

**FIRST SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022**  
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

**BBA HONOURS**

**GENG1A07T: DEVELOPING FLUENCY AND CLARITY IN ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**PART A: Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 mark.**

1. We will be *slightly* late for the meeting. Identify the figure of speech  
a. Adjective                      b. Adverb                      c. Noun                      d. Verb
2. If you had studied well, you..... passed the exam.  
a. would                      b. would not                      c. would have                      d. will not
3. The tourists were so hungry, they made a beeline for the buffet table.  
The word 'beeline' in this sentence means.....  
a. falling over                      b. to go directly                      c. line of bees                      d. quickly
4. What type of letter do you write to the controller of examination?  
a. Formal                      b. Informal                      c. Semi-formal                      d. None
5. What is the superlative of *little*?  
a. little                      b. lest                      c. less                      d. least
6. *If you go there, you can meet him.* What condition does it show?  
a. possible                      b. probable                      c. impossible                      d. improbable
7. Where does a thesis statement occur?  
a. Introduction                      b. Conclusion                      c. Anywhere                      d. All of these
8. Complex sentences contain:  
a. Independent clause                      b. Dependant clause                      c. Both                      d. None
9. In "To err is human, to forgive is divine", the expression, "to error" is a/an .....  
a. gerund                      b. verb                      c. infinitive                      d. none
10. Which tense is used to indicate universal truth?  
a. Simple present                      b. Simple past                      c. Present perfect                      d. None

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

**PART B: Answer any eight questions. Each carries 2 marks.**

11. Define simple past tense and how it differs from present perfect tense?
12. How is an adjective different from an adverb?
13. What is a thesis statement?
14. Illustrate a phrase with an example.
15. Define a clause with an example.
16. What is a prepositional phrase?
17. Write a sentence in the SVOC pattern.
18. What is 'work cited'?
19. This is the biggest house in the environment. (Change into positive degree)
20. Who is the ..... runner in the class? (fast / faster / fastest)

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**  
**(PTO)**

**PART C: Answer any six questions. Each carries 4 marks.**

21. Illustrate with examples simple, compound, and complex sentences.
22. Write a note on parts of speech.
23. How is the formal letter different from informal?
24. What are degrees of comparison? Describe with examples.
25. What is brainstorming? Explain four methods of brainstorming.
26. Write a paragraph on one of the following:

The importance of setting career goals

Or

Your dream job.

27. Write a cover letter for your leave request on medical ground to Principal.
28. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below:

Born in South London in April 1889 to parents in the creative industry, Charles Spencer Chaplin's introduction to life was one of destitution and hardship. The premature death of his father and subsequent mental illness of his mother resulted in Chaplin being sent to various London workhouses and schools from the age of seven. Chaplin described his experiences in Lambeth Workhouse and the Central London District School for paupers as a 'forlorn existence'.

Though Chaplin was briefly reunited with his mother in 1898, illness forced her to readmit her family to the workhouse in July 1898. Chaplin's acceptance of his 'poor mother's fate' and constant admissions to various state institutions, makes his eventual trajectory to worldwide icon even more impressive.

The clearly autobiographical elements of *The Kid* remain resonant today as the film follows The Tramp caring for an orphan child and highlights key contemporary notions of single parenthood, paternity, maternity, and the involvement of state institutions in care giving.

- a) What are the major setbacks to Chaplin?
- b) What does the word "forlorn" mean?
- c) Which movie depicts contemporary notions?
- d) What do you understand by The Tramp?
- e) Identify the nature of the passage.

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

**PART D: Answer any two questions. Each carries 15 marks.**

29. Define an essay and briefly outline types of essays.
30. Write a letter to the principal to avail condonation of attendance for end semester examination.
31. Form a group of 4 and conduct a debate on 'Social media brings more harm than good'.
32. Write an essay on the conception of a thesis, going through brainstorming, connecting Ideas, thesis statement, topic sentences, outline, and formation of paragraphs.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**