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ENGAEC-251/203A**

FYUG Even Semester Exam., 2025

ENGLISH

(4th Semester)

Course No. : ENGAEC-251

(Grammar, Comprehension and Composition)

**(For Science, Commerce, BBA,
BCA and BVoc)**

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 20

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Rewrite any *ten* of the following sentences according to the directions given in the brackets : 1×10=10

(a) I gave him _____ one-rupee coin.

(Use the correct article
in the blank)

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- (b) Kalidasa is ____ Shakespeare of India.
(Use the correct article in the blank)
- (c) He is ____ M.A. in English.
(Use the correct article in the blank)
- (d) Early rising is conducive ____ health.
(Use appropriate preposition in the blank)
- (e) He is eligible ____ the post.
(Use appropriate preposition in the blank)
- (f) He died ____ cholera.
(Use appropriate preposition in the blank)
- (g) I left the station after the train (arrive).
(Put correct tense form of the verb given in the bracket)
- (h) Many people (kill) in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919.
(Put correct tense form of the verb given in the bracket)
- (i) The boy (sleep), do not disturb him.
(Put correct tense form of the verb given in the bracket)

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- (j) Both the rice and the curd ____ fresh and tasty. (are/is)
(Use the correct form of the verb)
- (k) Everyone ____ ready for the picnic.
(is/are)
(Use the correct form of the verb)
- (l) None of the students ____ finished the test yet. (has/have)
(Use the correct form of the verb)
- (m) Indiscipline should not be encouraged.
(Change the voice)
- (n) I have lost my purse.
(Change the voice)
- (o) The news surprised me.
(Change the voice)

UNIT—II

2. Rewrite any ten of the following sentences according to the directions given in the brackets : 1×10=10
- (a) I requested him to lend me a pen.
(Change into direct speech)
- (b) The teacher asked the students to listen to him.
(Change into direct speech)

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- (c) "What did you eat last night?" Asked my mother.
(Change into indirect speech)
- (d) "Please be seated," said the host to us.
(Change into indirect speech)
- (e) Be careful to cross the road.
(Put appropriate question tag)
- (f) They finished the works last night.
(Put appropriate question tag)
- (g) These boys aren't good at singing.
(Put appropriate question tag)
- (h) I know where he lives.
(Change into a simple sentence)
- (i) His silence proves his guilt.
(Change into a complex sentence)
- (j) You must work hard to succeed.
(Change into a compound sentence)
- (k) He was glad when he heard this.
(Change into a simple sentence)
- (l) He has a car. He wishes to sell it.
(Change into a single sentence)
- (m) The young man committed a mistake. This mistake ruined his prospects in life.
(Combine into a single sentence)

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- (n) Two frogs lived very happily in a pond full of weeds.
(Split up the sentence)
- (o) He is too weak to walk.
(Split up the sentence)

UNIT—III

3. Rewrite any ten of the following sentences according to the directions given in the brackets : 1×10=10

- (a) I wish I was dead.
(Correct the sentence)
- (b) He complied my request.
(Correct the sentence)
- (c) I congratulated him for his success.
(Correct the sentence)
- (d) Do you know where does he live?
(Correct the sentence)
- (e) The man was killed by (lightening/lightning)
(Pick the right one)
- (f) I have no (patrol/petrol) for my car.
(Pick the right one)
- (g) The tiger is a beast of (prey/pray).
(Pick the right one)

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- (h) The funeral (rites/rights) have been finished.
(Pick the right one)
- (i) Please (remove) your socks before you enter the room.
(Put a phrasal verb to replace the explanation in the bracket)
- (j) The dog (followed) the hare.
(Put a phrasal verb to replace the explanation in the bracket)
- (k) Let us (proceed) to another subject.
(Put a phrasal verb to replace the explanation in the bracket)
- (l) Ram Shyam and Jadu went there
(Punctuate the sentence)
- (m) When did you come Rahul I asked him
(Punctuate the sentence)
- (n) Looking straight at her he said I cant help you
(Punctuate the sentence)
- (o) A dull heavy sound was heard
(Punctuate the sentence)

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UNIT—IV

4. Read the following passages and answer the questions given below (any one) :

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- (a) William H. Gates is the co-founder and Chairman of Microsoft Corporation, the world leader in software services and solutions, which helps individuals as well as business companies to achieve their full potential. Microsoft had revenues of US \$ 36.84 billion in the fiscal year ending June, 2004, and employs more than 55000 people in 85 countries.

