

B.A. & B. Com. Programme, Semester I/II
Core English Language: ENGLISH FLUENCY

Evaluation Scheme:

Comprehension passage	:	15 marks
Book and/or film review	:	15 marks
RT1 request and/or FIR	:	10 marks
Dialogue and/or Interview and/or CV	:	10 marks
Diary and/or blog post	:	10 marks
Proofreading/Punctuation Passage	:	5 marks
Note-making	:	5 marks
Facebook and/or Twitter post	:	5 marks

Sample Question Paper III

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks:75

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it:

(Question Setting Rubric (QSR): The passage will be of 400-450 words)

Millions of people fall victim to fake online schemes, which are increasingly becoming a common phenomenon. A very common practice in online retail is the coupon provided by the companies in return for purchasing an item. Here is where the scamsters come in. They will use fake coupons by plagiarising the logos of reputed companies and circulate them online.

They will ask you to share the deal on your social media platforms to avail the coupon. Next, it may be also imperative to like and share the link on your account to lure other friends. And finally, they will ask for a survey which will have your personal details. . The best way to avoid this type of scam is to refrain from revealing bank details or transferring money no matter how tempting the advert might be.

The freshly graduated youth desperate for a job fall easy victims to scamsters. On receiving any employment offer letter, scan for all the red flags. If the pay scale and increment is way higher than the standard salary, the benefits are too good to be true or an initial payment is required then it is likely to be a scam. Go to the company portal and verify if the job offered is authentic via sending them an email on their official id or call the office.

Probably one of the oldest frauds, lottery has gone digital to tempt millions of online users. They come through emails, pop-up banners, advertisements often sending congratulatory messages. It is definitely a scam if it asks you credit card information or to make any payment or registration fee. You can also cross check the name of the lottery and its credentials via online searches.

Cloning or cloned account is the latest form of hijacking personal information. The scammers will take your pictures that are public and use them to make a new Facebook account. They will then try to send requests to your friends with an aim to befriend them. Once they do, they will start asking personal questions and for sensitive information. The best way to avoid cloning is to secure all the pictures on Facebook by making them private.

With the festive season in full swing, various e-commerce websites offer big discounts. Check the URL before opening any ecommerce site. Another scam are the messages circulating on WhatsApp that are basically phishing attempts.

From being alert, installing security apps, tightening the privacy settings to informing cyber crime branch, there are several preventive measures you can take to avoid being a part of digital theft.

| <https://www.thebetterindia.com/198962/common-online-scams-facebook-youtube-email-phishing-identity-theft-india/>
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(432 words)

Questions:

1. Explain in your own words why the passage asks you to do the following :
(3)

a) Refrain from revealing personal details.

b) Go to the company portal.

c) Crosscheck the lottery name and credentials.

(Evaluation Rubric (ER): 1 x 3 marks. Answers should be short, 20-30 words.)

2. Do not like and share the link of discount coupons. Why?

(2)

(ER: approx. 30 words)

3. Why is it important to secure all the pictures on facebook?

(3)

(ER: approx.50-75 words)

4. Make a list of six steps that you will take to avoid digital identity theft.

(3)

5. Find words in the passage that mean the same as following:

(4)

e) Compulsory

f) Original or real

g) Sending fraud emails

h) Taking someone's ideas and passing them off as one's own

Q. 2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub headings. Use recognizable abbreviations whenever necessary (minimum 2). (5 marks)

(ER: Format: (Heading/Subheadings): 1 mark Abbreviations: 1 mark (minimum 2) Content: 3 marks

Q. 3. Write a review in 250-300 words, of a book recently read by you. (15 marks)

OR You recently saw a movie of your favourite actor/actress.

Review the film for your college magazine recommending it to your fellow students in not more than 300 words.

(ER: Content: 5 marks. Relevant information about the book/ movie– publication/release details; category – fiction/ non-fiction, sci-fi, romance, etc. A brief account of the book/movie. Opinion – comparison of the book/movie vis-a-vis other books/movies by the same author/director, and/ or similar books by other authors/ directors. Evaluation of thematic and creative elements. Language and writing skills: 5 marks Format: 5 marks - Paragraph organisation, Introduction, and conclusion)

Q.4. While shopping in a busy market you dropped / were robbed of your purse that contained your PAN card and voter ID. Write on FIR in 100 words lodging a complaint at the local police station.

(10 marks).

Hints :

- Ensure you follow the proper format (go back to the chapter on FIR. To see format see Annexure 1 ,Sample Paper 1)
- Remember to write in the first person
- Give all details with clarity.
- Be careful with syntax and grammar.

Or

The college collects Rs.600/- as computer fee per student for providing IT infrastructure to students. However, the desktops in the computer labs are in a pathetic condition. As the Class Representative write an RTI to the principal asking for details on utilization of funds.

