

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

ENGLISH (C-15)

Compulsory Paper—5

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

N.B. :—ALL questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each : 8
Narrate briefly the story of “The Gifts” in your own words.

OR

What change does the passage of time bring in the fortunes of Velan, the gardener ?

- (B) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each : 8
(i) Describe the two things in which Jim and Della took pride.

OR

Describe the physical appearance of the younger Gessler.

- (ii) What changes did the narrator notice in the Gesslers’ shop when he visited it after two years ?

OR

What did the astrologer foretell about Velan ? How did people react to the astrology ?

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :— 8
Give the central idea of the poem “Mending Wall”.

OR

How does the poet project the crisis of identity in the poem “Unknown Citizen” ?

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :— 8
What does Forster say about the quality of tolerance ?

OR

Why does Sheen say that pleasure is conditioned by contrast ?

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

(i) Why does Gardiner detest people who paint their faces and dye their hair ?

OR

What is the basic difference between the Christian and Pagan attitudes to pleasure ?

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

OR

How does A.G. Gardiner describe the beauty of the sunset ?

(B) (i) Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B. 4

Column A

Column B

(a) Adequate

(a) hindrance

(b) Confers

(b) blunder

(c) Feeble

(c) admit

(d) Obstacle

(d) sufficient

(e) weak

(f) stubborn

(ii) Write **one** word substitutes for the following (any **FOUR**) :— 4

(1) One who does not believe in the existence of God.

(2) Life story of a person written by himself.

(3) List of items to be considered at a meeting.

(4) One who is unable to pay one's debts.

(5) A child whose parents are dead.

(6) A story of a person's life written by someone else.

4. (A) Write a letter of application to the Personnel Manager, Apex Enterprises, Nehru Marg, Bhopal, for the post of accountant. 8

OR

You are the Personnel Manager of Arihant Solutions Pvt. Ltd., 104/C, Arihant House, Fort Mumbai-01. Write a job offer letter to Mr. Sumedh Akolkar, 1/B, Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur appointing him as an Executive Assistant in the company. Mention the terms and conditions of Service.

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

Of men's earliest inventions we know very little . The first may have been the use of a stone to crack a nut. The next was possibly the use of a stick to strike an enemy. Once man found that stick and stone were useful, it was only a step further to the making of a crude weapon by fastening a stone to the end of a stick.

Man used stick and stone long before he dared to meddle with fire. Fire of course, existed; for lightning must sometimes have set the forests ablaze just as it does today; and in those days Volcanoes were much more active than they are now. The forgotten hero who first dared to tame fire to his own use was the greatest of early inventors, for once man had fire, he was the master of all Lower creatures.

- (1) What could have been man's earliest inventions ?
- (2) What could have prompted man to make a crude weapon by fastening a stone to the end of stick ?
- (3) How can we say that fire existed before man learnt to make a fire ?
- (4) In what sense was the man who first dared to tame fire the greatest of early inventors ?

5. (A) Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : 8

Over-eating is one of the most common practices among those who think that they can afford it. In fact, authorities say that nearly all who can get as much as they desire, over eat to their disadvantage. This class of people could save a great more food than they can save by missing one meal per week and at the same time they could improve their health.

A heavy meal at night, the so-called "dinner" is the fashion with many and often it is taken shortly before retiring to sleep. It is unnecessary and could be foregone, not only once a week but daily without loss of strength, for three to five hours are needed to digest food. While sleeping, this food not being required to give energy for work, is in many cases converted into excess fat, giving rise to over-weight. The evening meal should be light, taken three or four hours before retiring. This prevents over-eating, conserves energy and reduces the cost of food.

(B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each (any **FOUR**) :— 8

- (1) What was the name of the saloon where Della sold her hair ?
- (2) What reason did the younger Gessler give for his brother's death ?
- (3) How old was Velan when he left home ?
- (4) According to Forster, why can love not succeed in public life ?
- (5) What is the first Law of Pleasure ?