

**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 II**

**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)

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Shubhendu Sharma left his high paying job as an engineer to plant trees for the rest of his life. Using the unique Miyawaki methodology to grow saplings, Afforestt converts any land into a self-sustainable forest in a couple of years. He has successfully created 33 forests across India in two years. Here's how he made it possible.

It all started when Sharma volunteered to assist a naturalist, Akira Miyawaki, to cultivate a forest at the Toyota plant where he worked. Miyawaki's technique has managed to regenerate forests from Thailand to the Amazon, and Sharma thought to replicate the model in India.

Sharma started to experiment with the model and came up with an Indian version after slight modifications using soil amenders. His first tryst with making forests was in his own backyard in Uttarakhand, where he grew a lush green forest within a year's time. This gave him confidence and he decided to launch it as a full-time initiative.

After much planning, research and enthusiasm, Sharma started [Afforestt](#), an end-to-end service provider for creating natural, wild, maintenance-free, native forests in 2011.

Having started on his own, Sharma now has a team of 6 that works from Bangalore. Initial troubles with finding the market and sustaining the business were solved to some extent when they received their first order from a German furniture maker to plant about 10,000 trees. Since then, Afforestt has served around 43 clients and planted over 54,000 trees.

Afforestt works in two ways. One is end-to-end services, where they provide complete Project Execution and Management services which includes arrangement of labour, materials, equipment, tools and facilities required to execute an afforestation project using the Miyawaki Method. Another way is providing project management, on-site consulting and software support.

The biggest plus point of Afforestt is its low-cost model. They charge around Rs. 150 per square foot, which is far less than what a regular Miyawaki method costs.

"We want to create a scenario where plucking a fruit from a tree in the backyard will be easier than buying it from the market," Sharma says.

"The biggest lesson that I have learnt is that you need to keep earning money. This is the only way you can sustain your initiative and actually bring a change," Sharma says.

Another thing he learnt is that people are ready to pay money only if you sell the idea well. *"This should become a livelihood cycle, where a lot more people are engaged in afforestation,"* Sharma says.

<https://www.thebetterindia.com/12212/forest-backyard-sustainable-environment-afforestt/>

(423 words)

1. Questions:

Explain in your own words what it means by:

(3)

- Replicate the Miyawaki method.
- Initial troubles in finding market.

- Low cost model.
2. How is Afforestt an end to end service provider?  
(2)
  3. Why is it important that you need to keep earning money?  
(3)
  4. Imagine you have to recreate a forest in your backyard. Make a list of steps that you will take.  
(3)
  5. Find words in the passage that mean the same as following:  
(4)
    - able to maintain oneself
    - a meeting
    - a background or setting
    - the power to act or take charge

**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 travelling in an overcrowded DTC bus on your way to college, your wallet was stolen. It contained your driving license and Adhaar card. Write an FIR in 100 words, lodging a theft 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

Your mother is admitted in a Government Hospital and you find that an unauthorized chemist shop within the hospital is over charging for the medicines and on being confronted the owner cites short supply as the reason. Write an RTI to the Superintendent /CMO of the Hospital seeking answer to your questions.

(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. On the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' your college is organizing in event and you are the social media co-coordinator of the student wing. Post on Facebook the details of the event encouraging the students to join in large numbers and make the event a gala success .(80-100 words)

(5 marks)

**Hints :**

- Give all relevant details i.e. who is organizing the event?
- When / where is the event being held?
- What is the time at which the event is scheduled?
- How can the organizer be contacted? (Phone number, email etc).
- Keep the language crisp and clear.
- Give an idea of the target reader.

Or

Write a tweet about your joy at India's win at the World Cup Final in cricket. (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. Travel in a public transport – Bus / Metro or even walking on Delhi roads can be a harrowing experience for young girls. They are frequently subjected to loose comments and stalking. Write a blog post: # Speak up women! Share your ideas and spread awareness (200 words)

(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.

Or

As a part of a college project your visited an orphanage with your friends. Share your experience with your diary in about 200 words.

(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

Q.7. "Social Media- A blessing or a bane?" Two friends hold different views on the topic. Write a dialogue with at least 10 exchanges of conversation between them. (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

A leading call-centre has advertised for the position of a Customer Care Representative having good communication skills. Draft your curriculum vitae .

(10 marks)

**Hints :**

- Ensure you follow the proper format (go back to the chapter on Resume writing to check format).

Or

The MLA of your constituency has agreed to do an interview with you. You are the reporter of a National Daily. Prepare a list of questions you would ask him.

**Hints:**

Q.1. Sir, the condition of the roads in your constituency is pathetic and the situation has worsened after rains. As the MLA of the constituency, what efforts are you making to improve the condition?

Q.2.As you are aware, the crime rate in this area is on the rise. Almost every day, there are cases of eve-teasing, stalking, chain-snatching .The street lights are few and most of them are not in working condition. Please comment.

Q.3.The water supplied by DJB (Delhi Jal Board) is unfit for drinking and the water supply is not as per schedule. For how many more months do people have to put up with this problem?

Q.4.A lot of anti-social elements are active outside the only Women's College in our area. In spite of repeated complaints why has there been no action on your part?

Q.5.The DTC bus service in your constituency is not only poor but also very irregular and erratic. Don't you think, a little effort on your part will go a long way in resolving the problem?

Q.6.The 'Fair Price Shop' in our area is too ill-equipped to handle the footfall of daily customers. Why can't you initiate talks with the authorities and get permission for more such shops?

Q.7. In spite of being such a large constituency there is not a single Government

Hospital in your constituency. The CGHS dispensary and Mohalla Clinics are unable to cater to all. What are your efforts in this direction?

Q.8. There is growing emphasis on cleanliness under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. But the large dumps of wastes in every corner of your constituency have a different tale to tell. Your comments?

Q.9. A lots of illegal colonies are mushrooming in this area. Any plans to regularize them?

Q.10. Power cut is a major problem of the residents in your constituency. How do you plan to address the issue?

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

Subject: Making Delhi a Safer Tourist Destination

To : editor@thetimesofindia.com

Dear Sir

The mail aims to bring to notice the rising rate of crime against the foreign tourists(1)---- on Delhi and to put forward some measures to make Delhi a safer tourist destination.

The foreign tourists come to India in search of peace and tranquility for which India is famous. But, here, they are subjected to cheating, robbery, snatching, inhospitable behavior and eve-teasing. It spoils India's (2)---- reputation at the international level. If it continues, tourists will start avoiding India. It will( 3)---- effect India's prospects. Delhi being the capital of India, cannot afford to overlook even a single such incident. We must step up to make Delhi a better tourist destination.

For this, we must have (4)---- an force of civil guards with the locals as its members. They will shoulder the responsibility of (5)---- maintaining the law and order of their respective areas and the safety of the tourists there. Besides registering and (6)---- efficient monitoring of the auto and taxi drivers in Delhi will curb their irresponsible behaviour. Issuing strict instructions to police and other(7)---- authoritys along with some punishment for an objectionable incident in their region can help to improve the situation greatly. Beside (8)---- awarness and (9)---- encourigement to the general public is adequate to make them responsible citizens.

I hope the Delhites will make themselves proud by making it a better and safer tourist destination.

(10)---- Regard's,

Rashmi

(ER: 10 errors x 0.5 = 5 marks )