

**BCMENLN 101**

I Semester B.Com./B.Com.(E.Com.) Examination, February/March 2023
GENERIC ENGLISH (NEP – 2020)
(Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)
(2021 – 22 Batch Onwards)

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

UNIT – I

- I. A) Skim the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow :
- Most people take too much when they travel, travel light is the key! Remember you will have to carry it and heavy luggage soon becomes a nightmare. Take enough clothes (but not too many), a towel, soap, shampoo and your travel documents and money.
- 1) What do most people take when they travel ? 1
- 2) What is the best solution ? 1
- 3) Which six items should you take with you ? 1
- B) Scan the following image/paragraph and answer the questions that follow :
- I was disappointed that although this book is meant to be about kids at high school, the writer seems to have no recollection at all about what it is like to be 17. The main character thought and acted like a 32-year-old. It just wasn't believable. I am not saying Teresa Wilson is a bad writer. She can obviously string words together and come up with a story that is appealing to a large number of people, but she lacks anything original. There is no flair. It just uses the same sort of language as you can see in many other mediocre novels.
- 1) To whom is the novel meant, according to the speaker ? 1
- 2) What does the writer, Teresa Wilson, lack ? 1
- II. Rearrange the following details and write a bibliography in MLA format : 3
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|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Place of publication | : | Bangalore |
| Year | : | 2018 |
| Title | : | Principles of Management |
| Name of the Publisher | : | Creative Publishers |
| Author | : | B. S. Raman |



III. Write an editorial on **any one** of the following topics in about **100** words : 4

- 1) Does wealth translate into happiness ?
- 2) Challenges facing Wildlife Conservation.

IV. Design a brochure on **any one** of the following topics : 3

- 1) An Intercollegiate Cricket Tournament to be organised by a school.
- 2) A Blood Donation Camp to be held in your town.

V. 1) Draft an application for the post of an accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co, Hyderabad in response to their advertisement that appeared in *The Times of India* dated February 1, 2023. You are Aparna. 3

OR

2) Write an email covering letter to the Proprietor, Knit-Well Garments, Mumbai, for the post of Floor Manager. You are Pavan from Mysuru.

VI. Answer **any one** of the following in **two** sentences : (1×2=2)

- 1) Who is a good listener ? What are his/her traits ?
- 2) Define active and passive listening.

UNIT – II

VII. Write a script in about **eight** sentences for a job interview : 4

1) You are attending an interview for the post of Lecturer in English in a reputed college in Mandya. Answer the following questions asked by the interviewer.

- Interviewer : Will you introduce yourself ?
- Candidate : _____
- Interviewer : What do you think are the qualities of a good lecturer ?
- Candidate : _____
- Interviewer : Why do you wish to be an English teacher ?
- Candidate : _____
- Interviewer : Why do you want to join our college?
- Candidate : _____

OR



2) Complete the following telephone conversation :

Receptionist : Hello, how can I help you ?

Mohan : _____

Receptionist : What kind of a room do you want to have ?

Mohan : _____

Receptionist : The fare will be Rs. 2000 per night ? Is it okay ?

Mohan : _____

Receptionist : May I know when exactly you will be checking in ?

Mohan : _____

VIII. Answer the following questions in about **four** sentences **each** : (2×2=4)

- 1) Introduce your best friend to your parents.
- 2) Give instructions to prepare maggie noodles.

IX. State whether the underlined parts in the following sentences are Phrases or Clauses : (4×1=4)

- 1) Meenu sat beside Renu in the class.
- 2) Seeing the policeman, the thief ran away.
- 3) He is watching a movie along with his friends.
- 4) Reema hasn't come to college since last week.

X. Do as directed :

1) Fill in the blanks using the right form of tenses : (2×1=2)

- a) Nimisha _____ a letter to Seema yesterday. (write)
- b) This car _____ to my friend. (belong)

2) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets : (2×1=2)

- a) Neither of them _____ come today. (has/have)
- b) The President, along with the members, _____ on a tour. (is/are)



XI. Write a speech on **any one** of the following in about **100** words. 4

- 1) Imagine that you have cleared your civil services exam and prepare a motivational speech meant for your junior students.
- 2) Prepare a fare-well speech to be delivered on your last day at college.

UNIT – III

XII. Answer the following in about **100** words : (2×5=10)

- 1) Describe Greenwich in your own words with reference to the lesson 'Last Leaf.'

OR

- 2) How was Helen Keller introduced to the word 'water' ? How did it awaken her soul ?
- 3) Write a note on the theme of environmental awareness brought out in the poem, 'Heart of the Tree.'

OR

- 4) How can one change one's destiny through work, according to Khalil Gibran in the poem, The ploughman ?

XIII. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words : (1×10=10)

- 1) Comment on the attitude of the grandfather and the grandmother towards unusual pets in the lesson 'All Creatures Great and Small.' How did the grandfather finally succeed in caging the Python ?
- 2) How is patriarchy reflected in the story, 'Daughter' by Lata Jagthiani ?
- 3) Describe in detail the conversation that takes place between the narrator and the fellow traveller in the lesson 'A Conversation with a Reader.'