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III Semester B.C.A. Degree Examination, December/January-2025/26

GENERAL ENGLISH

ALCHEMY-III

(SEP Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**Instructions to Candidates:**

1. Answer All the Sections.
2. Mention the question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A  
(Literary Skills)  
(Play)

**I. Answer in a page. (Two questions out of Three)**

(2×5=10)

1. Write a short note on Varya.
2. How does Anton Chekhov use symbolism in the play, 'The Cherry Orchard'?
3. Sketch the character of Leonid Gayev.

**II. Answer in about 2-3 pages (One question out of Two).**

(1×10=10)

1. Explore the theme of social change and the decline of the Russian aristocracy as depicted in "The Cherry Orchard".
2. Compare and contrast the characters of Madame Ranevsky and Lopakhin in the play 'The Cherry Orchard'.

(Short Story, Speech and Poems)

**III. Answer any Four questions out of Five in a page each.**

(4×5=20)

*(Answer from all the three literary texts)*

1. How does the poem 'I Still Matter' challenge common stereotypes about aging?
2. Analyse the significance of the river Vaigai as a physical and symbolic presence in the poem, 'A River'.
3. What message does the story 'Appointment with Love' convey about human connection in times of hardship?
4. Highlight the central message in Sundar Pichai's speech, 'You will Prevail'.
5. Explain the twist at the end of the story 'Appointment with Love'?

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## SECTION - B

(Communicative Skills)

IV. Prepare 5 slides for the presentation on any One of the following. (1×5=5)

Importance of Communication

(OR)

Uses of educational tours for students

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

In recent years, digital technology has transformed the way students learn and interact with information. Classrooms that once relied solely on textbooks and handwritten notes are now equipped with smartboards, tablets, and high-speed internet. These tools allow students to access a World of knowledge instantly, making learning more engaging and personalised. However, the increasing use of technology has also raised concerns about distraction and over-dependence on electronic devices.

Teachers have noticed that students often struggle to maintain focus during lessons when digital devices are used excessively. Notifications from social media, games, and messaging apps easily divert their attention. To address this, many schools now enforce controlled usage, allowing devices only during specific tasks. At the same time, teachers are being trained to design lessons that balance digital activities with traditional learning methods, ensuring students develop strong concentration and critical-thinking skills.

Despite the challenges, digital technology continues to offer valuable opportunities for learning. Online platforms enable students to collaborate on projects, access recorded lectures, and practise concepts through interactive quizzes. These resources are especially beneficial for students who need additional support outside the classroom. As schools continue to adapt, the goal remains the same: to use technology in a way that enhances learning while minimizing distractions.

1. What major change has occurred in classrooms in recent years?
2. Why do some teachers feel concerned about the heavy use of digital devices?
3. How are schools trying to control the use of digital devices during lessons?
4. What benefits do online platforms offer to students?
5. What is the main goal of schools as they adapt to digital technology?

VI. Rearrange the jumbled sentences into a coherent paragraph. (5×1=5)

1. This led to the invention of various tools and methods to measure time.
2. The concept of time has fascinated human beings for centuries
3. These devices have become more accurate and sophisticated over the ages
4. From ancient sundials to modern atomic clocks, timekeeping has evolved significantly
5. Early humans observed the movement of the sun and stars to track time.



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**VII. Develop the story based on the hints given below:**

(1×5=5)

Three artists participate in a contest \_\_\_\_\_ one draws flowers \_\_\_\_\_ bees attracted to sit on it \_\_\_\_\_ the second paints a fruit \_\_\_\_\_ it lures an ox \_\_\_\_\_ the third pictures a curtain \_\_\_\_\_ who wins the prize.

**VIII. Correspondence:**

**1) Write a CV and Cover Letter for ONE of the following:**

(1×5=5)

a) You have just completed your post graduation in Physics and are applying for a job as a lecturer in Physics at Sri Ranga PU College in Bengaluru. Prepare CV and the Cover Letter should be addressed to the President of the college.

(OR)

b) You have worked for 12 years in a company as a Manager. You are now applying for the post of CEO in Netweb Technologies International, Bengaluru. Prepare CV and the Cover Letter should be addressed to the Board of Directors.

**2) Answer any One of the Formal Letters:**

(1×5=5)

a) Your college is planning for an educational tour. As a student co-ordinator, write a letter to a travel agency enquiring about available tour packages for student groups, including transportation, accommodation, meals, and safety measures.

(OR)

b) Your college is hosting a seminar on 'The Role of Youth in Climate Action'. As the event coordinator, write a formal invitation to a guest speaker from a local environmental NGO. Include the event's purpose, date, venue, and expected audience.

**3) Answer any one of the following Business Correspondences:**

(1×5=5)

a) Write a reply to complaint letter received from a customer saying that goods have not been received on time.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to Srinivasa Books to Place an order for 200 boxes of coloured magic crayons subject to the manufacturer's consent to pack them in specially designed boxes for Children's Day at no additional cost.

**IX. Commercial Writing:**

(1×5=5)

1. You are a General Manager of Hotel Yellow Park, Delhi. You need a receptionist for your hotel. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in "Hindustan Times".

(OR)

2. Design a brochure on your new venture of beginning a financial services company providing the necessary information.