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**B.M.S. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**  
**BENGALURU-560004**

**I SEMESTER END EXAMINATION- JAN/FEB -2024**

**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH - CONFLUENCE I AND CONVERGENCE I**  
**(NEP Scheme 2021-22 onwards F+R)**

**Course Code: AENGIAECAE01**

**Duration: 2 ½ Hours**

**QP Code: 1121**

**Max. Marks: 60**

**Instructions: 1. Read the instructions carefully before writing the answer.**  
**2. Write the correct question number.**

**SECTION – A**  
**(Language Component – 40 Marks)**

**I. Write a paragraph in about 100 - 150 words on each of the following topics: (2X5=10)**

1. Futility of war
2. Artificial intelligence a boon or threat to humanity.

**II. Write a Précis for the following: (1X10=10)**

There is an enemy beneath our feet - an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes, and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from earthquakes. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst, gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down into the valley. Consider the terrifying statistics from the past 1755: Lisbon, capital of Portugal - the city destroyed entirely and 450 killed. 1970: Peru: 50,000 killed. In 1968 an earthquake struck Alaska. As this is a relatively underpopulated part, only a few people were killed. But it is likely that this was one of the most powerful quakes ever to

have hit the world. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet farther west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire subcontinent! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that man cannot hope to resist them. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can then be taken to save lives and some of the property.

**III. Event Report Writing: (1X10=10)**

XYZ College, Bengaluru organised an Adult Literacy camp in its neighbourhood. You are P.V. Sumitha, Secretary, write a report in about 120 – 150 words on the camp for your college newsletter.

**IV. Expand and interpret the following proverbs: (2X5=10)**

- a. Action speaks louder than words
- b. Necessity is the mother of innovation

**SECTION – B**

**V. Answer any TWO of the following in about 80 to 100 words: (2X5=10)**

1. How does Gajala extricates the elephant from the pit into which it had fallen in *The Rouge*?
2. What was the incident that happened in the main bazaar of Pakistan with Dittu many years ago in *The Taxi Driver*?
3. How does the poet immortalize the tree in the poem, *Our Casuarina Tree*.

**VI. Answer any ONE of the following in about two pages: (1X10=10)**

1. The protagonist struggles with his loneliness in urban lifestyle. Explain with reference to *The Unpalatable Offering*.
2. The poem, *Moonrise* defines the struggle of choice between science and belief. Elucidate.
3. *The Letter* concludes that human beings are transformed into better beings by suffering. Explain.

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