(10 marks)

Hints:

- Ensure you follow the proper format (go back to the chapter on RTI. To see the format see Annexure 2 Sample Paper 1)
- Make sure you frame at least 3-4 questions in your RTI.
- Make sure there is logical progression in your application i.e. all questions / information is organized in a logical sequence.

Q.5. You are pained at the lack of sensitivity towards the Third Gender and decide to start a support campaign on Facebook titled **Share if you care # Be sensitive, Be Inclusive**. Write a Facebook post in about 100 words.

(5 marks)

Hints :

- Give all relevant details .
- What is to be done?
- How can the organizer be contacted? (Phone number, email etc).
- Keep the language crisp and clear.
- Give an idea of the target reader.

Or

Your university was recently awarded IOE (Institution of Eminence) status by Human Resource Development Ministry. Share your joy through a Twitter Post.(25-30 Words)

(5 marks)

Hint:

- Ensure you follow the proper format (go back to the chapter on Twitter to see the format)

Q.6. You visited an 'Old Age Home' as part of a project in college. The plight of abandoned elderly parents left you choked with pain. Share your emotions with your diary.

(10 marks)

Hints :

- Ensure you follow the proper format (go back to the chapter on diary entry to check the format.)
- Keep the language informal and conversational

Or

Write a blog post encouraging: **A Gadget Detox Day- Say No to Phones / TV'S / Laptop's** on the last Sunday of every month.

Encourage people to spend quality time with family and friends.

(10 marks)

Hints :

- Use catchy phrases
- Keep target audience in mind.
- Keep the blog easy to read and attractive.
- Use small paragraphs, bold headings and pictorial presentation.

Q.7. Write a dialogue between two students discussing the lack of understanding between parents and children- its causes and effects and how a better relationship could reduce stress at both ends.

(10 marks)

Hints :

- Each student has to speak 10 sentences so, 20 sentences in all.
- Ensure logical development of ideas.
- Try to have a connected conversation.
- Try to use phrases like *I think, I am of the opinion, it is clear, finally, I think, I'm sorry, I disagree, not at all, etc.*
- Dialogue should be balanced i.e. both speakers should get equal turns.
- Avoid monosyllables.

Or

You are the Editor of your College Magazine. For the annual edition you have to interview the Principal of your college. Prepare a list of questions with probably answers.

Hints:

Q.1. What are your three top most priorities , as the head of the institution, for the betterment of the students?

Q.2. Our College is an active participant of the "Clean India Drive". In spite of this, there are areas in the college which are almost garbage dumping grounds. How can the situation be improved?

Q.3. Eve-teasing and stalking is rampant at the bus stop just outside the college. Are you aware of it and if yes, what action are you planning to take in the matter?

Q.4.The present government is talking of toilets for all- in our college there are four washroom for 1500 students. Even those are dirty and lack proper sanitation. Your take on the issue?

Q.5. Modern education system mandates easy access to IT infrastructure and free wi-fi. However most desktops in our computer labs are outdated and free wi-fi is only in the prospectus. Please enlighten.

Q.6.The DTC Bus service to our college is erratic and unreliable. Can we not have 'U' specials plying at regular intervals to facilitate travel?

Q.7. Lack of clean drinking water is too basic a requirement to be neglected. Why has, nothing been done for years, to address the issue?

Q.8. Sports facilities in our college are sparse and inadequate for State / National level players to prepare and compete. Why can't you ensure better facilities for training?

Q.9.The food served in the canteen is overpriced and the menu is limited. How do you plan to address the regular complaints of the students in the matter?

Q.10. There is so much emphasis to stop Single Use Plastic in the campus. Do you have any revolutionary idea to execute in the campus ,the dream of plastic free India?

Q. 8. Edit and proofread to rewrite the following passage paying attention to punctuation marks, spelling and grammar: (5 marks)

Animals can be trusted better than(1)---- human's because they are more loyal to us than we are loyal to them. They are guided by (2)---- there natural instinct which is

simple and(3)---- innocent; whereas humans are guided by their intellect which is more complicated. Hence it is difficult to trust a man. Of all the animals, a (4)---- dogs loyalty is unconditional to the(5)---- extend that it will put its own life(6)---- on danger to save its master. There are (7)---- storys about dogs standing over an owner in a road accident and be hit(8)---- themselves rather than leaving their master alone; or a dog staying in a burning house until the owner leaves. Even when abused (9)---- but beaten, dogs will lick the hands of their masters. Animal express their love and loyalty in the (10)---- simplist of terms. Humans on the other hand, become real animals and commit cruelties on their fellow beings as well as all other living species on this planet.

(ER: 10 errors x 0.5 = 5 marks)