



466468

AECCO2.2

Reg. No.

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

I Semester B.Com./B.B.A.
Degree Examination, December/January-2025/26
ENGLISH
Generic English (Envision - I)
(NEP Scheme)

Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks :60

Instructions to Candidates:

- 1) Read all the questions carefully and answer.
- 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)

The human mind is one of the most remarkable and complex creations in nature. It is not merely the brain, but a dynamic system of thoughts, emotions, memories, and perceptions that shape how we understand the world. Scientists describe the mind as an intricate interplay between biological processes and conscious experience. While neurons carry electrical signals across networks, it is the mind that interprets these signals, giving rise to ideas, imagination, language, and identity.

One of the most fascinating abilities of the human mind is its capacity for abstract thinking. Humans can plan far into the future, reflect on the past, and conceive possibilities that do not yet exist. This ability drives creativity, innovation, and problem-solving. At the same time, the mind is influenced by emotions that can shape decisions as powerfully as logic does. Feelings such as fear, joy, anger, or empathy guide behaviour and often determine how individuals respond to challenges.

Memory forms another essential aspect of the mind. It allows people to store experiences and retrieve them when needed, shaping personality and learning. Yet memory is not always accurate; it can be altered by emotions, time, and personal interpretation. This makes the human mind both powerful and fragile. Similarly, attention—the ability to focus—plays a key role in how we process information. In a world filled with distractions, sustaining concentration has become increasingly difficult, especially for young people.

Despite centuries of research, much about the mind remains unexplored. Modern neuroscience, psychology, and cognitive science continue to uncover insights into mental processes, revealing how habits are formed, how stress affects thinking, and how mindfulness can enhance mental well-being. The human mind, with its depth, mystery, and potential, remains a powerful force that shapes both individual lives and the progress of society.

[P.T.O.]



1. The human mind is described as:
 - a) Only a physical organ
 - b) A system of thoughts, emotions, and perceptions
 - c) A simple biological machine
 - d) A memory storage unit
2. What carries electrical signals across brain networks?
3. Memory sometimes is unreliable because _____
4. Which sciences are uncovering new insights about the human mind?
5. Suggest a suitable title for the above passage.

- II. The following table shows the average daily mobile phone usage across age groups (in hours). Carefully read the table and answer the questions set on it. (5×1=5)

Age Group	Average Usage (Hours/Day)
10–18 yrs	4 hours
19–25 yrs	6.5 hours
26–35 yrs	5 hours
36–50yrs	3 hours
50+yrs	1.5 hours

1. What is the difference in mobile usage between the 19–25 yrs and 10–18 yrs groups?
2. Which age group shows moderate usage (neither too high nor too low)?
3. What is the average hours of mobile usage in teenagers?
4. Which two age groups together use mobile phones for 9 hours in total?
 - a) 10–18 yrs and 36–50 yrs
 - b) 36–50 yrs and 50+ yrs
 - c) 19–25 yrs and 26–35 yrs
 - d) 10–18 yrs and 26–35 yrs
5. Which age group should be encouraged to increase mobile use for digital literacy and why?

III. Answer the following questions on Listening Skills:

(3×1=3)

1. Which is the most important skill in learning a language?
2. Mention any one type of listening with example.
3. What is appreciative listening?

IV. Do as directed:

1. Introduce yourself to the librarian as you are a new admission and are seeking library card. (2)
2. Request your cultural co-ordinator to consider you as a volunteer for College Day celebrations. (2)
3. Congratulate your friend on being selected in an interview. (2)
4. Enquire at the NSS office regarding the last date to enrol for volunteer-ship. (2)
5. As a CR, seek permission from your class teacher to hold an exhibition of posters made by the class. (2)

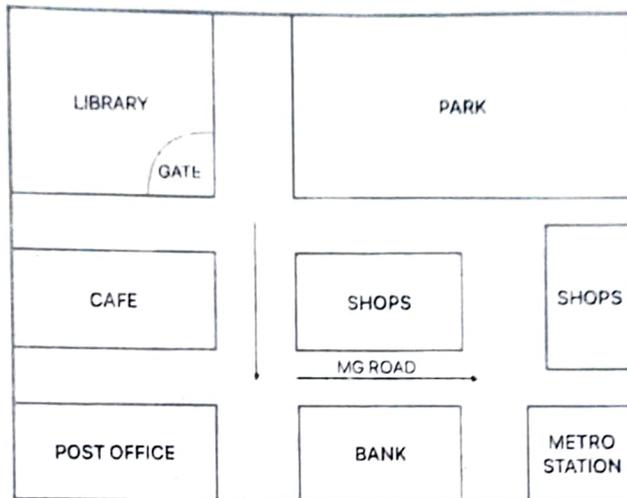


- V. (A) Give instructions to your friend on how to register online for the upcoming science event.

(OR)

Give instructions to your mother on how to make a digital payment. (5)

- (B) How would you give directions to your friend to the metro station from the library. Look at the map and give directions. (2)



VI. Do as directed:

1. Frame questions so as to get the underlined word/s as the answer: (3)
 - a) The exhibition was held at the museum.
 - b) The children are the future of a country.
 - c) The butter melted as it wasn't kept in the cool place.
2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: (2)
 - a) She is not a bank employee, _____
 - b) They quoted a big number, _____
3. Fill in the blanks with suitable options given in the brackets: (3)
 - a) Neither Meena nor I _____ (am, is) mistaken.
 - b) Ethics _____ (is, are) a branch of philosophy.
 - c) Slow and steady _____ (win/wins) the race.
4. Use the correct form of the word given in brackets and fill the blanks: (2)
 - a) Syed has completed the experiment _____. (SUCCESS)
 - b) Do not indulge in _____ deeds. (HARM)

[P.T.O.]



SECTION-B
(Coursebook)

(20)

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

1. On which occasion did Ashoke Srinivasan's mother visit them in Chennai in the story 'Acceptance'?
2. Whose beauty is described in the ancient poems according to Shakespeare?
3. Nene believed that Nnaemeka's happiness should make his father happy. True/False.
4. Who does the speaker want the traders to invoke in the poem 'Buying and Selling'?
5. Which two key areas will be a source of conflict in future according to Kalam?
6. Define freedom as stated in the essay 'Freedom and Choice'.

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

1. Who are the middlemen and how should the traders deal with them according to Khalil Gibran?
2. How is the modern world widening career options for women especially?
3. Write a note on Jallikattu as described in the story 'Acceptance'.

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

1. How does Achebe highlight generational differences in the story? Compare Okeke's values with those of Nnaemeka.
 2. "So all their praises are but prophecies". Explain with reference to Sonnet 106.
 3. Write a note on Chandrayaan Mission.
-