

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester–I Examination

ENGLISH (C15)

Paper–5

Compulsory Language

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

Describe in detail the problems presented by John Galsworthy in "Quality".

OR

How does the story "The Gifts" show the love between Jim and Della ?

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

(i) What did Jim purchase for Della ? How ?

OR

Why did the Gesslers not sell boots made by others ?

(ii) How did the master's sons treat Velan after the master's death ?

OR

Describe the two things in which Jim and Della took pride.

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

Highlight the theme of the poem, "The Unknown Citizen" relating to the conflict between the outer and inner appearance and reality.

OR

How does Kabir talk to his inner lover ?

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

Why does Sheen say that pleasure is conditioned by contrast ?

OR

How does A.G. Gardiner deal with a familiar event in the "On Painted Face" ?

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

(i) Why does A.G. Gardiner write that the beauty of the sunset is deeper and more spiritual ?

OR

What is the Nazi solution to world problems and what is the other solution ?

(ii) How does pleasure resemble beauty ?

OR

What does A.G. Gardiner write about a young lady in the street ?

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(B) Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B.

Column A

- (i) Assist
- (ii) Costly
- (iii) Battle
- (iv) Savage

Column B

- (a) War
- (b) help
- (c) cruel
- (d) kind
- (e) expensive

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

- (a) A person aged between 13 and 19.
- (b) One who lives on vegetables.
- (c) One who acts as middle man for buyers and sellers.
- (d) A school for very young children.
- (e) Unable to pay one's debts.
- (f) A period of a hundred years.

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4. (A) Draft a job application in response to the following advertisement : Wanted-An experienced candidate for the post of an Accountant. Apply with biodata to the Manager, C.J. company, Tirora.

OR

You are the Personnel Manager of J.K. Tea Company, Hyderabad. Write an interview call letter to Mr. Satish Shah, Trimurti Nagar, Akola, inviting him to attend an interview for the post of Assistant Manager.

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

When the morning work is over, the boys have a bath and go into their meal. About two O' clock in the afternoon the school classes begin again ; but at this time the work is chiefly with the hand as well as with the mind. Handiwork is practised, and a boy's own natural tastes are very soon discovered. Some prefer carpentry ; others prefer mechanical work ; others become skilled draughtsmen or painters or musicians.

There is very little book-work in the afternoon. School is over at about four O'clock and there is a rush to get first into the open fields for football. Our Shantiniketan boys are famous for their skill at sports and games. In the evening, at sunset, they return from the fields and sit down for a short time to meditate in silence.

As night comes on, Fairy Tales are told ; short plays are rehearsed ; songs of Gurudev are sung ; and the different school-gatherings are held.

By nine O' clock, all are glad to retire to rest ; and the choristers go around the ashram singing their last evening hymn. There can be no question as to happiness of the life of these boys. Their faces tell the story of their joy in their Freedom.

- (i) What kinds of handiwork were practised by Shantiniketan boys ?
- (ii) What do the boys do when school is over ?
- (iii) What do the boys do at sunset ?
- (iv) What entertainments do the boys have at night ?

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

We sometimes think it would be very nice to have no work to do. If only we had not to go to school and do our lessons, we could have holidays from January to December ! If only we had not to work in the fields, or go to the office every morning, but can do just what they please all the year round.

When we feel like this, we make a mistake. Perhaps rich people are not as happy as we think they are. Very likely they are tired of having nothing to do. Of course there are some people who have too much work, or who have to do very unpleasant work. But most of us are really happier if we have regular work to do for our living, especially if the work is work we like.

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

- (i) What was the price offered by Madame Sofronie for Della's hair ?
- (ii) For how many years could the narrator not go to Mr. Gessler's shop ?
- (iii) Who was Velan ?
- (iv) What is the second law of pleasure ?
- (v) What does A.G. Gardiner abominate above all ?

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