

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester-IV Examination

ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper—5

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

1. (A) Answer the following question in about **150** words : 8
Discuss Bagchi's concept of success.

OR

Write the story of 'The Gold Frame' in your own words.

- (B) Answer the following question in about **150** words : 8
Who was Rahman ? Why was he drawn towards Mini ?

OR

Give a detailed account of the best examination Booker T. Washington ever passed.

2. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in about **75** words each : 16
- (a) How did Bagchi's mother tend the Government houses they were allotted ? What was her reply to the neighbours ?
- (b) Describe how the shop of Datta was congested ?
- (c) Describe Mini's last meeting with the Cabuliwala.
- (d) Why did Booker T. Washington get only a half hearted support from his mother for what she called his 'wild goose chase' ?
- (e) What impact did the habit of reading the newspaper have on Bagchi ?
- (f) What happened when Datta looked for the pencil stub for making the measurements ?
3. (A) Answer the following question in about **150** words : 8
Attempt a summary of 'If' and explain the message it gives to the young generation.

OR

What was the grievance of the tenant and how does the landlord react to his plea for repairs in 'The Ballad of the Landlord' ?

- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 8

The belief still exists with great force in the majority of uneducated persons that the moon has great influence over the weather. The changes of the moon, full, new and half-moon, occur four times in every month and it is supposed that any change may influence the weather at least on the day preceding or following that of its occurrence. There will thus be twelve days out of every twenty eight on which any change of weather would be attributed to the moon, so that during the year many changes will thus be recorded as favourable to the opinion.

The uneducated observer is struck with these instances and remember them carefully, but he fails to observe, or at least to remember, that changes of weather often occur also when there is no change of the moon at all. The question could only be decided by a long course of careful and unbiased observation in which all facts favourable or unfavourable shall be equally recorded. All observations which have been published negate the idea that there can be any such influence as the vulgar mind attributes to the moon.

Questions :

- (i) What is the common belief of uneducated persons ?
- (ii) What is this belief based on ?
- (iii) What is the defect in their approach ?
- (iv) What would be the right approach to the question ?

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

- (i) How beautiful the garden is !
(Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (ii) What a large nose he has !
(Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (iii) She dances very well.
(Change into Exclamatory Sentence)
- (iv) The street is very dirty.
(Change into Exclamatory Sentence)

(II) Change the voice : 4

- (i) I will finish the essay in a few minutes.
- (ii) The bill will be paid by Suresh.
- (iii) He was saved by his dog.
- (iv) They are repairing the bridge.

(B) Attempt any **ONE** of the following :

You are the Credit Manager, Birla Textiles, 62 MIDC, Butibori, Nagpur. Write a letter to the Manager, Anup Garment Traders, C.A. Road, Nagpur, Granting credit for the purchase of the garments.

OR

Imagine that you are credit manager of Hawkins Appliances, 10 M.I.D.C., Mumbai. Write a formal collection letter reminding proprietor Arhaan Appliances 20, Dharampeth Nagpur, to make payment for the appliances. 8

5. (A) You are Office Manager, Microtec Computers Pvt. Ltd., Hingna, Nagpur. Write a memo for circulation among all office employees informing them of new appointments in sales and marketing department of the company. 8

OR

You are administrative officer at Gupta Travels Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. Prepare an office order transferring Mr. A.K. Awasthi from Sales to Finance Department.

(B) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two each :

- (i) What did Bagchi's mother say to him when he was leaving her behind to go to the U.S.A. ? 2
- (ii) Why was Rahman imprisoned ? 2
- (iii) What was the name of the shop owned by Datta ? 2
- (iv) Do as directed :
- (a) How quickly he walks !
(Change into Assertive Sentence) 1
- (b) He gave me a beautiful gift.
(Change the Voice) 1