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Second Semester B.C.A. Degree Examination, May/June 2026

(SEP Scheme)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2024-25 Syllabus)

(SBB 0080) : PAPER - II : RUMINATIONS AND WORKBOOK

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions to the Students:

1. **The student should legibly write Section number along with question numbers within the margin ONLY.**
2. **The answers without Section number and question numbers will not be valued.**
3. **Do not write anything (except register number) on the question paper.**

SECTION - A (PROSE)

I. A. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each. **2x8=16**

1. Explore the harsh realities faced by Vanka in the story.
2. Discuss the racial experiences that Alice Walker talks about in her letter.
3. How is the character of the young girl, who becomes flowering tree, portrayed in the story?

B. Write short notes on any TWO of the following: **2x4=8**

1. Gandhi's perception on the role of religion according to Orwell.
2. Vanka's Grandfather.
3. Walker's memories of her old house.

SECTION - B (POETRY)

II.A. Annotate any TWO of the following: **2x5=10**

1. My mother only said
   Thank God the scorpion picked on me
   And spared my children.
2. And if I have no money, they will give me a little bread so I do not die,
3. ...I who have lost
   My way and beg at strangers' doors to
   Receive love, at least in small change?

B. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each: **2x8=16**

1. Comment on the title of the poem `Anthem for the Doomed Youth'
2. How does the poet convey the fleeting nature of life and inevitability of change in the poem `This Man'?
3. The poem `Night of the Scorpion' highlights the conflict between tradition and modernity." Discuss.

SECTION - C
(LANGUAGE SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

Jyotirao Phule was an Indian social reformer, writer, and champion of equality for all people, including poor laborers and women. He was born on April 11, 1827 in Bombay Presidency [now Maharashtra]. He was a strong critic of the caste system. He led a movement in India that called for the creation of a new social order. He also fought for the rights of women and he established schools for girls and for children of lower castes.

In 1848 Phule was invited to attend the wedding of a friend from an upper-caste Brahman family. Relatives of the bridegroom repeatedly mocked Phule for his lower-caste background, prompting him to leave the ceremony. This incident is said to have helped open his eyes to the injustices of the caste system. He opened a pioneering school for lower-caste girls in Pune in 1948, a time when it was extremely rare for any girls in India to receive an education. He had educated his wife, Savitribai Phule, at home, and she became the teacher of the girls' school. Over the next few years, the Phules opened more schools for girls and a school for people of lower castes, especially the Mahars and Mangs. Their work met with significant hostility from caste Hindus, who blamed them for disrupting societal setup. Nevertheless, Phule and his wife continued their work toward socio-economic and gender equality.

Phule opposed child marriage, and he supported the right of widows to remarry, which was rejected particularly by high-caste Hindus. In 1873 Phule founded a reform society called Satyashodhak Samaj (``Society of Truth Seekers") to promote social equality, unite and uplift Shudras and other lower-caste people. The society also emphasized the importance of education and encouraged people to conduct weddings without Brahman priests. He opened a home for widows, who had become pregnant as well as an orphanage for their children. Phule and his wife later adopted one of them. Phule also opened his personal water well for all people to use, which symbolized his welcoming attitude, and he invited people from all social classes into his home. To publicize his ideas, Phule wrote books, essays, poems, and plays. His best-known work is the book *Gulamagiri(Slavery)*, published in 1873.

In 1888 Phule was given the title Mahatma, which means ``Great Soul" in Sanskrit. He suffered a stroke that same year that left him paralyzed. He died in 1890 in Pune.

1. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence as required. 6x1=6

a) When was Jyotirao Phule born?
b) What is the name of Phule's best known work (book)?
c) Who is the wife of Jyotirao Phule?
d) In which year was Phule given the title Mahatma?
e) What is the name of the reform society?
f) Phule opened his personal water well to all. True / False

2. Answer the following in about two or three sentence each. **2x2=4**

a) What did Satyashodhak Samak do?

b) Why can we call Phule as the champion of equality?



IV. Rewrite as directed: **4x1=4**

1. Rewrite the sentences as directed:

a) Many students are <u>regular</u> to the class while few are _____
(Fill in the blank by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word)

b) Suba is my <u>friend</u> and I don't want to lose her _____
(Fill in the blank by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word)

c) A person who eats human flesh.
(Give one-word substitute)

d) Highest point of the hill.
(Give one-word substitute)

2. Fill in the blanks by choosing suitable modals given in brackets. **2x1=2**

a) _____ you please close the door? (could / shall)

b) We _____ obey the traffic rules. (must / can)

3. Transform the sentences as directed. **2x1=2**

a) Arthi works hard. (Change into a negative sentences)

b) He knew much of the matter. (Change into a negative sentences)

4. Change the sentences as directed. **4x1=4**

a) The coffee tasted bitter.
(Change into a Yes/No Question)

b) He works at a <u>Bank.</u>
(Frame a Wh-question so as to get the underlined words as answer)

c) Sita likes spicy food, _____?
(Add a suitable question tag)

d) You won't drive faster, _____?
(Add a suitable question tag)

5. Change the voice of the verbs in the following sentences as directed. **4x1=4**

a) Adarsh loves cooking. (Change into Passive Voice)

b) Shift the patient to the ward. (Change into Passive Voice)

c) Pictures are being drawn by these children. (Change into Active Voice)

d) A book was read by Seema. (Change into Active voice)

6. Write an imaginary dialogue between a Shopkeeper and a Customer. **4x1=04**

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