

**Master of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester—III Examination****ENGLISH****Paper—5****Compulsory Language**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Note :— ALL questions are compulsory.**

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

(A) Attempt after Khushwant Singh, a character sketch of his grandmother. 8

**OR**

Why does Karan Singh give emphasis on the spiritual dimension ?

(B) Describe the origin and evolution of Albert Edward Foreman as a flourishing businessman. 8

**OR**

Narrate the instances in “The Eyes are not Here” which indicate that both the narrator and the girl are visually challenged. How do they try to mislead each other ?

2. Answer any
- four**
- of the given questions in about
- 75**
- words each :—

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(i) Comment on Khushwant Singh’s grandmother’s relationship with dogs and sparrows.

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

(iii) Where did Albert Edward Foreman serve before he was appointed as Verger ?

(iv) Write a note on the talk between the narrator and the girl about Dehra and Mussoorie.

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

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

3. (A) Answer the following question in about
- 150**
- words :—

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Describe the process of felling the Banyan Tree. What does the act of cutting down the tree signify ?

**OR**

Summarise the claim made in “Money Madness”.

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

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People work hard and complain that either they have failed or they have not got a reward in proportion to their labour. Many toil with ultimate intention of immense gain. From the practical point of view, it is true that we must get rewarded for the effort we make. But our scriptures tell us that we must put in hard work without the expectation of an immediate award.

A farmer sows seeds in the month of July. Does he get a crop instantly ? He has to wait for germination of the seeds and the growth of the plant for some months. The same is the case with any work undertaken by us. We must work hopefully. Our optimism is important. This optimism will prevent us from worrying about our goal. This tendency of looking at the brighter side of life will still our thoughts about the goal, end or target of our actions.

Robert Louis Stevenson was a famous English essayist. One of his essays concluded with, To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour ?

The words offer a valuable piece of advice. They ask us to adopt a healthy attitude towards life and lend a new perspective to labour and its reward. There is joy in hard work. Your hard work itself is success.

Questions :—

- (i) What is the complaint of people who work hard ?
- (ii) What do our scriptures tell us ?
- (iii) Why is optimism necessary with regard to our work ?
- (iv) What do words ask us to adopt ?

4. (A) (I) Do as directed :—

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- (i) He denies stealing the purse.  
(change into negative sentence)
- (ii) Mathematics is a difficult subject.  
(change into negative sentence)
- (iii) I did not forget her face.  
(change into affirmative sentence)
- (iv) No sooner did I see the snake than I ran away.  
(change into affirmative sentence)

(II) Do as directed :—

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- (i) Pratap will never misbehave.  
(change into interrogative sentence)
- (ii) Everyone cannot go to the United States.  
(change into interrogative sentence)
- (iii) Can we live without oxygen ?  
(change into assertive sentence)
- (iv) Will he ever become the captain of the team ?  
(change into assertive sentence)

(B) You are the proprietor of M/s Roopam Electronics, Medical Square, Nagpur. You have received ten units of washing machines from Bharat Suppliers, Delhi, in a damaged condition. Write a claim letter demanding their replacement.

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**OR**

The Librarian of a college has claimed a compensation for 25 books which arrived in a damaged condition. As the wholesaler, draft a suitable adjustment letter. Refuse to replace as the damage occurred in transit but offer to pay binding charges.

5. (A) Imagine that you are the Secretary of the staff association of Bhawani Cement Industries Limited, Raipur. Prepare the Agenda for the first business meeting of the General Body, to be held at 11.00 am on Friday, at the Meeting Hall of the company, The following business is to be transacted : Organization of shopping week, report of the Finance Committee, estimate for renovation of the building.

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**OR**

Write down the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Pragati Co-operative Housing Society held at 3 : 00 PM on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

Assume the agenda to be as follows :—

5.01 Minutes of the previous meeting.

5.02 President's Report

5.03 Appointment of a new Secretary

5.04 Solving Complaints

5.05 Discussion of new land acquisition with society members.

5.06 Distribution of dividend on shares to Society members.

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

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(i) How did the grandmother spend her time after Khushwant Singh went to the University ?

(ii) Who, over half of the century ago delivered a speech at the Bengal National College ?

(iii) What was Albert Edward Foreman looking for on his way back home ?

(iv) Do as directed :—

(a) There is no smoke without fire.

(change into affirmative sentence)

(b) They are not so stupid as to trust you.

(change into interrogative sentence)