

BCom & BSC II year III Semester  
English  
Question Bank

**Unit I: Poem- Life**

Q 1. "O why lament its fall?" Whose fall is the poet referring to? Why does she ask us not to lament its fall?

Q 2. Bring out the main argument of the poem and judge whether it is convincing.

Short answer questions: Comprehension-I page No 5

**Prose: A Wrong Man in Worker's Paradise**

Q 3. The man indulged in "mad" whims and "wasted" his time painting. From whose point of view are these terms used? What is the author's attitude towards the man and his preoccupations?

Q 4. Explain the gradual changes that come in the girl's attitude towards the man.

Short answer questions- Comprehension-I page No 11

**Vocabulary:** Synonyms and antonyms

Exercises- page No 14,15,16.

**Grammar:** Prepositions, Exercises- page No 19, 20.

**Unit II: Poem- Punishment in Kindergarten.**

Q 1. Summarise the speaker's experience on a picnic day when she was in kindergarten.

Q 2. Explain the difference between the speaker who is recounting the incident and the girl who experienced it.

Short answers: Comprehension 1 page No- 23, 24

**Lesson: Toasted English.**

Q 3. Narayan refers to muffins at the beginning of the essay. Does he say anything more about them later in the essay? What is the real subject of the essay and how is the title related to the subject?

Q 4. Explain the various ways in which Narayan makes the essay humorous.

Short answer questions: Comprehension- I page no. 28, 29

**Vocabulary-** British and American English – Exercises- page no.

31, 32, 33.

**Grammar-** Voice – Exercises- Page no. 35, 37

**Unit III: Poem- As I Grew Older**

Q.1. Bring out the central idea of the poem and explain how the poet conveys it.

Q 2. What is the poet's dream? Does he specify it anywhere in the poem? Do you think it matters whether he does or does not state what his dream is?

Short answer question: Comprehensions -1 Page no. 40

**Prose- The Grammar of Anarchy**

Q3. How does Dr Ambedkar argue that liberty, equality and fraternity are not separate entities but a union of trinity?

Q4. Why, according to Dr Ambedkar, is the recognition of the aspirations of the downtrodden important for the maintenance of democracy?

Short question answers: Comprehension I, page no. 47

**Vocabulary:** Phrasal Verbs- Exercises- page no. 50, 51

**Grammar:** Concord- Exercises – page no. 52, 53

**Unit IV- Essay Writing: Discursive Essay and Argumentative Essay**

Q.1 Define the term 'essay', list the types of essays and explain the features and structure of a five-paragraph discursive essay.

Q 2. Write discursive essay on- (i) Duties of a good citizen (ii) Globalisation and its impact (iii) India's plural culture

Q3. Explain the features and structure of a three paragraph argumentative essay.

Q4. Write argumentative essay on- (i) Can one use western gadgets but remain unaffected by western culture? (ii) Advertisements benefit the manufacturer, not the customer (iii) Is science always right?

**Vocabulary:** Idioms – Exercises -page no. 66, 67, 71, 68

**Grammar:** Connectives: Exercises– page No. 71, 72

**Unit V – Report Writing: Business Report and Media**

**Report**

Q1. Define report. Describe the structure of a formal business report.

Q2. Describe the structure of feasibility, progress and evaluation report.

Q3. Write a progress report on your collection of data about school dropouts in the colonies around your .

Q4. Describe the process of writing a media report. Explain the 'inverted pyramid' style of writing a media report.

Q5. Write media report on- (i) Students organise a roundtable on "My Ideal " (ii) Companies complain about the mismatch between students' marks and their knowledge levels.

**Vocabulary:** Technical Vocabulary – Exercises- page no.92, 93, 94

**Grammar:** Reported Speech- Exercises- page no- 99,100,101

**Please refer the prescribed text book for all the questions mentioned above.**