

# CSSR & SRRM DEGREE & PG COLLEGE

(AUTONOMOUS)

UG (CBCS) REGULAR EXAMINATIONS, APRIL/MAY-2025

BA/BBA/B.Com/BSc Honours, SEMESTER-II

**General English**

**A COURSE IN READING AND WRITING SKILLS**

(w.e.f. 2024-25 Admitted Batch)

**Time: 3 hrs.**

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

**Max. Marks: 70**

**I. Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

**3 x 5 = 15 M**

- Write a short note on symbolism in the poem, "Palanquin Bearers".
- Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, "Palanquin Bearers".
- How does Night of the Scorpion explore the concept of sacrifice and the mother's role as a selfless personality?
- What is the central theme of the poem, "Night of the Scorpion"?
- Why does the poet stop in the woods in "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening"?
- What is the significance of the last two lines of the poem and how do they contribute to the poem's overall meaning?

**II. Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

**3 x 5 = 15 M**

- Why does the doctor consider his help to the young man as "The Best Investment" he ever made?
- What conditions forced the young man to attempt suicide?
- What are the conditions at Crimean hospitals?
- Why was Florence called, "The Lady with the Lamp"?
- What is the mystery about Deoli station that the author talked about?
- "I felt the impulse to put her on the train there and then, and take her away with me". Explain the lines.

**III. Answer any ONE of the following questions.**

**1 x 5 = 5 M**

- How did the astrologer escape from Guru Nayak.
- Differentiate between Skimming and Scanning.

**IV. Match the following words with their meanings.**

**5 x 1 = 5 M**

**Column A**

- Avaricious
- Etymology
- Obsolete
- Illiterate
- Ventriloquist

**Column B**

- One who can throw his voice
- One who doesn't know how to read and write
- One who is greedy for money
- A study of the derivation of words
- A thing no longer in use

**V. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.****5 x 1 = 5 M**

Technology has transformed education by making learning more accessible and engaging. Digital tools such as online courses, virtual classrooms, and interactive software have revolutionized traditional teaching methods. Students can now access vast amounts of information instantly through e-books, educational apps, and video lectures. This has enabled self-paced learning, allowing individuals to study at their own convenience. Moreover, artificial intelligence (AI) is playing a crucial role in personalized education. AI-powered platforms analyze students' progress and provide customized learning experiences. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are also enhancing education by creating immersive learning environments, especially in fields like science and engineering. However, technology in education also brings challenges. The digital divide remains a concern, as not all students have equal access to devices and the internet. Additionally, excessive screen time may impact students' focus and well-being. Despite these challenges, technology continues to shape the future of education positively.

- (a) How has technology changed traditional teaching methods?
- (b) What are some digital tools that help in learning?
- (c) How does AI contribute to personalized education?
- (d) What role do VR and AR play in modern education?
- (e) What are some challenges of using technology in education?

**VI. Expand any ONE of the following.****1 x 5 = 5 M**

- (a) Rome was not built in a day.
- (b) Make hay while the sun shines.

**VII. Choose the most appropriate collocations from the choices.****5 x 1 = 5 M**

- (a) He \_\_\_\_\_ (prepares/makes) his bed every morning.
- (b) Raj \_\_\_\_\_ (paid/gave) no attention to my requests.
- (c) Although the doctors tried hard, they couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (protect/save) his life.
- (d) They \_\_\_\_\_ (heard/listened) a noise outside the house.
- (e) Sita \_\_\_\_\_ (takes/sleeps) a nap every afternoon.

**VIII. Read the following passage and make notes.****1 x 5 = 5 M**

Time management is an essential skill for success. It helps individuals complete tasks efficiently and reduce stress. Good time management involves setting priorities, making schedules, and avoiding procrastination. Using tools like to-do lists and planners can improve productivity. Additionally, taking short breaks between tasks enhances focus. Poor time management leads to missed deadlines and increased pressure. Successful people plan their day in advance and stick to a routine. Setting realistic goals and managing distractions are also crucial. By developing this skill, individuals can balance work and personal life effectively. Proper time management leads to better efficiency and success.

**IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following.****1 x 5 = 5 M**

- (a) Write an informal letter to your cousin describing your trip to Hyderabad.
- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about street dogs in your locality.

**X. Prepare a Curriculum Vitae/Resume for ANY ONE of the following.****1 x 5 = 5 M**

- (a) Prepare a CV for the post of Lecturer in English at S.V. Degree College, Raichur.
- (b) Prepare a CV for the post of Accountant-must be a graduate-fluency in English is a must-knowledge of computer is preferable-good communication skills.

