

2025

(CBCS)

(1st Semester)

ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

(**English—I**)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Name the Parts of Speech of the underlined words in the following sentences :

1×5=5

(a) Honesty is the best policy.

(i) Noun

(ii) Verb

(iii) Adjective

(iv) Pronoun

(b) Iron and copper are useful materials.

- (i) Noun
- (ii) Verb
- (iii) Adjective
- (iv) Adverb

(c) He wandered about in the forest.

- (i) Conjunction
- (ii) Verb
- (iii) Adverb
- (iv) Preposition

(d) I ran fast, but missed the train.

- (i) Adjective
- (ii) Adverb
- (iii) Conjunction
- (iv) Interjection

(e) She made a graceful exit from the room.

- (i) Adjective
- (ii) Adverb
- (iii) Noun
- (iv) Verb

2. Name the tense of the verb in the following sentences :

1×5=5

- (a) I usually wake up at 6 in the morning.
- (b) By 5 p.m., we will have finished the exam.
- (c) I had written the letter before he arrived.
- (d) I am going to the theatre tonight.
- (e) I played futsal with my friends last Saturday.

3. Change the voice of the following sentences :

1×5=5

- (a) The tailor was stitching my shirt.
- (b) The peon opened the gate.
- (c) Someone has picked my pocket.
- (d) Who taught you French?
- (e) A book is being read by Mawia.

UNIT—II

4. Change the form of speech of the following :

1×5=5

- (a) He said, "I am unwell."
- (b) Alice said, "How clever I am!"
- (c) He said, "Tom is writing a letter."
- (d) Sabrina says that he is her friend.
- (e) John said that he had written a letter.

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 1×10=10

- (a) He and I _____ (were/was) playing.
- (b) According to the present market rate, twelve dozen _____ (costs/cost) one hundred rupees.
- (c) Silver, as well cotton, _____ (have/has) fallen in price.
- (d) The ship, with its crew, _____ (was/were) lost.
- (e) None _____ (are/is) so deaf as those who will not hear.
- (f) Selena Gomez, a great singer and actress _____ (has/have) arrived.
- (g) *Gulliver's Travels* _____ (were/was) written by Jonathan Swift.
- (h) Slow and steady _____ (wins/win) the race.
- (i) The recent changes in the monetary policy _____ (have/has) enabled us to aggressively work in this area.
- (j) You _____ (have/has) taken the wrong book.

UNIT—III

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

When a businessman is an amateur, he plays cautious and is always willing to please. The purpose is very clear. He wants to make the most profits and he gives attention to every detail that affect his business. But no sooner than the business turns into a roaring success, he forgets to be courteous and humble. This is not expected of a professional, who is a specialist in his profession. A professional is expected to give human

relations more importance above anything else. But professional men made the same mistake. Several years ago, I walked into the office of a well-known nose and throat specialist. Before he even looked at my tonsils, he asked me what my business was. He wasn't interested in the size of my tonsils. He was interested in the size of my exchequer. His chief concern was not in how much he could help me. His chief concern was in how much he could get out of me. The result was he got nothing. I walked out of his office with contempt for his lack of character. The world is full of people like that; grabbing, self-seeking. So, the rare individual who unselfishly tries to serve others has an enormous advantage. He has little competition. Owen D. Young said, "the man who can put himself in the place of other men, who can understand the workings of their minds, need never worry about what the futures has in store for him."

Questions :

- (a) What is the purpose of a businessman? 2
 - (b) How did he expect a professional man to act? 2
 - (c) What is the chief concern of the well-known physician? 2
 - (d) Who has the most enormous advantage? 2
7. Read the passage given below and make a précis of it. Give a suitable title. 7

Climate change poses a serious threat to the planet, driven largely by human actions such as deforestation, industrial pollution and the burning of fossil fuels. These activities have increased greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in rising temperatures, melting polar ice, and extreme weather. The consequences are already visible in agriculture, health and water systems. Developing countries, though contributing least to emissions, face severe challenges like drought, floods and displacement caused by rising sea levels.

Global efforts like the Paris Agreement aim to reduce emissions, but progress is slow due to political and economic obstacles. While systemic reforms are essential, individuals can help through sustainable habits and environmentally conscious decisions. Climate change is not only a scientific concern but also a moral and political one, requiring international cooperation and committed leadership. Without urgent and united action, the damage would become irreversible, threatening ecosystems and the future of human life.

UNIT—IV

8. (a) Write an essay on the application of AI in our daily lives in not more than 300 words.

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OR

- (b) Write a report on the Blood Donation Drive organized by the NSS unit of your college.

OR

- (c) Reply as X to the advertisement found in *The Times of India* on 1st November, 2025 :

Michael Foundation College requires a trained, efficient English teacher below 40 years of age for teaching Under-Graduate students. The candidate must have a NET and possess an experience of teaching for 5 years in a reputed college. Walk-in-interview will be conducted on 30th December, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Principal's office. Provide a resume. For further information, please contact : Principal, Michael Foundation College, F-16, New Town, Kolkata.

UNIT—V

9. Oral communication (to be conducted in the college).

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