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I Semester B.Sc./B.C.A/B.Sc. (FAD)/B.V.A. Degree Examination, March/April - 2023

**GENERIC ENGLISH**

**Language English - I (Lingua Franca - I)**

**(NEP CBCS Semester Scheme)**

**Paper : I**

**Time : 2½ Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 60**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

- 1) *Read all the instructions carefully and answer the questions.*
- 2) *Write the question numbers correctly.*

**SECTION - A  
(WORK BOOK)**

**I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it: (5×1=5)**

**Vincent van Gogh**

Vincent van Gogh was a famous artist and painter. Today, he is known for such paintings as "The Starry Night" and "Sunflowers." But the funny thing about fame is that sometimes you don't get appreciated while you're alive. Such is the case with Van Gogh. He wasn't recognized for this great work until after his death.

He was born in 1853 in the Netherlands. He had two brothers and three sisters. His father and grandfather were ministers while his mom took care of the family and household duties. Some other members of his family worked in the arts, like his younger brother Theo. Theo worked in an art gallery in Paris. He supported Van Gogh's art career and the two were close. Soon after, Van Gogh started using oil paints. In the beginning, he liked darker colors.

Not only that, but his paintings were often sad and a bit gloomy. His brother Theo tried to sell his paintings, but nobody wanted to buy them. Then Theo introduced him to a new style of painting called Impressionism. This style is not about painting something realistic. It's more about capturing a moment in time or an "impression" of something.

Van Gogh eventually moved to Paris to learn more about this style. His work was influenced by such painters as Claude Monet and Paul Gauguin. He started to use brighter colors and changed the way he used his paint brush. He was also passionate about painting portraits of people. When he couldn't find someone to model for him, he would practice by painting himself. He painted many self-portraits over the years. Though he was inspired by the Impressionist painters, he developed his own version. For example, he started painting with small stripes and swirls instead of dots. He was considered a "Post-impressionist" painter.

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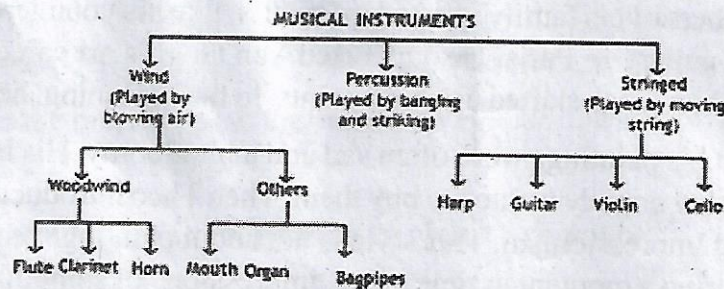
Sometimes he would dump a lot of paint onto the canvas and make a few rough brush strokes. It would take weeks for some paintings to dry.

It is said that he suffered from mental illness and depression. He also had epilepsy. But he continued to paint. In fact, he created one of his life's masterpieces, a painting called "The Starry Night," while in the hospital. In 1890, he took his life at only 37 years old. Today, he's considered one of the greatest painters of all time. And as you can imagine, some of his paintings sell for millions of dollars. "Portrait of Doctor Gachet" was sold for \$82.5 million. That's a world record! There are still about 800 of his oil paintings and over a thousand water colours and sketches of his work.

### Questions:

1. Van Gogh suffered from
2. How old was Van Gogh, when he took his life?
3. What kind of a painter was Van Gogh considered to be?
4. Where was Van Gogh born?
5. Who was an important supporter of Van Gogh's art career?
  - a. His fellow painter, Paul Gauguin
  - b. His brother, Theo
  - c. His father and mother
  - d. He did not have any supporters of his art career during his lifetime.

### II. Write a paragraph focusing on the tree diagram using cohesive devices. (1×5=5)



### III. Answer the following:

(1×5=5)

1. Mention the different types of listening.

(OR)

2. What is the differences between hearing and listening?



## IV. Do as directed:

(5×2=10)

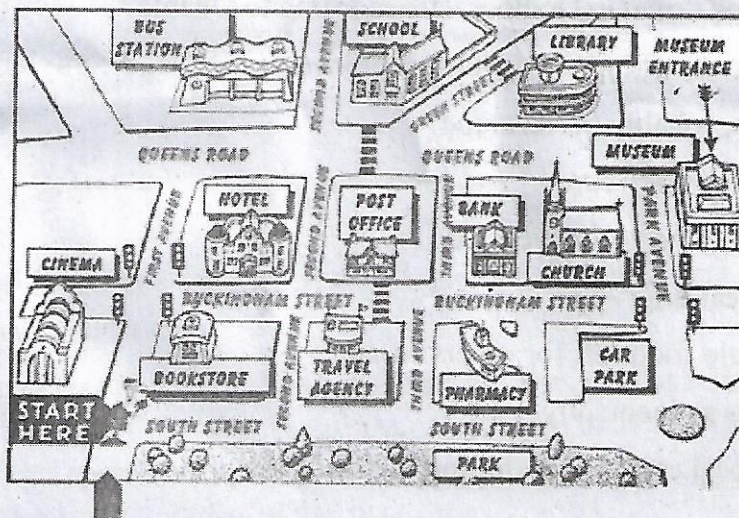
1. Introduce your father to your class teacher during the PTM.
2. Request your Physics teacher to explain about Newton's Laws once more in class.
3. Express your congratulations to your sister for having won a coding competition.
4. Make an enquiry at the railway station about the IRCTC travel packages.
5. Seek permission to use your friend's laptop for a project.

## V. 1) Give instructions to your friend on how to make coffee.

(1×3=3)

## 2) Give directions to your friend to go to the Museum.

(1×2=2)



## VI. Do as directed:

1. Frame questions as directed. (3×1=3)
  - a. We are late for the movie because of *traffic*. (into Wh/h Question)
  - b. Rishi Sunak is the first Indian origin PM of England. (into YIN Question)
  - c. The next flight from Bangalore to Delhi is *after 6 hours*. (into Wh/h question)
2. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences: (2×1=2)
  - a. Sheena won't mind if I use her book, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - b. Rita acts so rudely, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Fill in the banks with suitable options given in the brackets. (3×1=3)
  - a. The industry \_\_\_\_\_ criticised by the Supreme Court for its actions. (was/were)
  - b. No one \_\_\_\_\_ a greater collection of books than my friend Reeshav. (has/have)
  - c. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ waiting at the door for you. (is/are)

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4. Use the correct form of the word given in the brackets. (2×1=2)
- The students are Their progress is quite visible. (change into adjective)
  - He has achieved a lot in life. People envy his (change into noun)

**SECTION-B**  
**(COURSE BOOK)**

**VII. Answer any FIVE of the following in a word/phrase or a sentence: (5×1=5)**

- People think that the most important elements of democracy are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the second threat to Democracy according to Obama?
- Who was found to be one against whom there were no official complaints?
- How did Hatthur probably get its name?
- “..... *they have already eaten*” indicates that
  - They are rich and so are well fed
  - It is past meal time
  - There is little food left for others to eat
  - There exists an inequality
- What does the speaker desire in the end in *Democracy*?

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

- What are threats to Democracy according to Obama?
- Is the modern man happy? Explain with reference to *The Unknown Citizen*.
- Does the poem *From a German War Primer* discuss the futility of war?

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

- Does the poem *From a German War Primer* end on a positive note?
  - Comment on Ramesha's imaginary world.
  - Explain how Democracy and Free Speech are connected according to Sarukkai.
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