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**BA/B.Sc/BCA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2025**

**First Semester**

**B21EG01LC – Reading and Writing English**

**(Regular/ Supplementary / Improvement)**

**(2022, 2023 January, 2024 July Admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Replace the italicized noun with appropriate pronoun: *John and Mary* went to the market.
2. Identify the subject and predicate in the following sentence: The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
3. Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: Neither the teacher nor the students (is/are) in the classroom.
4. Convert the following active sentence to passive voice: The chef cooks the meal.
5. Who is Vera in Munroe's story?
6. What is the primary focus of Chapter 1 in *Ignited Minds*?
7. What is the central theme explored in "The Blessed Damozel" by Rossetti?
8. What is the first step in the writing process?
9. Rewrite the following sentence using reported speech: "She said, 'I am going to the store.'"
10. What is the primary purpose of communication?
11. Who relies on language for communication?
12. How is precis writing different from summarization?
13. What is the synonym for "fast"?
14. Change the sentence "She sings beautifully" into the past tense.
15. What is the primary purpose of reading?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. What are the primary forms of communication?

17. What techniques enhance effective communication?
18. What is reading comprehension?
19. How does the author's use of language contribute to the atmosphere of "The Open Window"?
20. What are the main types of sentences in English?
21. What is the present continuous tense used for?
22. What is the fundamental approach to writing, and why is it important?
23. How can a writer effectively use vocabulary to express thoughts?
24. What is abstract writing, and how does it differ from other forms of writing?
25. Define report writing.

(2X5=10)

### Section C

**Answer any six of the following questions in one page each. Each question carries 5marks.**

26. Discuss the various barriers to effective communication
27. Explain the key aspects of verbal communication.
28. Discuss the techniques of effective communication
29. Describe the different types of reading.
30. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow –

Title: "The Lost Key"

Sarah was in a rush. She had an important meeting to attend, and she couldn't afford to be late. As she grabbed her bag and dashed out the door, she realized she couldn't find her car keys. Panic started to rise within her as she frantically searched the living room, the kitchen, and even under the sofa cushions. But the keys were nowhere to be found. Just as she was about to give up hope, she remembered the coat she had worn the previous night. Rushing to the closet, she checked the pocket and let out a sigh of relief as her fingers closed around the familiar shape of her car keys. With a grateful smile, she hurried out the door and made it to her meeting just in time.

#### **Comprehension Questions:**

1. What was Sarah's main concern at the beginning of the passage?
  2. Why was Sarah in a rush?
  3. Where did Sarah finally find her car keys?
  4. How did Sarah feel when she found her keys?
  5. What do you think Sarah could do to avoid losing her keys in the future?
31. Explain the role and function of adjectives in English grammar. Discuss different types of adjectives and provide examples of each.

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32. Rewrite the following sentences from passive voice into active voice.

1. The letter was sent by Sarah yesterday.
2. The house will be renovated by the end of next month.
3. The project has been completed by the team.
4. The cake had been eaten by the time we arrived.
5. The proposal will have been reviewed by the committee before the meeting.

33. Explain the difference between complex and compound sentences. Provide examples of each type of sentence and discuss how they differ in structure and meaning.

34. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the list

The bicycle glided \_\_\_\_\_ the winding path, weaving \_\_\_\_\_ the trees and flowers. It eventually came \_\_\_\_\_ a stop \_\_\_\_\_ a picturesque meadow. \_\_\_\_\_ the distance, a river flowed serenely \_\_\_\_\_ the valley. The rider dismounted and sat \_\_\_\_\_ the grass, gazing \_\_\_\_\_ the horizon. \_\_\_\_\_ a while, they resumed their journey, disappearing \_\_\_\_\_ the foliage.

(under, into, through, along, to, at, across, beside, beyond, toward, in, over)

35. What is report writing, and what are the different types of reports commonly used in various fields?

36. Read the passage below and identify any mistakes in grammar, punctuation, or spelling and edit accordingly.

The new science textbook are full of interesting information. It's cover a wide range of topics, including biology, chemistry, and physics. One of the most fascinating subject is the study of genetics, which explore how traits are inherited from one generation to the next. Another interesting topics is the periodic table, which list all the elements known to man. Each chapters in the textbook are well-organized and easy to follow, making it a valuable resource for students. However, they're are a few typographical errors that need to be corrected. Overall, I'm impressed with the quality of the textbook and I'm looking forward to using it in my classes.

37. What is summary writing, and what are its key components? Explain.

**(5X6=30)**

## **Section D**

**Answer any two of the following questions in three pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

38. How would you describe good/effective communication? Discuss its key aspects, different forms, barriers to effective communication, and strategies to overcome these barriers.

39. Discuss the fundamental approach and process involved in writing.

40. Write an essay on one of the following topics:

1. The Impact of Technology on Society
2. The Importance of Education in Modern Times
3. The Role of Social Media in Shaping Public Opinion

Organize your essay with proper points, providing a clear introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion.

41. Discuss the different parts of speech in the English language. Explain each part of speech with examples and highlight their roles in sentence construction.

**(10X2=20)**