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I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. and Other Courses Degree**Examination, January/February - 2025****GENERIC ENGLISH****Language English-I (ENVISION-I)****(NEP Scheme, Freshers and Repeaters)****Time : 2½ Hours****Maximum Marks : 60****Instructions to Candidates:**

- 1) Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.
- 2) Write the question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A**(Work book)****(40)****I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it:****(5×1=5)**

Social institutions, especially the family, strengthen gendered definitions of femininity and masculinity. In earlier times, women were confined to the four walls of the home, immersed in household chores, looking after the husband and children and catering to all their necessities and demands. In fact, the role of a woman within the family was that of an angel by the hearth who created a peaceful heaven away from the husband's hectic work schedule. She was also her children's mother and cared, shared and nurtured. In the process, she was also the repository of all the male stress and tension. She had no legal or social rights, and familial or domestic abuse that could be both physical and/or emotional was rampant.

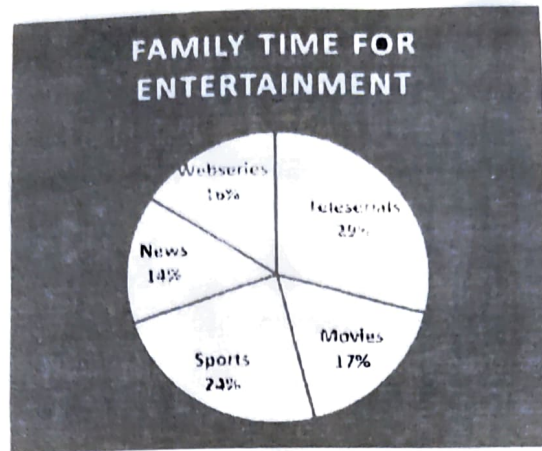
Feminism questioned such gendered existence. Across the world, the profile of families is changing from 'joint' to 'nuclear' to 'single-parent' family mould. Attitude towards the domestic labour women had to traditionally undertake (unpaid but very necessary for family sustenance) is also changing, since more women are stepping out of the confines of home and becoming economically independent.

1. What were the duties of women in earlier times?
2. Mention any word from the passage which mean's 'about women'.
3. How did men treat women in their households?
4. Name any two types of families found in society.
5. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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- II. The following pie chart shows the details of most watched shows on television. Carefully read the chart and answer the questions set on it. (5)



1. How many modes of entertainment are available for a family in the chart?
2. Which is the most watched show for entertainment?
 - a. Web Series
 - b. Sports
 - c. Tele Serials
3. The viewership for web series is _____ than that of News.
 - a. More
 - b. Less
 - c. Equal
4. The difference between tele serials and sports in terms of popularity is _____.
 - a. Huge
 - b. Slightly in favour of sports.
 - c. Slightly in favour of tele serials.
5. The least watched show in the chart is _____

III. Answer the following questions on Listening Skills:

(3×1=3)

1. What is Listening?
2. Define Content Listening?
3. Give an example for Appreciative Listening.



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IV. Do as directed:

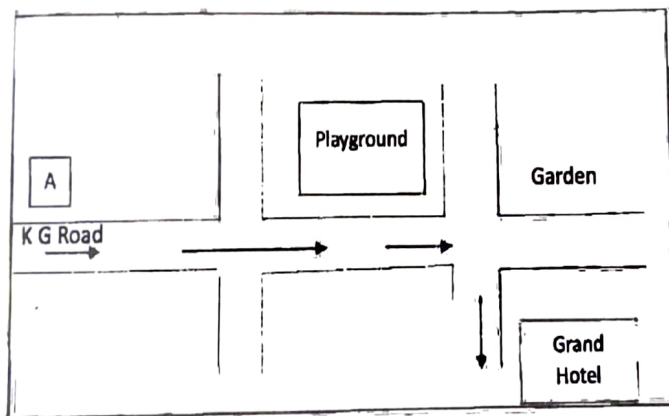
(5×2=10)

1. Introduce yourself to the principal of your college as a first-year student.
 2. Request your NSS Officer to include your name for the camp.
 3. Express words of appreciation to your classmate on scoring good marks in the examination.
 4. Enquire at the college office, the last date to pay the admission fee.
 5. Seek permission from your coordinator to participate in an intercollegiate event.
- V. a) Give instructions to your friend to get library card from the college library. (5)

(OR)

Give instructions to your mother to download an app from the play store.

- b) Give directions to your uncle to reach Grand Hotel from Point A. Look at the map give for reference. (2)

**VI. Do as directed:**

1. Frame questions so as to get the underlined word/s as the answer: (3)
 - a. Vijay was practising dance.
 - b. Reshma was the topper of the college last year.
 - c. Annie enjoys snacks in the evening.
2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: (2)
 - a. She is not crying. _____?
 - b. They would be coming tomorrow. _____?

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3. Fill in the blanks with suitable options given in the brackets: (3)
- I _____ (love/loves) traveling.
 - Sharada and Vajramuni _____ (has/have) scored ranks in the University exams.
 - You _____ (are/is) looking beautiful.
4. Use the correct form of the word given in the brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)
- Santoshi's _____ (polite) surprised Rama.
 - The _____ (patriot) of Indian soldiers is appreciated by all.

SECTION - B

(Course book)

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VII. Answer any FIVE of the following in a word or a phrase or a sentence each: (5×1=5)

- Which are the three principal seasons in Chennai, as mentioned in 'Acceptance'?
- In sonnet 106, what does the speaker see in 'the chronicle of wasted time'?
- What were Nnaemeka and Nene talking about at the beginning of the story 'Marriage is a Private Affair'?
- In Khalil Gibran's poem, the speaker wants the traders to invoke _____
 - Master spirit of the earth.
 - Master spirit of the sky.
 - Master of the universe

(choose the correct option)

- Mention any one solution to the water crisis among the states, suggested by Kalam in 'Towards a Competitive Nation'.
- What is 'Choice fatigue' as explained in 'Freedom and Choice'?

VIII. Answer any ONE of the following in about a page or 100 words: (1×5=5)

- How does Santoshi narrate her story and intention to the family in 'Acceptance'?
- In the poem 'On buying and selling', why does the poet say that the spirit of justice is important in trade?
- What are the career options available for youngsters in today's world, as mentioned in 'Freedom and Choice'?

IX. Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages or 200 words: (1×10=10)

- Does the story 'Marriage is a private Affair' throw light on the ignorance and blind beliefs of a community in Nigeria? Substantiate.
 - How does Shakespeare sum up the sonnet in the couplet?
 - Write a brief note on the three conferences hosted by Abdul Kalam.
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