

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

ENGLISH (C15)

Paper-5

(Compulsory Language)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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

Comment on the significance of the title of the story 'The Axe'.

OR

Narrate briefly the story of 'The Gifts' in your own words.

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

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

OR

Why did customers go to Gessler Brothers as they would go to a church ?

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

OR

What happened at Madame Sofronel's shop ?

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

Elucidate the central idea of the poem, 'Mending Wall'.

OR

How does W.H. Auden project the crisis of identity in the poem, "Unknown Citizen" ?

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

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

OR

What does E.M. Forster say about the quality of tolerance ?

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

(i) What did A.G. Gardiner notice about the face of a young lady ?

OR

What is the second law of pleasure, according to Sheen ?

(ii) What is the difficulty in nations loving one another ?

OR

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

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(B) (i) Match the words in column **A** with their Antonyms in column **B**.

Column A

Column B

(i) Entrance

(a) comic

(ii) Tragic

(b) poor

(iii) Rich

(c) pain

(iv) Pleasure

(d) exit

(e) Spend

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

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

(b) A place where milk is kept and butter is made.

(c) One who prepares plans for new buildings.

(d) To rise in value.

(e) Money paid to a person doing a piece of work.

(f) A child whose parents are dead.

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4. (A) Draft a job application in response to the following advertisement.

Wanted—An experienced candidate for the post of a salesman. Apply with biodata to the Personnel Manager, Bipro and Co., Gandhi Marg Nasik.

OR

You are the Personnel Manager of Mumbai Soap Company, Nehru Road, Mumbai-400210. Write a job letter to Mr. Suhas Pande, New Laxmi Nagar, Near Gandhi Marg, Pune, appointing him as an Executive Assistant in the company. Mention the terms and conditions of services.

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

The 'standard of living' of any country means the average person's share of the goods and services which the country produces. A country's standard of living, therefore, depends first and foremost on its capacity to produce wealth. "Wealth" in this sense is not money, for we do not live on money but on things that money can buy : "goods", such as food and clothing and 'services' such as transport and entertainment.

A country's capacity to produce wealth depends upon many factors, most of which have an effect on the another. Wealth depends to a great extent upon a country's natural resources, such as coal, gold, and other minerals, water supply and so on. Some regions of the world are well supplied with coal and minerals, and have a fertile soil and a favourable climate ; other regions possess perhaps only one of these things and some regions possess none of them. The USA is one of the wealthiest regions of the world because she has the vast natural resources within her borders, her soil is fertile, and her climate is varied. The Sahara Desert, on the other hand, is one of the least wealthy.

- (i) What does a country's standard of living depend on ?
- (ii) What are the important natural resources of a country ?
- (iii) How do the different regions of the world vary ?
- (iv) What has made the USA a very wealthy country ?

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

Never speak anything for a truth which you know or believe to be false. Lying is a great sin against God, who gave us a tongue to speak the truth, and not falsehood. It is a great offence against humanity itself ; for, where there is no regard to truth, there can be no safe society between man and man. And it is an injury to the speaker ; for, besides the disgrace it brings upon him, it occasions so much baseness of mind, that he can scarcely tell truth, or avoid lying, even when he has no colour of necessity for it ; and in time, he comes to such a pass that, as other people cannot believe he speaks the truth, so he himself scarcely knows when he tells a falsehood.

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

- (1) What was the name of the saloon where Della sold her hair ?
- (2) Who was Mr. Gessler ?
- (3) How old was Velan when he left home ?
- (4) What is the third law of pleasure ?
- (5) What is the only way to proper reconstruction, according to E.M. Forster ?

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