

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

**ENGLISH**

**Paper—5**

**(Compulsory Language)**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

1. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words : 8

What was the encounter of Dittu with the unknown passengers ?

**OR**

Describe how a positive change occurred in the attitude of Okeke towards the end.

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each : 8

(i) How did Paul give the Bard its new vocabulary ?

**OR**

What were the two objectionable things Okeke found in Nene ?

(ii) In what way was Paul superior to Niccolo ?

**OR**

What did Dittu dream of ?

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words : 8

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

**OR**

Write the central idea of the poem 'Horses Graze'.

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **150** words : 8

What is the method suggested by Russell to cure personal prejudice ?

**OR**

Describe the important qualities of Indian culture as described by Sheila Dhar.

3. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each : 8

(i) When does love of the neighbour become real ?

**OR**

What is Einstein's idea of the power of the school teacher ?

(ii) What is the sign of wisdom in private life according to Russell ?

**OR**

What is Indianness, according to Sheila Dhar ?

(B) (i) Change the degree of comparison in the following sentences (any **four**) : 4

(a) Ahmed is taller than Anand. (Change into positive degree)

(b) Very few boys are as honest as Gopi. (Change into superlative degree)

(c) Ravi is the strongest boy in the class. (Change into comparative degree)

(d) No other country in the world is as rich as the USA.  
(Change into superlative degree)

(e) The Pacific is the largest ocean in the world. (Change into positive degree)

(f) Very few cities in India are as big as Chennai.  
(Change into comparative degree)

(ii) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from the words given in brackets (any **four**) : 4

(a) I asked the doctor for his \_\_\_\_\_ . (advice/advise)

(b) She \_\_\_\_\_ everyone with film stories. (boars/bores)

(c) Seema went to a \_\_\_\_\_ shop to buy a pencil. (stationery/stationary)

(d) Rice is the \_\_\_\_\_ food of Andhras. (principal/principle)

(e) My mother wants to read my \_\_\_\_\_ . (dairy/diary)

(f) He \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident. (died/dyed)

4. (A) You are the manager of Pragatishil Co-operative Society, Gandhibag, Nagpur. Place an order for different types of furniture needed for the conference hall with the Sales Manager, A1 Furnitures Sitabuldi, Nagpur. 8

**OR**

You are the sales manager of Rajat Appliances, Andheri, Mumbai. Write a sales letter to Seema Enterprises, Modi No. 3, Sitabuldi, Nagpur promoting a new range of water purifiers launched by your company.

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

Ranjit Singh, the Lion of the Punjab, was once walking along the road with his followers, when suddenly a stone struck him on the head. He suffered greatly and his followers brought before him a woman bent with age and dressed in rags. The poor woman was trembling. "Your Highness", said the woman with folded hands, "my children have been hungry for three days. In search of food I came here and saw ripe apples hanging from the branches. I threw a stone at them in the hope of getting one or two to satisfy my children's hunger, but the stone missed its aim and struck your Highness. I am innocent. Please forgive me." Pressing his wounded head with one hand, the king ordered his Prime Minister to give the woman several bags of grains and pay her one thousand rupees. The Prime Minister stared

at the king. “If the tree gave fruits when struck with stones”, said the king, “I must give much more since I am a human being and have reason. How can I punish her ?”

**Questions :**

- (i) What happened when Ranjit Singh was once walking along the road ?
- (ii) Why was the old woman brought before Ranjit Singh ?
- (iii) Why did the woman try to get the apples ?
- (iv) What lesson did Ranjit Singh learn from the tree ?

5. (A) Write an essay in about 300 words on any **one** of the following topics : 8

- (i) Computer Revolution
- (ii) Save the Environment
- (iii) Population Explosion
- (iv) Child Labour.

(B) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each (any **four**) : 8

- (i) What was the location of Nnaemeka’s room ?
- (ii) Which disease did Dittu’s wife had contracted ?
- (iii) According to Einstein, who is a successful man ?
- (iv) Where do we need wisdom ?