

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

*Full Marks: 40*

*Time: 02Hrs*

*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 one of the following: **1x10= 10****

- a. Write an essay on the “Importance of Computer”.
- b. Write a precis of the following passage:

“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 work options. While there are some challenges associated with remote work, such as potential

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feelings of isolation or difficulty maintaining work boundaries, many workers find it to be a rewarding and flexible option.”

**Group B**

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

a. What do you mean by prefixes and suffixes? Give examples.

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b. Where in lies the difference between a phrase and a clause?

Give examples.

3+2

c. 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. Although such killings are a crime, the perpetrators are often

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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’? 2

ii. What is meant by ‘active euthanasia’ and ‘passive euthanasia’? 2

iii. What is the synonym for ‘insidious’? 1

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- d. Write a report on the blood donation camp in your college within 150 words.
- e. What do you understand by the word 'interview'? Write down three questions that you anticipate at a job interview. 2+3
- f. What is formal presentation? Mention three visual aids that you can use to support your presentation. 2+3

**Group C**

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

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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

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