

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**BA / B.Sc. / B.Com / BSW / BBA (CBCS) I - Semester Examination, December 2024**

**(Common Paper for all Streams)**

**Subject: General English**

**Paper No. : I**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 80**

**PART – A**

**Note: Answer any five questions.**

**(5 x 4 = 20 Marks)**

1. Answer as directed
  - a. Salman watched a \_\_\_\_\_ of the movie. (prefix+ view)
  - b. Split the word 'inexhaustible' into its component prefix, root, and suffix.
  - c. I had to buy bread because I wanted to make some sandwiches. (convert 'bread' into a countable noun)
  - d. The meaning of the root 'phobia' is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Answer as directed
  - a. She went to a new \_\_\_\_\_ while her children went to the park to \_\_\_\_\_ (use the appropriate homonym)
  - b. If you park here, the police will \_\_\_\_\_ your car away. (use the appropriate homophone-tow/toe)
  - c. What kind of food do you like the \_\_\_\_\_? (use the right form of the adjective 'little')
  - d. My bungalow is \_\_\_\_\_ than hers. (use the appropriate form of the adjective 'large')
3. Answer as directed
  - a. This is a nice house. Has it got \_\_\_\_\_ garden? (use the appropriate article)
  - b. I went into shop and asked to speak to manager. (insert article where necessary)
  - c. The petrol is expensive. (rewrite the sentence by using the right article)
  - d. Our plants need a water. (add or remove article where necessary)
4. Answer as directed
  - a. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity. If u miss it, you will regret it. (use the right word to make a collocation)
  - b. You are going to have a \_\_\_\_\_ time in Singapore (use the right word to make a collocation.)
  - c. If anyone asks, tell \_\_\_\_\_ I will be back tomorrow. (use the suitable pronoun)
  - d. Rohan wants to do it \_\_\_\_\_ (use reflexive pronoun)
5. Fill in the blanks with the expressions of disagreement given below:  
The way I look at it.../ it seems to me that.../ I am sorry, but I disagree/ I quite like...
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ she's been given a good role in this movie. She's usually very good in tragic roles.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ her hairstyle. It makes her look younger.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_. The workers are far more willing than we think.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ people are more aware of environmental issues now than they were some years ago.

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6. Fill in the blank with short exchanges of clarification with the help of the clues given.

Geetha: Priya called to say that she will be arriving by the Shatabdi Express at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Madhu: \_\_\_\_\_ (Madhu asks Geetha what was said)

Geetha: \_\_\_\_\_. Priya's coming by the Shatabdi Express at 7 p.m. on Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_?  
(Geetha checks whether Madhu has got what she said)

Madhu: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. What are interpersonal skills? Mention any four ways of maintaining effective interpersonal skills.
8. Explain Johari window as tool of self-analysis.

**PART – B**  
**(Essay Answer Type)**

**Note: Answer all the questions.**

**(4 x 15 = 60 Marks)**

9. (a) Discuss the relevance of the poem, 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad' in the context of the *Swadeshi Movement*.  
**(OR)**  
(b) Explain the instances in the conversations in the story, 'The Eyes Are Not Here' where the narrator tries to cover up his disability.
10. (a) Summarize Kipling's poem, 'If' in your own words.  
**(OR)**  
(b) How according to the author, can bad manners and a poor temper affect society?
11. (a) Explain the meaning and significance of the line - "Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will/ To Strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield"  
**(OR)**  
(b) Who was Hubert le Ros? How did the author's farewell at the train station differ from le Ros' send-off?
12. (a) Do you think the poem, 'On His Arriving at the Age of Twenty-Three' ends on a hopeful note? Explain.  
**(OR)**  
(b) What did his experiences with public speaking teach Gandhi about himself?