

**I Semester B.Com. Examination, January/February 2026**  
**(SEP 2024 – 25)**  
**ENGLISH**  
**General English**



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** the questions.  
 2) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

**SECTION – A**  
**(Prose and Poetry)**

I. Answer **any five** in **one** or **two** sentences. **(5x2=10)**

- 1) Where does Ray's Short Story take place ?
- 2) Name the church where Albert Edward Foreman served as the Verger.
- 3) The currency used in Latin American Country called as
- 4) Mention the sound heard by the Shepherd in 'Fidelity'.
- 5) What dream is mentioned in the poem 'My Mother's Saree' ?
- 6) What is essential to serve the society, according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar ?
- 7) List out the appearances of children in Stephen Spender's poem.

II. Answer **any four** in about **a** page. **(4x5=20)**

- 1) Write a note on the Ghost characters discussed by Ray in "I am a Ghost".
- 2) Narrate the circumstances under which the Verger had to lose his job in St. Peter's Church.
- 3) Who is Lencho and why did he write a letter to God ?
- 4) Discuss the lamentable tale told by the author in the poem 'Fidelity'.
- 5) Describe the different children mentioned in the poem 'An Elementary School in a Slum'.
- 6) 'My Mother's Saree', the poem captures the woman's real world and her experiences. Elaborate.

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III. Answer **any two** in about 2-3 pages. **(2×10=20)**

- 1) Why does Dr. B. R. Ambedkar say that the three tests of greatness in men are partial and incomplete in his essay "Who can be Called a Great Man" ?
- 2) Elucidate Satyajit Ray's ideas portrayed to readers through his story "I Am a Ghost".
- 3) Describe the different children and their physical appearances, which reflect their circumstances in the poem "An Elementary School in a Slum".

**SECTION – B**  
**(Language Components)**

IV. Read the passage and answer the following : **(5×1=5)**

Ravi was a humble woodcutter who lived in a small village at the edge of a dense forest. Every morning, before the sun rose, he would walk into the woods with his axe slung across his shoulder. Unlike many others who chopped down trees for quick profit, Ravi believed that the forest was a gift of nature and had to be treated with respect. He never harmed young saplings or healthy trees. Instead, he collected only fallen branches and dried logs, ensuring that the forest remained green and alive.

One summer afternoon, while resting under the shade of a banyan tree, Ravi noticed a small bird struggling on the ground. Its wing was injured and it could not fly. Moved by compassion, Ravi carefully picked up the bird and carried it home. For several days, he fed it, cleaned its wounds and kept it safe until it regained its strength. When the bird was finally well, it flew away into the forest. To Ravi's surprise, the bird returned after a week, carrying a shining gold coin in its beak. From that day, it often brought him little treasures.

The story of Ravi spread quickly in the village. People admired him not just for his good fortune, but for his honesty and kindness. They realized that true wealth does not always come from hard work alone, but also from the goodness of one's heart. Ravi's life became a reminder that kindness, when given freely, always finds its way back.

- 1) How did Ravi's approach to cutting wood differ from other woodcutters in the forest ?
- 2) Describe the way Ravi cared for the injured bird.
- 3) What surprising reward did Ravi receive for his act of kindness ?
- 4) What moral lesson does this story convey to the villagers and readers alike ?
- 5) Find words in the passage that mean :
  - a) young trees
  - b) wealth or riches.





V. Choose the appropriate option from the bracket. (5×1=5)

- 1) The generated bill for interest services is \_\_\_\_\_ appropriate to its customer.  
(in/un)
- 2) The tree branches were lush green and \_\_\_\_\_ stood the little boy.  
(underneath/below)
- 3) Rohith talks about the \_\_\_\_\_ necessities of a excursion. (bear/bare)
- 4) Manager asked the employees to \_\_\_\_\_ his cabin. (live/leave)
- 5) Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the noise ? (make/made)

VI. Rewrite the sentences in passive voice. (5×1=5)

- 1) The father looks after their children.
- 2) Boys fly kites in the garden.
- 3) I opened an account in the bank.
- 4) Farmers grow vegetables.
- 5) Sita prepares food for her husband.

VII. Change the following sentences into reported speech. (5×1=5)

- 1) Nirmala says, "I am going to the temple".
- 2) Dilip said, "I want a piece of Roti".
- 3) Ashwath said, "What a beautiful journey".
- 4) "It may rain this evening", said the farmer.
- 5) "Goodness me! I am tired", he said.

VIII. Do as directed. (5×1=5)

- 1) We cannot go while it is snowing. (Identify the clause)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_, I will pay for your ticket. (Add a subordinate clause and complete the sentence)
- 3) He has appeared on screen as an actor. (underline the verb phrase)
- 4) "The big red ball" (underline the noun phrase)
- 5) "A large cup of hot coffee". This sentence has a noun phrase. (True/False)

IX. Write an essay on **any one** of the following : (1×5=)

- 1) Role of Language in Shaping Identity.
- 2) Impact of Cell Phones on Health.

