

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

**ENGLISH**

**Paper–5**

**(Compulsory Language)**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

1. (A) Answer the following question in about **150** words :

Justify the claim that 'Go, Kiss the World' is about looking beyond yourself, broadening your vision and giving back more to life than what life has given you.

**OR**

Relate the instances of humour in 'The Gold Frame'.

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- (B) Answer the following question in about **150** words :

What happened one morning when the narrator was correcting proof sheets in his study ?

**OR**

"One experience I shall long remember". Describe this experience of Booker T. Washington which enabled him to find out "what the colour of skin meant".

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

(a) What impact did the habit of reading the newspaper have on Bagchi ?

(b) What had Datta learnt by experience about the customers who brought pictures for framing ?  
What was his experience about the new customer ?

(c) Why did the narrator say that he was also a father ?

(d) How did Booker T. Washington reach Richmond, Virginia ? Write about his bitter experiences when he was tired, hungry and penniless.

(e) Describe how 'a sense of connectedness' was created in Bagchi during his stay at Bhubaneswar.

(f) "At the back of his mind an idea began to take shape". How has R.K. Laxman elaborated the statement ?

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

What, according to Kipling, are the qualities needed for becoming a man ?

**OR**

In the opinion of Kleiser, which is the most vital thing in life ? Why must a person master it ?

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(B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The "standard of living" of any country means the average person's share of the goods and services which the country produces. A country's standard of living, therefore, depends first and foremost on its capacity to produce wealth. "Wealth" in this sense is not money, for we do not live on it but on things that money can buy : "goods" such as food and clothing, and "services" such as transport and entertainment.

A country's capacity to produce wealth depends upon many factors, most of which have an effect on the another. Wealth depends to a great extent upon a country's natural resources, such as coal, gold, and other minerals, water supply, and so on. Some regions of the world are well supplied with coal and minerals, and have fertile soil and a favourable climate ; other regions possess perhaps only one of these things, and some regions possess none of them. The U.S.A. is one of the wealthiest regions of the world because she has vast natural resources within her borders, her soil is fertile, and her climate is varied. The Sahara desert, on the other hand, is one of the least wealthy.

**Questions :**

- (1) What does a country's standard of living depend on ?
- (2) What are the important natural resources of a country ?
- (3) How do the different regions of the world vary ?
- (4) In what respect is the Sahara Desert contrasted with the U.S.A. ? 8

4. (A) (I) (i) How pleased he was to see us ! (Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (ii) What a good idea ! (Change into Assertive sentence)
- (iii) She dances very well. (Change into Exclamatory sentence)
- (iv) The dog is a very faithful animal. (Change into Exclamatory sentence) 4

(II) Change the voice :

- (i) When did he sell his car ?
- (ii) I was leant a pen
- (iii) People consider him to be a great patriot.
- (iv) They say ghosts live in the house over there. 4

(B) Assuming that you are the Sales Officer of one of the companies producing water-coolers, draft a quotation letter in response to the above enquiry. Invent necessary details.

**OR**

As Sales Manager of Jupiter Company draft a reply offering replacement. 8

5. (A) Assume that you have been appointed Secretary of a Committee comprising management, staff and workers' representatives to advise the company to produce a handbook containing information about conditions of service, rules and regulations, fringe benefits and other related matters. The Committee held its first meeting on 12 March 2018 and discussed the procedures for the collection of information and its organization for the handbook. Invent the necessary details and draft the agenda and minutes of this meeting.

**OR**

You are Managing Director of Apex Infra Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai. Issue an Office Order granting 20% hike in the monthly salary of the employees of the organization as company has earned a huge profit on account of dedication and excellent performance of them. 8

(B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :

- (i) "The ritual was meant for us to know that the world was larger than Koraput district". What was the "ritual" ? 2
- (ii) How far was Hampton from Richmond ? 2
- (iii) How was the sacred photograph of the old man defaced ? 2
- (iv) Do as directed :
- (i) Don't cut it. (Change the voice) 1
- (ii) What a piece of work man is ! (Change into Assertive sentence) 1