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**B.M.S. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, AUTONOMOUS**  
**BENGALURU – 560004**  
**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION – SEPT/OCT 2023**

**B.Com. / B.B.A. / B.Voc. R.M/ BDA /AF – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**GENERIC ENGLISH**  
**INSIGHTS II AND ENVISION II**  
**(NEP Scheme 2021-22 onwards F+R)**

**Course Code: COM2AECEN02**

**Duration: 2 ½ hours**

**QP Code: 2117**

**Max.Marks-60**

- Instructions: 1.Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.*  
*2. Write the question number correctly*

**SECTION-A**

**(Workbook-40 marks)**

**I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it:**

**(5X1=5)**

The worst days of any summer are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary grey days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun. And then, summer comes, and it rains.

As a child, I would wake up on rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn't fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn't even do. On those rainy summer days, I had nothing to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dickensian orphan. I was an only child, so there was no one else to play with.

My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could not actively play with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I'd crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day.

As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rain has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of

the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different.

I spend the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter. When summer comes, I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a reprieve admittedly one that is all too short from the torture of hot and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer rain today means positively beautiful and considerably cooler weather tomorrow.

1. Why does the author call the rainy days the worst days of any summer?
2. How has the author's opinion about the summer rain changed as an adult?
3. What does the author feel about the changing seasons from summer to winter and vice-versa?
4. In the passage the word monotonous means:
  - a) boring
  - b) lethargic
  - c) exciting
5. Give the passage a suitable title.

## II. Do as directed:

**1. Choose the correct synonym for the words given below: (2)**

- a) Artificial: (fancy, authentic, fake)
- b) Abundant: (ample, suitable, insufficient)

**2. Choose the correct antonym for the words given below: (2)**

- a) Strict: (indifferent, open-minded, lenient)
- b) Exaggerate: (underestimate, ignore, condemn)

**3. Add suitable affixes to the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks: (2)**

The man who goes out expecting people to be like \_\_\_ (him), kind and \_\_\_ (brother) will be surprised at the \_\_\_ (kind) even in the most \_\_\_ (likely) quarters.

**4. Construct two sentences each for the homonym 'bear' in different contexts: (2)**

**5. Write a suitable homophone for the word 'Incite': (1)**

**6. Identify the proper collocation in the following pairs: (1)**

Quick shower/Fast shower

## III. Do as directed: (5)

- a) Samantha is \_\_\_\_\_ very graceful dancer. (Use a suitable article)
- b) Children's Day is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ 14<sup>th</sup> November. (Use a suitable preposition)
- c) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in an MNC. Use a proper tense form of the word given
- d) We had pizza ice cream and coke at the dinner (Punctuate the sentence)
- e) This story is much interesting. (Correct the error in the usage)

## IV. Change the following sentences into reported speech: (5)

- a) The old woman said to Aruna, "Can you help me to cross the street?"

- b) Rima asked me, "Did you see the football match on TV last night?"
- c) Jatin said to his mother, "I am leaving for Leh tomorrow."
- d) The teacher said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."
- e) Samuel said, "Did you come by train?"

**V. A) Complete the following dialogue between Amit and his mother about him coming home late from school. (3)**

Mother: I have been waiting for you since 4.30 pm. \_\_\_\_\_?

Amit: While coming from school to the bus stop, slipped by stepping on a banana peel.

Mother: O, my son! \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Amit: I got a bad bruise on my left knee.

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_.

**B) Answer the following questions in one/two sentences: (2)**

- a) What is Verbal communication?
- b) Mention any two components of Non-verbal communication?

**VI. Rewrite the following passage in passive voice: (5)**

Machines crush wood into small pieces. They mix the pieces with water and chemicals to produce pulp. Other machines spin the resulting pulp into fine sheets of paper. When we recycle paper, we repeat the process. We use different chemical processes to produce the various required grades of paper.

**VII. A) You have invited a renowned artist as the Chief Guest to your college's annual day. Prepare a welcome speech, using the profile given below: (5)**

Name: Prashant Shetty

Date of Birth: 7 - July - 1983

Place of Birth: Keradi, Kundapura, Karnataka

Educational Qualification: BCom

Achievements: Actor, director and producer

Awards: 2016- Karnataka State Film Awards (2016) -Best Family Entertainer for the movie Kirik Party

64<sup>th</sup> Filmfare Awards South-Best Director for the movie Kirik Party

6<sup>th</sup> SIIMA Awards-Best Director for the movie Kirik Party

66<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards-Best Children's Film for the movie Sa.Hi.Pra.Shaale

2018 Karnataka State Film Awards- Family Entertainer for the movie Sa.Hi.Pra.Shaale

**OR**

**B) Prepare a vote of thanks for the same occasion as mentioned above.**

## SECTION-B

(Coursebook-20 marks)

**VIII. Answer any FIVE of the following in a word/phrase/sentence: (5X1=5)**

1. What does Tagore refer to as the “burden of ages”?
2. Which book inspired Meena Bindra?
3. What were the two precious things brought to God by one of his angels in the story ‘The Happy Prince’?
4. Name any two memories shared by Charlie Chaplin about his childhood in London.
5. What was the reason for the suicide of Subal’s wife?
6. ‘Heaven’s brink’ in the poem Endymion means:
  - a) The door of God’s home
  - b) A house on earth
  - c) The edge of heaven
  - d) Symbol in Greek mythology

**IX. Answer any ONE of the following in about a page: (1X5=5)**

1. What kind of freedom does Tagore want his countrymen to enjoy?
2. Write a note on Charlie Chaplin’s father.
3. What are the difficulties faced by the inhabitants of Sunderbans?

**X. Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages: (1X10=10)**

1. An artist’s life is shrouded with compromises and suffering. Explain with reference to Chaplin’s life.
2. How did the prince find true happiness and how did he spread it?
3. Write a note on Meena Bindra, as a businessperson.

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