



SE – 322

II Semester Common to All Courses Examination, June/July 2026

(SEP 2024 – 25)

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH – II

Words to Worlds – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions : 1) Answer **all** the Sections.

2) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A

I. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences : (5×2=10)

- 1) Who is "Mariam" likely representing ?
- 2) How are the voices of the eunuchs described ?
- 3) Where did Badan Babu usually go after office earlier ?
- 4) What gift did Death give to the young man ?
- 5) Who entered Sir Mohan Lal's first-class compartment ?
- 6) Identify the place Mohanaswamy visited to view a house.
- 7) Whom does Archie plan to marry ?

II. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about a page **each** : (4×5=20)

- 1) Discuss the use of violent and dark imagery in the poem *Scream*. How do these images contribute to the overall theme of suffering ?
- 2) Examine the imagery used to portray the physical condition of the eunuchs in the poem *The Dance of the Eunuchs*.
- 3) Explain the character of the stranger and how he influences Badan Babu in the story *The Pterodactyl's Egg*.
- 4) How do desire and personal ambition influence the physician's actions in the story *Godfather's Death* ?
- 5) How does the story *Karma* portray the theme of cultural alienation ?
- 6) Comment on Mohanaswamy's interaction with the apartment manager and its reflection on his mental state.

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(3×10=30)

III. Answer any three of the following questions :

- 1) Discuss the theme of violated innocence in the poem with reference to the figure of "Mariam."
- 2) Discuss Kamala Das' use of sensory imagery to depict both vitality and decay in the poem.
- 3) How does the train journey contribute to the overall meaning of the story *Karma* ?
- 4) In what ways is loneliness depicted as a dominant element in Mohanaswamy's life ?
- 5) Discuss how the story portrays artistic identity, social expectations and honesty in relationships in the story *Concealed Art*.

SECTION - B

IV. Choose the appropriate idiom from the list given in brackets and fill in the blanks: (5×1=5)

(let the cat out of the bag, piece of cake, bite the bullet, hit the nail on the head, the ball is in your court)

- 1) The exam was very easy; it was a _____.
- 2) She accidentally _____ and revealed the secret.
- 3) Its your decision now ; _____.
- 4) You really _____ with that answer. It was perfect.
- 5) Sometimes you just have to _____ and face the situation bravely.

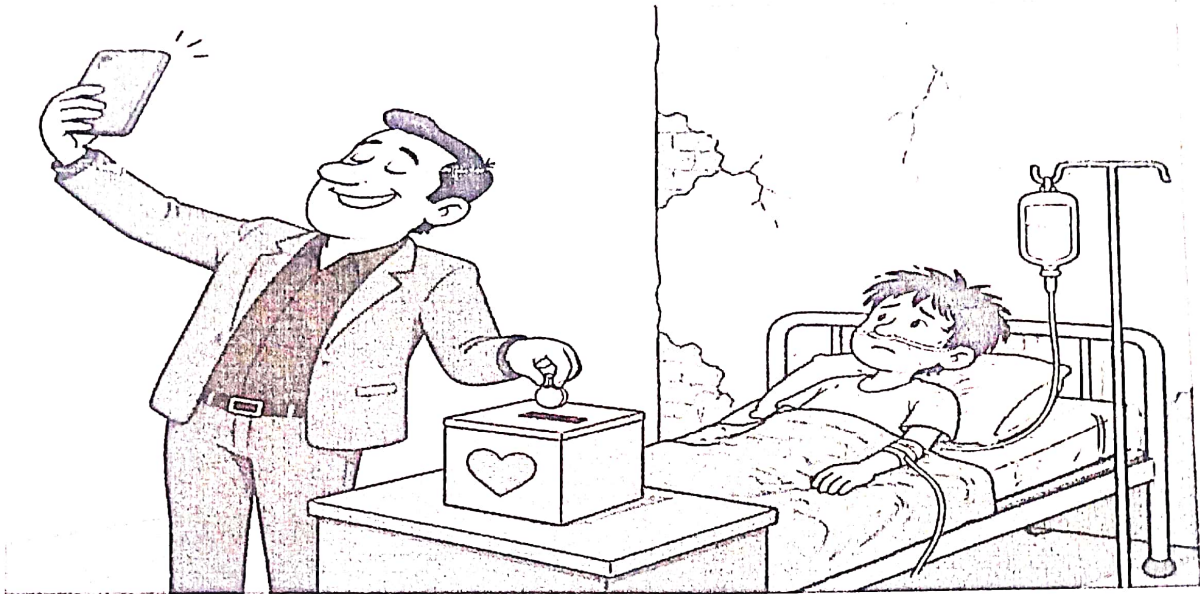
V. Choose the appropriate word substitute phrases : (5×1=5)
(philanthropist, optimist, atheist, linguist, historian)

- 1) A person who studies languages is a _____.
- 2) A person who does not believe in God is an _____.
- 3) A person who has a positive outlook on life is an _____.
- 4) A person who studies past events is a _____.
- 5) A person who helps others, especially by giving money, is a _____.



VI. Read the picture and write a paragraph in about **100-150** words :

(5×1=5)



VII. Write the appropriate degree of comparison and fill in the blanks :

(5×1=5)

- 1) This is by far the _____ decision he has ever made. (wise)
- 2) The climate here is getting _____ and _____. (bad)
- 3) Of the two options, this one is the _____. (suitable)
- 4) Bangalore is _____ than any other cities in India. (crowded)
- 5) His latest book is the _____ of all his works. (good)
