

**Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester-I (CBCS) Examination**

**ENGLISH (C15)**

**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 :  
How does the story 'The Gifts' show the love between Jim and Della ?  
**OR**  
Describe in detail the problem presented by John Galsworthy in the story 'Quality'. 8
- (B) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :
  - (i) What did the astrologer foretell about Velan ? How did people react to the astrologer's prediction ?  
**OR**  
What did Jim purchase for Della ? How ?
  - (ii) How did the master's sons treat Velan after the master's death ?  
**OR**  
Why did customers go to the Gessler Brothers' shop as they went to a church ? 8
2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :  
According to the poet Kabir, what are the reasons for man's 'weird failure' ?  
**OR**  
Elucidate the central idea of the poem 'Mending Wall'. 8
- (B) With reference to A.G. Gardiner's essay 'On Painted Face', explain the lines "The paint on the face does not stop at the cheeks. It stains the soul."  
**OR**  
Why does Sheen say that pleasure is conditioned by contrast ? 8
3. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :
  - (i) What is the Nazi solution to world problems and what is the other solution ?  
**OR**  
According to Sheen, how does pain help pleasure ?
  - (ii) What is Forster's attitude to militant ideals ?  
**OR**  
How does A.G. Gardiner describe the beauty of the sunset ? 8
- (B) (i) Match the words in Column A with their antonyms in Column B :
 

Column A	Column B
(a) success	(a) cruelty
(b) strange	(b) innocent
(c) weakness	(c) failure
(d) guilty	(d) pleasure
	(e) strength
	(f) familiar

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(ii) Give one word for the following groups of words (any **four**) :

- (a) Money system used in a country.
- (b) One who looks at the bright side of things.
- (c) People working in the same office or department.
- (d) A period of hundred years.
- (e) A place where bread is made and sold.
- (f) Sound which can be heard.

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4. (A) Draft a job application in response to the following advertisement – Wanted – An experienced candidate for the post of Accountant. Apply with biodata to The Manager, Surya Exports, Nagpur.

**OR**

As the Personnel Manager of Rainbow Textiles Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, write a letter to Mr. Arun Naik, asking him to appear for a personal interview for the post of Sales Officer in your company.

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

'Prevention is better than cure'; and it is recognized that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp but because the standing water is the breeding ground of the mosquito, which begins its life as a larva living in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in standing water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools; and by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a layer of kerosene oil, which, by depriving the larvae of air, kills them.

**Questions :**

- (a) Which is the only way to get rid of malaria ?
- (b) What type of place is associated with malaria ?
- (c) Why does malaria not occur in dry desert countries ?
- (d) How can malaria be prevented ?

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

Health is the most valuable of all earthly possessions. Without it all the rest are worth nothing. To enjoy good health we should avoid eating in excess. We should eat moderately and not devour whatever we get. When you sit among many for a dinner, do not reach your hand out first of all. A little food is sufficient for us. Sound sleep comes of a light stomach. Such a man rises early in the morning and is at ease with himself.

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

- (i) How much money did Madame Sofronie offer for Della's hair ?
- (ii) Why was it not possible for the writer to go often to the Gessler Brothers' shop ?
- (iii) What did Velan say to the tree-cutters ?
- (iv) According to A.G. Gardiner, what is painting the face or dyeing the hair like ?
- (v) What is the third law of pleasure ?

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