

## Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fourth Semester Examination

## COMPULSORY ENGLISH

## (Compulsory)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**N.B. :— All questions are compulsory.**

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in brackets (any **five**) : 5

- (i) The moon \_\_\_\_\_ round the earth. (move)
- (ii) He has \_\_\_\_\_ the match. (win)
- (iii) I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a car. (have)
- (iv) My father for \_\_\_\_\_ a walk every morning. (go)
- (v) He \_\_\_\_\_ a new car tomorrow. (buy)
- (vi) Vaishnavi \_\_\_\_\_ the clothes now. (wash)
- (vii) I \_\_\_\_\_ this watch on Monday. (buy)
- (viii) We \_\_\_\_\_ the exhibition last Sunday. (see)

(B) Change the voice of any **five** of the following sentences : 5

- (i) Bees make honey.
- (ii) You may pay the money by cheque.
- (iii) My father will write a letter tomorrow.
- (iv) Where did you put the umbrella ?
- (v) Mohan is liked by everyone.
- (vi) My pen has been stolen.
- (vii) The police arrested the thief.
- (viii) Abdul broke the window.

(C) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 10

Ranjit Singh, the Lion of the Punjab, was once walking along the road with his followers, when suddenly a stone struck him on the head. He suffered greatly and his followers brought before him a woman bent with age and dressed in rags. The poor woman was trembling. "Your Highness," said the woman with folded hands, "my children have been hungry for three days. In search of food I came here and saw ripe apples hanging from the branches. I threw a stone at them in the hope of getting one or two to satisfy my children's hunger, but the stone missed its aim and struck Your Highness. I am innocent. Please forgive

me”. Pressing his wounded head with one hand, the Lion of the Punjab ordered his Prime Minister to give the woman several bags of grains and pay her one thousand rupees. The Prime Minister stared at The King. “If the lifeless tree gave fruit when struck with stones”, said the King, “I must give much more since I am alive and have reason. How can I punish her ?”

**Questions :**

- (1) What happened when Ranjit Singh was once walking along the road ?
- (2) Why did the woman try to get the apples ?
- (3) What lesson did the King learn from the tree ?
- (4) What was the Prime Minister asked to do ?
- (5) Who is regarded as the Lion of the Punjab ?

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

- (i) Why did Tom feel miserable on every Monday Morning ?

**OR**

Why did patients come to Dr. Raman when they were on their last legs ? 5

- (ii) How did Tom make Sid believe that he was going to die ?

**OR**

Why was Dr. Raman’s opinion valued by people ? 5

- (iii) What excuses did Tom think of for staying away from school ?

**OR**

What was the reaction of Gopal’s family when he showed a slight improvement ? 5

(B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :

- (i) What kind of friendship did Gopal and Dr. Raman share ?
- (ii) How long had Gopal not called Dr. Raman ?
- (iii) What did Gopal want to do when he regained consciousness ?
- (iv) What is Aunt Polly’s reaction to Tom’s complaint ?
- (v) How did Aunt Polly treat Tom’s complaint of toothache ? 5

3. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

- (i) Bring out after Goldsmith, the qualities of The Village Schoolmaster.

**OR**

The poem ‘Say not the Struggle Naught Availeth’ is optimistic in nature. Discuss. 5

(ii) What was the extent of The Village Schoolmaster's Knowledge ?

**OR**

What happens in the West when the Sun Rises in the East ? 5

(iii) What is said about the School building and students in the poem The Village Schoolmaster ?

**OR**

What does the poet say about the breaking of the Sea Waves ? 5

(B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :

(i) Where did the Village Schoolmaster teach his little school ?

(ii) What made the Schoolmaster very 'severe' or strict ?

(iii) How does the poet describe the appearance of the Village Schoolmaster ?

(iv) What is the message contained in the poem 'Say not the struggle Naught Availeth' ?

(v) Why does A.H. Clough consider hopes as dupes and fears as liars ? 5

4. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) How did Abu Hassan and his wife escape punishment ?

**OR**

How did Abu Hassan win the prize of a thousand gold pieces ? 5

(ii) What made the royal couple go personally to Abu Hassan's house ?

**OR**

What sort of life did Abu Hassan and his wife lead in the beginning ? 5

(iii) Describe, in short, the meeting between Abu Hassan and the traders.

**OR**

What was the plan conceived by Abu Hassan to overcome their plight ? 5

(B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :

(i) Why was Abu Hassan annoyed with the food served to him by his wife ?

(ii) What did the royal couple think about the two being dead ?

(iii) What, according to Abu Hassan, is gold made for ?

(iv) What did Abu Hassan intend to do after collecting gold from the royal couple ?

(v) Why did Messoor and Scheherade visit Abu Hassan's house ? 5