



II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, May 2017
(Fresh + Repeaters) (2014-15 and Onwards)(CBCS)

ENGLISH

Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) Answer *all* questions.

2) Mention the question numbers *correctly*.

PART – A

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in **a word** or **a sentence each** : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) What does the phrase “mass lunacy” mean in the context of the poem, ‘To a Student’ ?
 - 2) What has the “glorious war” done to the soldiers in ‘Survivors’ ?
 - 3) Who is Sergeant Hornus ? What was the one ambition of his life ?
 - 4) The active ahimsa includes _____ and _____
 - 5) What is the challenging journalistic assignment given to Stanley ?
 - 6) Why is Manasarovar called so ?
 - 7) The expression ‘Martian monsters’ refers to :
a) the goal post b) cameras c) spectators
 - 8) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary in ‘The Prize Poem’ ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **a page each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) What picture of student life do you get in the poem, ‘To a Student’ ?
 - 2) Write a note on the sufferings of the soldiers in ‘Survivors’.
 - 3) Describe Hornus before he took charge of the Ensign.
 - 4) How did the three comedians submit the poems which commenced with same four lines in ‘The Prize Poem’ ?
 - 5) How does Bill Cosby try to adapt himself to the differences caused by the generation gap ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Explain with examples the distinction between positive and negative ahimsa as explained by Gandhiji.
 - 2) Narrate Pele’s journey to attain his thousandth goal.
 - 3) Consider Shinkre’s ‘I Visited Shiva’s Paradise’, as a religious travelogue.

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IV. Do as directed :

- A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below : 2
- 1) Rage – a) anger b) destroy c) cross
- 2) Ordeal – a) deal b) painful experience c) order
- B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words : 2
- i) A full moon reflected in the lake created a silvery _____
(ambience, ambivalence)
- ii) They have become _____ of the unfair social system
(victims, sufferers)
- C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own : 1
to give away.

PART - B

(Work Book-Communication Skills)

- V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech : 2
- a) Sridhar said to Sudhir, "I was swimming in the pool."
b) The teacher said to the boys, "Do your best."
- 2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice : 2
- a) The Principal welcomed the chief guest.
b) Our college celebrated the diamond jubilee this year.
- 3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'but' : 1
Geetha is an intelligent girl. She is irregular to the class.
- 4) Frame a suitable 'Wh' question to get the underlined word/s as the answer : 1
The people of Ujiji rushed up to meet him.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1
They don't know her.



VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it : 5

One of the most famous monuments in the world, the Statue of Liberty, was presented to the United States of America by the people of France. The great statue, which was designed by the sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, took ten years to complete. The actual figure was made of copper supported by a metal framework which had been specially constructed by Eiffel. Before it could be transported to the United States, a site had to be found for it and a pedestal had to be built. The site chosen was an island at the entrance of the New York Harbour. By 1884, a statue which was 151 feet tall, had been erected in Paris. The following year, it was taken by pieces to America. By the end of October 1886, the statue had been put together again and it was officially presented to the American people by Bartholdi. Ever since then, the great monument has been a symbol of liberty for the millions of people who pass through New York Harbour to make their homes in America.

- i) Who designed the great statue of Liberty ?
- ii) What arrangements were to be made to erect the great statue ?
- iii) What was it made up of ?
- iv) Which year was the Statue of Liberty presented to the American people ?
- v) Of what has the great monument been a symbol ever since its erection ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. 5

The benefits of reading books.

Hints :

- 1) A source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration
- 2) No feeling of boredom
- 3) Enhance knowledge, noble thoughts and ideals
- 4) One can develop skills of language.

OR

Healthy life through yoga and meditation.

- 1) Improves concentration and memory
- 2) Keeps one active throughout
- 3) Increases immunity and fitness
- 4) Avoids diseases and develops healthy mind.



VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bring out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title for the summary. 5

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, and so on may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different class of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride. Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

IX. Do as directed :

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each : 2

a) To know the arrival time of Rajdhani express train.

b) To know the last date for the payment of examination fee.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organise the message in the format given : 3

Rajesh : Good Morning! I am Rajesh from HP computers. May I speak to the Principal.

Receptionist : He is in a board meeting and will be available only after 2 p.m.
Any message ?

Rajesh : He had given me an appointment to meet him today, to finalise the quotation for twenty desktops and ten laptops. I will leave my number with you. Please call me when he is free. My no. is 9892364513.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

3) You have to attend a committee meeting convened by the Principal of your college. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message through your friend expressing : 3

- Your inability to attend the meeting.
- Information that you have sent the relevant documents.
- Assure you will attend the next meeting.