

**Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester–III Examination**

**ENGLISH**

**Paper–5**

**Compulsory Language**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

1. Answer the following questions in about **150** words :

(A) Give an account of the major events involving Khushwant Singh and his grandmother.

**OR**

Why according to Karan Singh, should our young people equip themselves in physical dimension ?

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(B) Narrate the thoughts that crowded the Verger's mind after he locked the door for going home.

**OR**

Attempt a summary of "The Eyes are not here", highlighting the climax in it.

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2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **75** words :

(i) How would Khushwant Singh's grandmother prepare him for going to school ?

(ii) For what purpose does Karan Singh want our youth to be intellectually alert ?

(iii) What was the advice of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh to the students ?

(iv) What were the feelings of Albert Edward Foreman about the gowns he wore during the sixteen years as a Verger ?

(v) Which reason did the Verger assign for his ignorance of reading and writing ?

(vi) How did Ruskin Bond try to prevent the blind girl from discovering that he was blind ? 16

3. (A) Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **150** words :

Summarise the claims made in "Money Madness".

**OR**

Discuss the theme of "A River", highlighting the instances of irony.

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(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Everyone has got into the habit of thinking himself to be different and separate from others, and wholly dependent on himself for his security, subsistence and progress. On the foundation of this narrow, selfish conception people have erected the structure of human existence and even in spite of many evil consequences that flow from it, they have habitually stuck to this tradition. From time to time saints and sages have preached the gospel of oneness but this was considered to be merely a theoretical ideal which was never even attempted to be brought into actual practice. The very idea that mankind can march forward by facing all joys and sorrows in unity and thereby

solve automatically the problem of common security and peace, was alien to the minds of the people. Man has got into the habit of oppressing and exploiting others for his own benefit and has transformed this paradise into a fierce 'struggle for existence'.

**Questions :**

- (i) What is the foundation on which the structure of human existence is erected ?
- (ii) What have the saints preached ?
- (iii) Which idea is alien to the minds of the people ?
- (iv) What is the result of oppression and exploitation ? 8

4. (A) (I) Do as directed :

- (i) We do not deny that we want to see a film. (Change into affirmative sentence)
- (ii) No sooner had we started than it began to rain. (Change into affirmative sentence)
- (iii) I always love my pets. (Change into negative sentence)
- (iv) Banarasi silk is very expensive. (Change into negative sentence)

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(II) Do as directed :

- (i) This is not the kind of dress to wear in the school. (Change into interrogative sentence)
- (ii) We can never forget our national heroes. (Change into interrogative sentence)
- (iii) Can I ever forget his help ? (Change into assertive sentence)
- (iv) Is there anything better than a busy life ? (Change into assertive sentence)

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(B) As the Purchase Officer of an organization you had ordered 10 dozen bedsheets after examining the samples sent by the wholesaler. When the consignment arrives, you find neither the texture nor the shades match the samples you had approved. Write a claim letter demanding their replacement.

**OR**

In the capacity of Customer Care Officer, Prakash Publication, write a letter to the customer offering assurance to replace the books that were tattered in a parcel sent by the Publication house. 8

5. (A) At the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Bricks Mall, Cotton Street, Nagpur, to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, in the Board Room of the company, the following business is to be transacted :

Confirmation of the minutes; approval of the report of the Managing Director; discussion on shop-lifting incidents; finding solutions; appointing security guards; considering other appointments like clerk and peon; any other matter with the permission of the Chairman. Draft the agenda of the above meeting.

**OR**

Imagine that you were the Secretary in attendance of the Tenth Annual Meeting of Executive Committee of Bharat Engineering Limited, 16, North Hills, Jalandhar, held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2019. Write the minutes of this meeting, assuming the agenda to be as follows :

10.1 Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

10.2 D.A. to the employees.

10.3 Tenders for the construction of a new canteen.

10.4 Auditor's Report.

10.5 Appointment of Production Manager.

10.6 Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman. 8

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

(i) Where was the portrait of Khushwant Singh's grandfather hung ?

(ii) What according to Karan Singh are the four dimensions in which our youth must equip themselves with ?

(iii) What was the Verger looking for on his way back to home ?

(iv) Do as directed :

(a) No other man in the town is as rich as Mahadevan.

(Change into affirmative sentence)

(b) How can I be dishonest ?

(Change into assertive sentence)

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