

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

Narrate the story 'The Taxi Driver' in your own words.

**OR**

What information did Nnaemeka give his father about Nene ? What was the latter's reaction to it ? 8

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

- (i) What did Nnaemeka's father write to Nnaemeka after receiving the wedding picture sent by him ?

**OR**

Why was Nickie afraid of Paul ?

- (ii) What was the incident that Dittu remembered when he had someone's wallet in his hand ?

**OR**

What did Paul do to the Bard to make it more effective ? 8

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

How does Tukdoji Maharaj stress that human life is not mere physical existence but more than that ?

**OR**

Summarise the Poem 'Swan and Shadow'. 8

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

What, according to Russell, are the factors which constitute wisdom ?

**OR**

In what spirit according to Einstein, should youth be taught ? 8

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

- (i) What are the important qualities of Indian Culture ?

**OR**

What are Russell's suggestions to achieve freedom from prejudice ?

- (ii) How does Einstein associate the school with tradition ?

**OR**

What is Indianness according to Sheila Dhar ? 8

- (B) (i) Change the degree of comparison in the following sentences (any **FOUR**) :
- (a) The Pacific is deeper than many other oceans in the world. (Make Positive Degree)
- (b) Kolkata is the biggest town in India. (Make Comparative Degree)
- (c) No other king of India was so great as Ashoka. (Make Superlative Degree)
- (d) Very few countries are so rich as Japan. (Make Comparative Degree)
- (e) Light travels faster than sound. (Make Positive Degree)
- (f) India is larger than any other democracy in the world. (Make Superlative Degree)

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- (ii) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from the words given in brackets (any **FOUR**) :

- (a) I visit my \_\_\_\_\_ for treatment regularly. (Physicist, Physician)
- (b) Raju and Rajesh visit me on \_\_\_\_\_ days. (alternate, alternative)
- (c) The boys are going on a long \_\_\_\_\_ to the USA. (vocation, vacation)
- (d) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the College was present at the University. (Principle, Principal)
- (e) One has to \_\_\_\_\_ himself to new conditions. (adapt, adopt)
- (f) As a minor, he is not \_\_\_\_\_ for the post. (illegible, eligible)

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4. (A) You are the Sales Officer, Mahalaxmi Traders, 20, Narayan Nagar, Pune. Your firm deals in Air Conditioners (A.C). Write a sales letter to the Manager of HDFC Bank, Ram Nagar, Akola.

**OR**

You are the Sales Manager of Vidarbha Book Depot, Sanjay Nagar, Nagpur. Write a letter to Kamal Book Depot, 15-Shivaji Road, Pune, placing an order for B.Com. I books. 8

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

Have you heard the story of Isaac Newton and his little dog, Diamond ?

The incident happened when Newton was fifty years old. He had worked hard for twenty years, studying the theory of light. One day he went out of his chamber, leaving his little dog asleep in front of the fire. On the table lay a heap of manuscript papers containing all the discoveries which Newton had made during those twenty years. When his master was gone, little Diamond rose, jumped upon the table and overturned the lighted candle. The papers immediately caught fire.

Just as the destruction was completed, Newton opened the chamber door and noticed that the labours of his twenty years had been reduced to a heap of ashes. There stood little Diamond, the author of all the mischief. Almost any other man would have punished the dog with death. But Newton patted him on the head with his usual kindness, although his heart was full of grief, "O, Diamond, Diamond !", he exclaimed, "You don't know the mischief you have done !"

This incident affected his health and spirits for some time afterwards, but from his conduct towards the little dog, you may judge the sweetness of his temper.

**Questions :**

- (i) For how many years had Newton been studying the theory of light ?
- (ii) Where was the dog, Diamond, when Newton went out of his chamber ?
- (iii) What happened when Newton was out of the room ?
- (iv) What was the effect of this incident on Newton ?

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5. (A) Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following topics in about **300** words :

(i) The importance of discipline in one's life.

(ii) Problems of Indian Farmers.

(iii) Save Trees, Save Life.

(iv) E-Commerce and its advantages.

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

(i) To which tribe did Nnaemeka belong ?

(ii) Name the disease that Dittu's wife had contracted.

(iii) What is the essence of wisdom ?

(iv) According to Einstein, what is the motivation behind the pupil's work ?

(v) How difficult is an attempt to describe a typical Indian ?

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