

**B.Sc. First Semester Examination (ESE)-2024
(CCFUP :NEP)
[4-Year UG Programme in BCA]
English
PAPER : AEC101
General English-1**

Full Marks: 70

Time: 03 Hrs.

*The figures in the margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group A

1. Answer any six of the following: **6x10= 60**
- a. Write an essay on the “**Importance of Computer**” within 100 words. 5
- b. Write a precis of the following passage: 5
- “In recent years, there has been a growing trend toward remote work, with more and more people working from home or other location outside of traditional offices. This shift has been driven by a number of factors, including advancements in technology, changing attitudes toward work-life balance, and the increasing availability of remote

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work options. While there are some challenges associated with remote work, such as potential feelings of isolation or difficulty maintaining work boundaries, many workers find it to be a rewarding and flexible option.”

2. Answer any four questions of the following: 4x5=20

- a. What do you mean by prefixes and suffixes? Give examples. 3+2
- b. Where in lies the difference between a phrase and a clause? Give examples. 3+2

3. Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

The word ‘euthanasia’ is of Greek origin and literally means “a good death.” The American Heritage Dictionary defines it as “the act of killing a person painlessly for reasons of mercy.” Such killing can be done through active means, such as administering a lethal injection, or by passive means, such as withholding medical care or food and water. In recent years in the United States, there have been numerous cases of active euthanasia in the news. They usually involve the deliberate killing of ill or incapacitated persons by relatives or friends who plead that they can no longer bear to see their loved ones suffer.

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Although such killings are a crime, the perpetrators are often dealt with leniently by our legal system, and the media usually portrays them as compassionate heroes who take personal risk to save another from unbearable suffering. The seeming acceptance of active forms of euthanasia is alarming, but we face a bigger, more **insidious** threat from passive forms of euthanasia. Every year, in hospitals and nursing homes around the country, there are growing numbers of documented deaths caused by caregivers withholding life-sustaining care, including food and water, from vulnerable patients who cannot speak for themselves. While it is illegal to kill someone directly, for example with a gun or knife, in many cases the law has put its stamp of approval on causing death by omitting needed care. Further, many states have “living will” laws designed to protect those who withhold treatment, and there have been numerous court rulings that have approved of patients being denied care and even starved and dehydrated to death.

- i. What do you mean by ‘euthanasia’? 4
- ii. What is meant by ‘active euthanasia’ and ‘passive euthanasia’? 4
- iii. What is the synonym for ‘insidious’? 2

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4. Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting long shadows over the deserted beach, Sarah found herself lost in thought. The gentle lapping of the waves against the shore provided a soothing soundtrack to her contemplation. She couldn't help but reflect on the passage of time and the fleeting nature of life itself. Each wave seemed to wash away the worries of the day, leaving her with a sense of peace and tranquility.

- i. Where does the passage take place? 2
- ii. What is the atmosphere described in the passage? 2
- iii. What effect do the waves have on Sarah? 2
- iv. What does Sarah reflect upon? 2
- v. How does Sarah feel by the end of the passage? 2

5. a. Write a report on the blood donation camp in your college within 100 words. 6

b. As the manager of a park, write a notice in about 50 words prohibiting visitors from consuming food or beverages on the premises and warning them against littering. 4

6. a. Write a dialogue between Amina and her brother, talking about the merits and demerits of online exams. 5

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- b. Write a dialogue between the two friends who are fighting over the advantages and disadvantages of social media. 5
7. Use appropriate punctuation marks in the following sentences. (5x2=10)
- i. Some people work best in the mornings others do better in the evenings
 - ii. What are you doing next weekend
 - iii. The girls father sat in a corner
 - iv. In the words of Murphys Law Anything that can go wrong will go wrong
 - v. We will be arriving on Monday morning at least I think so
8. What do you understand by the word 'interview'? What are the four types of interviews? Write down 4 questions that you anticipate before facing a job interview. 2+4+4
9. What is a presentation? What are the four types of presentation? Write 4 visual aids that you can use to support your presentation. 2+4+4

Group B

10. Answer **any five** questions of the following: 5x2 = 10
- a. Give the antonyms of the following words: 1+1
 - i. Abundant
 - ii. Captivity

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b. Give the synonyms of the following words: 1+1

i. Incredible

ii. Calm

c. Fill in the blanks with suitable article.

She is _____ M.A. in English.

d. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.

The dog is grateful _____ its owner.

e. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb.

Most of the football players _____ coming now.

f. Choose the correct pronoun and rewrite the following sentence.

I wrote the letter (ourselves / myself / herself)

g. What is intonation?

h. What is stress in English pronunciation? Give an example.

1+1
