

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester—II 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 :

Describe how a positive change occurred in Okeke's attitude towards the end of the story, 'Marriage is a Private Affair'.

OR

Briefly sketch the characters of Dittu and Banti. 8

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

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

OR

What were Okeke's objections against Nene ?

- (ii) How did Banti plan to spend the amount in the wallet ?

OR

Write a short note on Paul's ideas about squiggles. 8

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

What are the views expressed by Tukadoji Maharaj in the poem 'Art of Life' from 'Gramgeeta' ?

OR

How does the poet, Gwendolyn Brooks contrast horses' lives with that of human life ? 8

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

What are Einstein's views on the role of a school ?

OR

What is Indianness according to Sheila Dhar ? 8

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

- (i) According to Bertrand Russell, what is the sign of wisdom in private life ?

OR

How does Sheila Dhar explain the Indians' strong belief in sacredness ?

- (ii) How can knowledge of truth be preserved ?

OR

Based on the essay, 'Knowledge and Wisdom', give one instance to show that pursuit of knowledge in the absence of wisdom may become harmful. 8

- (B) (i) Change the degree of comparison in the following sentences (any
- FOUR**
-) :

(a) Goa is one of the smallest states in the country. (Make Positive Degree)

(b) Ram is not as strong as Rakesh. (Make Comparative Degree)

(c) Very few cities in India are as clean as Nagpur. (Make Superlative Degree)

(d) Gold is costlier than silver. (Make Positive Degree)

(e) No other cloth is as soft as silk. (Make Superlative Degree)

(f) Mt. Everest is the highest mountain peak in the world.

(Make Comparative Degree)

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

- (a) Mr. Mohan is an _____ (eminent/imminent) man in our town.
- (b) At the age of eighteen, a person becomes _____ (illegible/eligible) to vote.
- (c) The medicine did not have any _____ (affect/effect) on the patient.
- (d) _____ (Beside/Besides) a factory, Raju also owns a big farmhouse.
- (e) The office buys all its _____ (stationery/stationary) from Mumbai.
- (f) The President gave his _____ (assent/ascent) to the Bill. 4

4. (A) As the Librarian of NMK College, Pune, write a letter to Oxford Book Publishers, New Delhi, placing an order for dictionaries and reference books.

OR

As the Sales Officer of Rose Herbals, Nagpur, write a sales letter to promote a new range of herbal cosmetics launched by your company. 8

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

The great advantage of early rising is that one can start one's work long before others. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh and no sounds or noises disturb our attention. The work done at that time is generally well-done. Also, one finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air. Exercise supplies him with a good deal of energy that enables him to work until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do his work thoroughly. He has not to hurry over any part of his work. He gets to sleep long before midnight. At that time sleep is most refreshing. After a sound night's rest, he rises early next morning in good health for the labour of a new day.

Questions :

- (i) What advantages does the early riser have over others ?
- (ii) What is the benefit of exercising in the fresh morning air ?
- (iii) Why should one begin one's work early in the morning ?
- (iv) How does a sound night's rest help a man ? 8

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

- (i) Unity is Strength
- (ii) An Unforgettable day in my life
- (iii) Terrorism – the greatest danger of the present times
- (iv) Importance of ethics in Business. 8

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

- (i) What does Sheila Dhar mean by the word 'tradition' ?
- (ii) What is the essence of wisdom, according to Bertrand Russell ?
- (iii) What is the most important motive for work in the school and in life ?
- (iv) What would Dittu first ask his passengers ?
- (v) Who was Nene ? 8