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III Semester B.Sc./B.Sc.(FAD) B.V.A. Degree Examination,

December/January - 2025/26

GENERAL ENGLISH

Eloquentia - III

(SEP Scheme)

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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Read The Instructions.
2. Mention the question numbers correctly.



SECTION - A
(Literary Skills)

I. Answer in a page (Any Two)**(2×5=10)**

1. Write short notes on
 - a) Bharati
 - b) The bond between the twins Chandan and Tara
 - c) Roopa

II. Answer in about 2 to 3 pages (Any one)**(1×10=10)**

1. Critically examine the character of Chandan/Dan. How does his transformation reflect the play's exploration of guilt, identity and the search for redemption?
2. Examine the element of Gender discrimination through cultural and social institutions in the play 'Tara'.

III. Answer in a page each : (Any Four)**(4×5=20)**

1. Explain how C.V. Raman establishes water as the most precious and essential resource on Earth in 'Water: The Elixir of Life.'
2. Examine how the poem 'When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer' contrasts scientific analysis with an appreciation of nature firsthand.
3. How does the story 'There Will Come Soft Rains', explore the impact of technology, war, and societal choices on individuals and humanity?
4. Explore the resilience and dignity of a marginalized woman in a bustling urban environment as depicted in the poem 'An Old Woman'.
5. Walt Whitman's poem 'When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer' offers a contrast between intellectual analysis and personal experience. Justify.

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SECTION - B
(Communicative Skills)

IV. Prepare 5 slides for presentation on any One of the following. (1×5=5)

1. The importance of time management.
2. Social media : pros and cons.

V. Read the following passage and answer the following questions : (5×1=5)

The telephone is one of the most remarkable inventions in human history, changing the way people communicate forever. Before it existed, messages were usually sent through letters or telegraphs, which could take hours or even days to reach the receiver. The idea that two people could speak to each other instantly – even from faraway places – seemed impossible. But Alexander Graham Bell, a Scottish-born inventor, believed it could be done.

Bell grew up in a family deeply interested in sound and speech. His father worked on teaching methods for people with hearing difficulties, and Bell himself was inspired by his mother, who was hearing-impaired. This personal connection made him curious about how sound travels. As he grew older, he began experimenting with machines that could carry sound over distances.

In 1876, after many attempts and failures, Bell finally created the first working telephone. The breakthrough happened when he discovered how to change sound waves into electrical signals and then turn them back into sound. The very first words spoken through the telephone were Bell calling to his assistant : “Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you.” This simple sentence marked the beginning of a new era in communication.

The invention quickly gained attention. Soon, telephone wires were installed in cities, businesses, and homes. People were amazed by how easily they could reach others. Over time, the telephone evolved into the mobile phones and smartphones we use today. Alexander Graham Bell’s invention not only connected people but also laid the foundation for many modern technologies. His curiosity, dedication, and willingness to experiment changed the world in ways he could never have imagined.

1. How did people communicate over long distances before the telephone was invented?
2. What inspired Alexander Graham Bell to study sound and speech?
3. Name the major discovery that allowed Bell to create the first working telephone.
4. The very first words spoken through the telephone were Bell calling to his assistant: “Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you.” (True/False)
5. Why is Alexander Graham Bell’s invention still important today?

**VI. Rearrange the following sentences into a coherent paragraph. (5×1=5)**

1. In addition, participating in clubs, sports, and cultural activities fosters leadership, teamwork, and creativity.
2. College life is a unique phase that shapes a student's personality and future.
3. Therefore, a balanced approach to academics and extracurricular activities ensures a fulfilling and successful college experience.
4. Firstly, it provides opportunities to gain knowledge through diverse courses and academic challenges.
5. Moreover, interacting with peers and professors helps develop social skills and builds a strong network.

VII. Develop the story based on the hints given below. (1×5=5)

One bright day in late autumn, a family of Ants were bustling about in the warm sunshine, drying out the grain they had stored up during the summer a starving Grasshopper with a musical instrument under his arm came up and begged for a bite to eat.

'Oh 'cried the Ant in surprise, 'haven't you anything for the winter?'what were you doing in the hot sunshine of the season of?'

'I didn't have timeany food', cried the Grasshopper. 'I was busy making musicand before I knew it the season of was gone.

The Ants shrugged their shoulders in disgust..... 'Very well, now dance!' and they turned their backs on and went on with their work saying time for workand time for play.

VIII. Correspondence**1. Write a CV and Cover Letter for one of the following. (1×5=5)**

'Amazon India' requires young graduates for their Marketing Section, Bengaluru. Graduates with good communication skills and a minimum of two years of experience preferred. Apply to the HR Manager, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru.

(OR)

Aakash International School is inviting application for a Physics Teacher. Candidates should be graduates from a recognized university with 2-3 years of teaching experience and good communication skills. Apply to the Principal. Draft a resume and a cover letter for the above advertisement given in 'Deccan Herald' dated 10th December 2025.

2. Formal Letter (1×5=5)

Write a letter of enquiry to Head of the Department, Delhi University, New Delhi in regard to a short-term course on 'Cyber Security' you wish to pursue.

(OR)

Write a leave letter to your class teacher requesting for one week leave in order to attend a family function assuring your teacher that you will complete all pending work at the earliest.

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3. **Business Correspondence**

(1×5=5)

You are unhappy with the facilities provided by an international hotel, Bengaluru during your two week stay at the hotel. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the Hotel.

(OR)

You are organizing a trip to Pondicherry. Write a letter to Magic Tours enquiring about the student concessions in regard to entry fare, accommodation, itinerary and budget.

IX. **Commercial Writing**

(1×5=5)

Mr. Kumar wishes to rent out his 3 BHK House in Central Bengaluru. Draft an advertisement of not more than 50 words.

(OR)

Design a poster about an awareness program on 'Environment' you wish to organize as part of the NSS Team.

REFERENCE BOOK

