the word in Column-A with the right **collocation** given in Column-B. 1

Column – A

Draw



Column – B

- i) A deal
- ii) A conclusion
- iii) A product

4) Use the words given below in sentences of your own. The specific **meaning of the word in the context** has been given : (2×1=2)

- a. Open : Free or unrestricted
- b. Gap : Difference in opinion.

UNIT – II

III. 1) Rewrite **any three** of the following sentences in active or passive voice as directed in the brackets : (3×1=3)

- a) The electrician can repair the switch.
(Change into passive voice)
- b) The doctor will ask her a few questions.
(Change into passive voice, begin the sentence with 'she')
- c) The antique was stolen.
(Change into active voice)
- d) Will the two-wheeler be bought by Neha ?
(Change into active voice)



- 2) Rewrite the following sentences in the reported speech : (3×1=3)
- a) She said to Geetha, "Will you teach me knitting ?"
 - b) Gopu said, "The bell has been ringing."
 - c) "Come home early", said Ramesh to his son.

- 3) Write a dialogue in about **ten** to **twelve** sentences choosing **any one** of the situations given below : (1×4=4)
- a) Two friends discussing their future plans.
 - b) A father and son discussing their plans to buy a new iPhone.

- 4) Write a brief newspaper report in about **100** words on **any one** of the topics given below : (1×4=4)
- a) No Tobacco Campaign
 - b) A road accident.



- 5) Write an essay in about **200** words on **any one** of the topics given below. 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 does the caged bird aspire for and how does it express its desire ? Explain.
- 2) Why does the speaker want to demolish the walls in the poem 'Wall' ?



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

- 1) Discuss the story 'Money' in the backdrop of social evil prevalent in the society.
- 2) Anasuya did not have anyone except her loneliness. Elaborate with reference to the lesson 'Alone'.
- 3) Elucidate on the author's journey into cartooning.

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

- 1) How was the dowry problem finally settled in the story 'Money' ?
- 2) What were the views of the National Peace Council ?
- 3) Why did marriage become a faraway dream to Anasuya ?
- 4) Why are bullets as well as bulldozers necessary to execute development projects ? Discuss briefly with reference to the lesson 'Homeless in the Global village'.

