

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester—III Examination

ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper—5

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

N.B. :— All questions are compulsory.1. Answer the following questions in about **150** words :

(A) Give an account of the major events involving the narrator and his grandmother.

OR

Why, according to Karan Singh, should young people equip themselves in the physical dimension.

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(B) “We have got something rather unpleasant to say to you”. Explain this statement addressed to the Verger.

OR

Attempt a summary of ‘The Eyes are not here’, highlighting the climax in it.

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2. Answer any **FOUR** of the given questions in about **75** words each :

(A) Write a note on the talk between the narrator and the girl about Dehra and Mussoorie.

(B) Why did the Verger say, ‘Strange how things come to you when you least expect it’ ?

(C) Which reason did the Verger assign for his ignorance of reading and writing ?

(D) For what purpose does Karan Singh want our youth to be intellectually alert ?

(E) What does Khushwant Singh say about his grandfather and grandmother ?

(F) What changes did Khushwant Singh see in his grandmother’s conduct on coming back from abroad after few years ?

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

Summarise the claims made in “Money Madness”.

OR

Describe what the poets would remark about the river, flood and the after effects of flood.

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

Everyone has got into the habit of thinking himself to be different and separate from others, and wholly dependent on himself for his security, subsistence and progress. On the foundation of this narrow, selfish conception people have erected the structure of human existence and even inspite of the many evil consequences that flow from it, they have habitually stuck to this tradition. From time to time saints and sages have preached the gospel of oneness but this was considered to be merely a theoretical ideal which was never even attempted to be brought into actual practice. The very idea that mankind can march forward by facing all joys and sorrows in unity and thereby solve automatically the problem of common security and peace, was alien to the minds of the people. Man has got into the habit of oppressing and exploiting others for his own benefit and has transformed this paradise into a fierce ‘struggle for existence’.

Questions :

(i) What is the foundation on which the structure of human existence is erected ? 2

(ii) What have the saints preached ? 2

(iii) Which idea is alien to the minds of the people ? 2

(iv) What is the result of oppression and exploitation ? 2

4. (A) (I) Do as directed :
- (i) I was doubtful whether he would marry here. (Change into negative sentence)
 - (ii) Karim is stronger than Abdul. (Change into negative sentence)
 - (iii) No sooner had we started than it began to rain. (Change into affirmative sentence)
 - (iv) I will never forget that terrible day. (Change into affirmative sentence)
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- (II) Do as directed :
- (i) Everyone knows Mahatma Gandhi. (Change into interrogative sentence)
 - (ii) Prevention is better than cure. (Change into interrogative sentence)
 - (iii) Can I ever forget his help ? (Change into assertive sentence)
 - (iv) It is not bad to bet on horses ? (Change into assertive sentence)
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- (B) As the Purchase Officer of an organization you had ordered 10 dozen bedsheets after examining the samples sent by the wholesaler. When the consignment arrives you find neither the texture nor the shades match the samples you had approved. Write a claim letter demanding their replacement.

OR

The Librarian of a college has claimed a compensation for 39 books which arrived in a damaged condition. As the wholesaler, draft a suitable adjustment letter. Refuse to replacement as the damage occurred in transit but offer to pay binding charges.

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5. (A) A meeting of the Executive Committee of Maitreyi Co-operative Stores, Nagpur was held at 4 pm on 7 September, 2017, at which the following business was transacted :
- Minutes of the Meeting, Treasurer's Report, appointment of an additional accountant, raising of annual subscription, any other matter.
- Assume that you are the Secretary, write the minutes of this meeting. Invent necessary details.

OR

Imagine that you are the Secretary of the student association of your college. Write a notice giving the agenda of the first meeting of the General Body convened to elect the office-bearers. The notice should contain dates of nominations and withdrawals, time, date and place of elections.

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- (B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :
- (i) How did Khushwant Singh come to live with his grandmother ?
 - (ii) According to Karan Singh which are the four dimensions that our youth must equip themselves with ?
 - (iii) What business did Albert Edward Foreman set up ?
 - (iv) Do as directed :
 - (a) There is no smoke without fire. (Change into affirmative sentence)
 - (b) Who can bear such cruelty ? (Change into assertive sentence)
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