Born on 28 October, 1955, Gates grew up in Seattle, in the State of Washington, with his two sisters. Their father, William H. Gates II was a Seattle Attorney. Their late mother Mary Gates was a school teacher.

Gates attended a public elementary school and the private Lakeside school. There he discovered his interest in software and began programming computer at the age of 13.

In 1973 Gates entered Harvard University, and while there he developed a version of the programming language known as BASIC, which was used for the first microcomputer—The MITS Altair.

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In his junior age, Gates left Harvard to devote his energies to Microsoft, a company he had begun in 1975 with his childhood friend Paul Allen. Guided by the belief that the computer would become a valuable tool for every office and home, they began developing software for personal computers. Gates' foresight and his vision for personal computing have been central to the success of Microsoft and the software industry.

Under Gates' leadership, Microsoft's mission has been to continually advance and improve software technology and to make it easier, more cost-effective and more enjoyable for people to use computers. The company is committed to a long-term view, reflected in its investment of approximately \$ 6.2 billion on research and development in the 2005 fiscal year.

Questions :

- (i) What is the name of the company that Gates founded? When was it founded? 1+1=2
- (ii) What kind of business is Microsoft engaged in? 2

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- (iii) Why is Microsoft so famous? 2
- (iv) Why did Gates not complete his education? 2
- (v) How has Gates guided the future of Microsoft Corporation? 2

- (b) The old lady was glad to be back at the block of flats where she lived. Her shopping had tired her and her basket had grown heavier with every step of the way home. In the lift her thoughts were on lunch and a good rest; but when she got out at her own floor, both were forgotten in her sudden discovery that her front door was open. She was thinking that she must reprimand her daily maid the next morning for such a monstrous piece of negligence, when she remembered that she had gone shopping after her maid had left and she had turned both the keys in their locks. She walked slowly into the hall and at once noticed that all the room doors were open, yet following her regular practice, she had shut them before going out. Looking into the drawing room, she saw a scene of confusion over by her writing desk.

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It was as clear as daylight then that the burglars had forced an entry in her absence. Her first impulse was to go round all the rooms looking for the thieves, but then she decided that at her age it might be more prudent to have someone with her, so she went to fetch the porter from the basement. By the time her legs were beginning to tremble, so she sat down and accepted a cup of very strong tea, while she telephoned the police. Then her composure regained, she was ready to set off with the porter's assistance to search for any intruders who might be still lurking in her flat.

They went through the rooms, being careful to touch nothing, as they did not want to hinder the police in their search for fingerprints. The chaos was inconceivable. She had lived in the flat for thirty years and was a veritable magpie at hoarding; and it seemed as though everything she possessed had been tossed out and turned over and over. Then a police inspector arrived with a constable and she told them of her discovery of her ransacked flat. The inspector began to look for fingerprints,

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while the constable checked that the front door locks had not been forced, thereby proving that the burglars had either used skeleton keys or entered through the balcony.

There was no trace of fingerprints, but the inspector found a dirty red bundle that contained jewellery which the old lady said was not hers. So their entry into the flat was apparently not the burglars' first job that day and they must have been disturbed. The inspector then asked the lady to try to check what was missing by the next day and advised her not to stay alone in the flat for a few nights. The old lady thought that he was a furry creature but since the porter agreed with him, she rang up her daughter and asked for her help in what she described as a little spot of bother.

Questions :

- (i) Why did the old lady feel glad to be at her flat? 2
- (ii) Why was the old lady surprised to find her front door open? 2
- (iii) Why did the old lady go to the basement? 1

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- (iv) What did the police inspector find while searching for fingerprints? 1
- (v) Why did the inspector conclude that the thieves had used the skeleton keys? 2
- (vi) Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are synonymous of the following : 2
- enormous
 - indication

UNIT—V

5. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

(a) Write a short paragraph on any one of the topics given below :

- (i) e-banking
- (ii) Globalization
- (iii) Air pollution

(b) You are Manav/Manashi, a commerce graduate from Guwahati University. You are seeking a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in *The Assam Tribune*, inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as sales executives in a reputed company. Write an application with complete biodata in response to the advertisement to the Manager of the company.

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