

**Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester—I (C.B.C.S.) Examination**

**C-15 : ENGLISH**

**Compulsory Paper—5**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

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

Justify the title of the story *The Gifts*’.

**OR**

Discuss the significance of the title *The Axe*’.

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- (B) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :

(i) Describe the two prized possessions of Jim and Della.

**OR**

Why did the Gesslers not sell boots made by others ?

(ii) Why did Velan leave his home ?

**OR**

Describe the combs bought by Jim for Della.

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2. (A) Answer the following questions in about 150 words each :

Discuss the central idea of ‘Mending Wall’.

**OR**

Sketch the character of the Unknown Citizen.

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- (B) What are Forster’s views on *‘Tolerance’* ?

**OR**

What are the three laws of pleasure ?

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

(i) Why, according to Forster, is Tolerance a very dull virtue ?

**OR**

How does pain help pleasure ?

(ii) Describe the young lady whom A.G. Gardiner met in the street.

**OR**

How does pleasure resemble beauty ?

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(B) (i) Match the words in Column A with their synonyms in Column B :

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
(a)	Mend	Reflect
(b)	Infamous	Weak
(c)	Adequate	Famous
(d)	Feeble	Repair
		Notorious
		Enough

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(ii) Give one word substitution for each of the following group of words (any **four**) :

- (a) Story of a man's life written by himself
- (b) One who is present everywhere
- (c) A person who always looks at the darker side of things
- (d) Record of the meeting conducted
- (e) An unmarried man
- (f) A sweet dish served at the end of dinner.

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4. (A) You are Mr. Saadesh, Plot No. 200/B, Hindustan Colony, Pimpri, Pune. Draft a job application letter for the post of a Sales Manager to Mr. Ravi Kukareja, Crompton and Greaves, MIDC, Buti-Bori, Nagpur.

**OR**

Draft a job offer letter for the post of an Accountant in Ajit Bakery, Nagpur to Mr. Shailesh, Shanti Nagar, Amravati.

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

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man, he borrowed from a neighbour a book called The Life of Washington. George Washington had been the first President of the United States and was called the father of his country. Abraham liked the book so much that he took it up to bed with him. His home was a cabin built of wooden logs. He put the book between the cracks in the logs so that he could read it as soon as he woke up in the morning. Then one night it rained and water came through the crack and damaged the book. The owner of the book made Lincoln work in his cornfield for three days to pay for the damage caused by the rain. However this did

not stop him from borrowing books and before long he had read every book owned by anyone living within fifty miles from his home. He was hungry and thirsty to know more and more of what was hidden between the covers of books. He kept saying, "The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I haven't read".

**Questions :**

- (i) Who was Geogre Washington ?
- (ii) How was the book damaged ?
- (iii) What was the compensation for the damaged book ?
- (iv) Who was Abraham's best friend ? 8

5. (A) Make a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable title :

A man who does a noble and unselfish deed in time of great danger is often spoken of as a hero. The hero of this story is an old man named Hamaguchi who lived a long time ago in a Japanese village. He had his own little cottage on the top of a low hill facing the sea, and he also owned the fields around. On this particular day he looked at his fields with delight and great satisfaction. He had worked hard to make the soil fertile and to grow his corn, and now the golden corn, ready for harvest, was waving in the bright sunshine. 8

(B) Answer any **four** of the following very short answer questions :

- (i) What was the name of the hair dresser ?
- (ii) Who was Mr. Gessler ?
- (iii) How old was Velan when he left home ?
- (iv) Which spiritual quality, according to Forster, works much better in private life than in public affairs ?
- (v) What is the third law of pleasure ?
- (vi) What does A.G. Gardiner abominate above all ? 8