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Term End Examination January-2026

Course	: Special B.Ed.	Date	: 01/03/2026
Subject Code	: SEEPC-01(C)	Time	: 11:30am to 01:45pm
Subject Name	: Reading and its written expression	Duration	: 02.15 Hours
Credit	: 2	Max. Marks	: 80
		Min. Marks	:

Q.1 Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. (Any three) **45**

1. Discuss J. Krishnamurti's views on the purpose of life with reference to the essay.
2. Explain Francis Bacon's views on reading and study as expressed in the essay *Of Studies*.
3. Discuss *The Last Leaf* as a story of hope and sacrifice, highlighting the role of Behrman.
4. Explain *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* as a philosophical poem, focusing on its central symbols and message.
5. Discuss Rabindranath Tagore's idea of true freedom in the poem *Where the Mind Is Without Fear* with reference to its major themes and tone.

Q.2 Answer the following questions in about 300 words each. (Any two) **20**

1. Explain the major themes of *Where the Mind Is Without Fear* and comment on Tagore's vision of an ideal nation.
2. Describe the allegorical meaning of *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* and explain how the poem reflects Robert Frost's philosophy of life.
3. Discuss the importance of the title *The Last Leaf* and justify its relevance to the story.

Q.3 Write a short note (Any two) **10**

1. What does Tagore mean by "narrow domestic walls"?
2. Why does the speaker decide to move on in *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*?
3. What does Bacon mean by "Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability"?

Q.4 Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. **05**

1. Who is the author of *The Purpose of Life*?
2. Name the literary form of *Of Studies*.
3. Who wrote *The Last Leaf*?
4. What does "sleep" symbolize in Frost's poem?
5. From which collection is *Where the Mind Is Without Fear* taken?
