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**BCAENLS 101**

**I Semester B.C.A. Examination, December 2024/January 2025  
(SEP) (2024-25 Batch Onwards)  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A  
(Prose)**



- I. A) Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) How does O. Henry blend humour and pathos in his story "The Cop and the Anthem" ?
  - 2) Discuss the qualities necessary for a passive resister as outlined by Gandhi. How do they enhance the practice of passive resistance ?
  - 3) How does "The Stolen Bacillus" represent the two faces of science – the constructive and the destructive ?
  - 4) "My Greatest Olympic Prize" displays the spirit of true sportsmanship. Elaborate.
- B) Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) Why does Soapy wish to go to prison in the story "The Cop and the Anthem" ?
  - 2) Why does Gandhi believe that historical evidence of soul-force or passive resistance is often absent in conventional history ?
  - 3) How is the destructive potential of the bacillus described in H. G. Wells' story "The Stolen Bacillus" ?
  - 4) How does the Aryan superiority theory or the master race theory form the backdrop of the essay "My Greatest Olympic Prize" ?
  - 5) How is the dead wife described in the story "Neyipayasam" ?

**SECTION – B  
(Poetry)**

- II. A) Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Give an account of the efforts of the villagers and the father to mitigate the effect of the poison in the poem "Night of the Scorpion".

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- 2) Discuss how the speaker's self-perception evolve throughout the poem "Sonnet 29" and what uplifts him in the end ?
  - 3) Comment on the title of the poem "I am not That Woman".
  - 4) Explain the significance of the title of the poem "Still I Rise" and how it relates to the themes of the poem ?
- B) Answer **any two** of the following in about **100** words **each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) What are the different reactions of the villagers when the scorpion stings the mother ?
  - 2) How might the poem "Sonnet 29" be interpreted as a commentary on the nature of true happiness ?
  - 3) Why does the speaker declare that she is not that woman selling socks and shoes in the poem "I am not That Woman" ?
  - 4) Why does the speaker reveal his identity in the poem "Telephone Conversation" ?
  - 5) How is oppression portrayed in "Still I Rise" ?



SECTION – C  
(Grammar and Composition)

UNIT – 1

- III. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it : **(5×1=5)**

Plato believed that education should be holistic, including facts, skills, physical discipline, music and art. He believed that talent and intelligence are not distributed genetically and thus it is found in children born to all classes, although his proposed system of selective public education for an educated minority of the population does not really follow a democratic model. Aristotle considered human nature, habit and reason to be equally important elements to be cultivated in education, the ultimate aim of which should be to produce good and virtuous citizens. He proposed that teachers must lead their students systematically, and that repetition should be used as a key tool to develop good habits, unlike Socrates' emphasis on questioning the listeners to bring out their own ideas. He emphasized the balancing of the theoretical and practical aspects of subjects taught, among which he explicitly mentions reading, writing, mathematics, music, physical education, literature, history and a wide range of sciences.

- a) What are not distributed genetically in Plato's view ?
- b) What is the ultimate aim of education, according to Aristotle ?

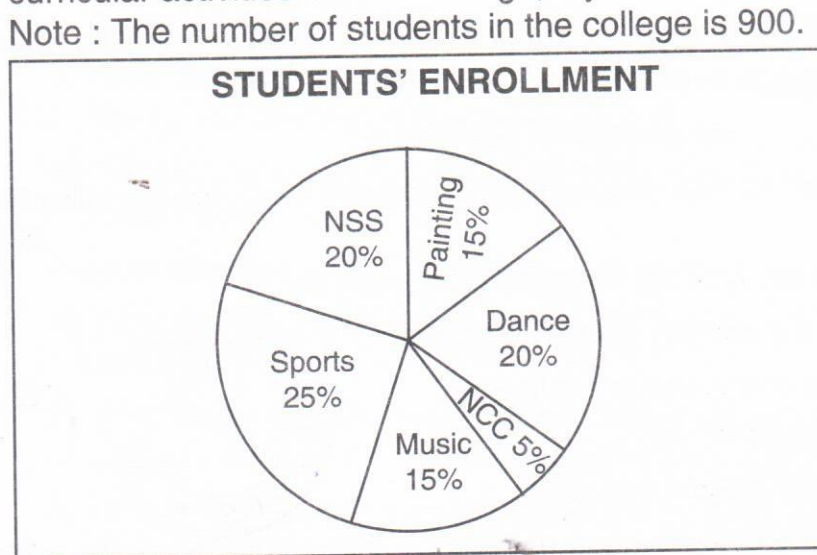


- c) Name the three equally important elements to be cultivated in education.
- d) What, in Aristotle's opinion, serves as a key tool to develop good habits ?
- e) Who laid emphasis on questioning the listeners to bring out their own ideas ?

IV. Using the following details write a bibliography in MLA format. 3

Title of the book : You Can Win  
Publisher : Macmillan  
Author : Shiv Khera  
Place of Publication : New Delhi  
Year of Publication : 2002

V. Write a paragraph based on the information provided in the following Pie Chart. The Pie Chart shows the number of students enrolled for various extra-curricular activities in XYZ College, Mysore. 5



VI. Answer **any five** of the following in **two** sentences **each** :

(5×2=10)

- a) What is "hearing" ?
- b) What is "passive listening" ?
- c) Mention any one benefit of "active listening".
- d) What is the purpose of brochures ?
- e) What does the content of a brochure convey ?
- f) How do advertisements influence perception ?



## UNIT – 2

- VII. Answer **any two** of the following in **four** sentences **each** : **(2×2=4)**
- How would you introduce your friend to your teacher ?
  - How would you request your neighbour to lend you his car ?
  - How would you enquire about the fees for a particular course in a college ?
  - How do you seek permission from your father to go on a picnic with your classmates ?
- VIII. Answer **any one** of the following in **four** sentences : **(1×3=3)**
- Give a set of instructions on how to create a Gmail Account.
  - Give a set of instructions on how to prepare apple juice.
  - Give a set of instructions on how to operate a new LED television.
- IX. Do as directed :
- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. **(2×1=2)**
    - The quality of these fruits \_\_\_\_\_ not good. (is/are)
    - The news \_\_\_\_\_ unbelievable. (was/were)
  - Choose the right answer from the options given and complete the following questions. **(2×1=2)**
    - \_\_\_\_\_ is your favourite singer ? (Who, What)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ far is the railway station from here ? (How, Which)
  - Add suitable question tags to the following. **(2×1=2)**
    - Sudha has not arrived yet, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
    - Smitha will surely accept this offer, \_\_\_\_\_
  - Complete the following sentences using the word within brackets and a suitable suffix from the given list. **(2×1=2)**
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ of these flowers is very impressive. (arrange)
    - There is no \_\_\_\_\_ between Pooja and her mother. (similar)  
(-ness, -ity, -ment, -ful)
  - Rewrite the following using an appropriate linker given within the brackets. **(2×1=2)**
    - John likes cricket \_\_\_\_\_ her brother prefers tennis.
    - Pinky did not attend the party \_\_\_\_\_ she was ill.  
(as, though, whereas)

