



SE – 319

**II Semester B.Com. Examination, June/July 2026**  
**(SEP 2024 – 25)**  
**ENGLISH**  
**General English – II**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

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

I. Answer **any five** in **one** or **two** sentences. **(5×2=10)**

- 1) Where did Jones sleep in his initial days in New York in the story "Self-Made Men" ?
- 2) Name the place where the story 'Toba Tek Singh' is set.
- 3) Who took Pathik to Calcutta in the story "Home Coming" ?
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ helps the narrator to return the yellow fish to the sea.
- 5) How old is reviewer and how does he look like as mentioned in the essay "Confession of a Book Reviewer" ?
- 6) What does the speaker mean by "my blood turned cold like the moon" in the poem "My Grandmother's House" ?
- 7) The speaker of the poem "Refugee Blues" saw fish swimming in the harbour. True/False.
- 8) When will America become a great country according to Martin Luther King ?

II. Answer **any four** in about a page. **(4×5=20)**

- 1) How did Robinson and Jones become rich in the lesson *The Self-Made Men* ?
- 2) What is the problem addressed in the lesson *Refugee Blues* ?
- 3) Elaborate on the characters in the lesson *Yellow Fish*. How does it reflect human emotions ?
- 4) How does Kamala Das express loneliness and loss in *My Grandmother's House* ?
- 5) Discuss the central theme of partition and displacement in *Toba Tek Singh* by Saadat Hasan Manto.
- 6) What is the central idea of the lesson *I Have a Dream* ?

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(2×10=20)

III. Answer any two in about 2-3 pages.

- 1) How does Kamala Das portray loneliness and the search for love in the poem ?
- 2) Why does Anu think of Jalaja when she looks at the yellow fish in the lesson *Yellow Fish* ?
- 3) Analyze the use of humor and satire in *Confessions of a Book Reviewer*.
- 4) How does Martin Luther King Jr. inspire hope through the speech *I Have a Dream* ?

SECTION – B  
(Language Components)

IV. Basic Communication Skills. (Any 5)

(5×1=5)

- 1) What is listening ?
- 2) Mention four voice qualities.
- 3) List out the barriers of communication.
- 4) What is Chronemics ?
- 5) What are the three components of communication ?
- 6) Mention the elements of verbal communication.
- 7) What is verbal communication ?

V. Introduction Oneself, Giving Information, Giving Instructions. (Answer all) (5×1=5)

- 1) Introduce yourself to the librarian of your college.
- 2) Enquire to apply for a Transfer Certificate from your college.
- 3) How to search the topic in the google search engine.
- 4) List the steps to withdraw money from an ATM.
- 5) Enquire about the vehicle cost to your college education trip to Hampi.

VI. Write a news report about a recent annual day celebration organized by your college in 200-250 words with headline and dateline. Ensure the report include following details.

(1×5=5)

- Include major events
- Minimum one quote from the principal.



VII. Complete the following dialogue between Rahul and Mithun.

(5×1=5)

Rahul : Hey Ranjan do you know the best way to stay healthy ?

Mithun : \_\_\_\_\_

Rahul : It is very confusing to know what to eat ?

Mithun : \_\_\_\_\_

Rahul : Are there certain things that I should avoid ?

Mithun : \_\_\_\_\_

Rahul : Beyond diet, what else can I do to be healthy ?

Mithun : \_\_\_\_\_

Rahul : Can I have a glass of wine now and then ?

Mithun : \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. Write an e-mail following up on a job application you submitted two weeks ago. Enquire about the status of your application. (1×5=5)

OR

Write an e-mail to a furniture store complaining that the table delivered has scratches and broken parts. Request immediate replacement.

IX. As the cultural secretary, you are asked to deliver a welcome speech for the Annual Day celebration. Write a speech that includes : (1×5=5)

- Introduction of the chief guest
- Major contributions in their field.

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