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Term-End Examination : January-2026

Course Name : BCOMHONS

Subject Name : Compulsory English-1 (English Text)

Subject Code : AEC101-BC

Date : 23-02-2026

Time : 11:30AM TO 12:30PM

Max Marks : 35

Q.-1. Answer the following question (Attempt any one) in about 1200 words. (10)

(1) What is the significance of ivy leaves in The Last Leaf ?

(2) What kind of life did Ali lead as a young man? Explain.

Q.-2. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (10)

(1) What does Tagore mean by narrow domestic walls? Explain.

(2) Why did Foreman refuse to learn to read and write? Explain.

Q.-3. Write short notes on any two of the following topics. (10)

(1) Why does the horse give his harness bells a shake?

(2) Does the speaker know about the owner of the woods? Where does the owner of the woods live? Explain.

(3) What did the new male passenger say about the girl's eyes?

(4) What is the ironical twist at the end of the poem THE EYES ARE NOT HERE - RUSKIN BOND?

(5) Why did Madhav not go inside the hut to help his wife?

Q.-4. Tick (✓) the correct alternative (05)

(1) The narrator was a _____ man.

A) (a) deaf

B) (b) lame

C) (c) blind

D) (d) lumb

(2) Foreman had been the verger at St. Peter's for

A) (a) ten years

B) (b) fifteen years

C) (c) sixteen years

D) (d) twenty years

(3) Budhia was writhing in the pain of -----

A) (a) stomach

B) (b) labour

C) (c) fever

D) (d) pneumonia

(4) The Zamindar gave _____ rupees to Ghisu and Madhav for buying the shroud.

A) (a) five

B) (b) three

C) (c) two

D) (d) ten

(5) Ali gave up hunting after -----

A) (a) an accident

B) (b) his daughter's marriage

C) (c) his daughter's death

D) (d) a bad experience