

**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 : 8  
What information did Nnaemeka give to his father about Nene? What was his father's reaction to it?

**OR**

How does Dittu react to his wife's proposal?

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each : 8  
(i) In what way was Paul superior to Niccolo?

**OR**

What did Nnaemeka know about Ugoye Nweke, the girl proposed by his father?

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

**OR**

How did Banti plan to spend the money in the Wallet?

2. (A) Answer the following question in about **150** words : 8  
What is the real art of life, according to Tukdoji Maharaj?

**OR**

Write the central idea of the poem 'Swan and Shadow' by John Hollander.

- (B) Answer the following question in about **150** words : 8  
Point out Russel's suggestions to achieve freedom from 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 the most important method of Education, according to Einstein?

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

**OR**

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

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

(a) Very few countries in the world are as big as America.

(Change into Comparative degree)

(b) Jupiter is the biggest planet in the Solar System.

(Change into Positive degree)

(c) Ram is better than Shyam in studies. (Change into Positive degree)

(d) No other girl in the class is as tall as Rani. (Change into Superlative Degree)

(e) Rahul is the strongest boy in the class. (Change into Comparative Degree)

(f) Africa is one of the biggest Continents in the world.

(Change into Positive Degree)

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

(a) A person below the age of twenty years is not \_\_\_\_\_ for this job. (Illegible/eligible)

(b) The birds \_\_\_\_\_ high in the sky. (Sore/Soar)

(c) My Scooter has a big \_\_\_\_\_. (Carrier/Career)

(d) We should \_\_\_\_\_ the coconut for making the sweets. (Great/Grate)

(e) Alok has a big \_\_\_\_\_ shop. (Stationery/Stationary)

(f) The man went to a tailor to \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes. (altar/alter)

4. (A) You are the owner of Darpan Cosmetic Stores, Sadar, Nagpur. Place an order for different types of cosmetic items like talcum powder, shampoo, hair oil and face cream with the Sales Manager, Ponds Cosmetic Company Limited, Juhu, Mumbai-10.

**OR**

You are the sales manager of Godrej Appliances, Bandra, Mumbai-01. Write a sales letter to customers promoting a new range of Washing Machines launched by your company. 8

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

In pre-historic times, man was virtually a beast going about naked, living in caves and killing animals to satisfy his hunger. Charles Darwin held that man had descended from animals and his nearest ancestor was the ape. Evolution thus represents man's growth from the animal stage to the present civilized state existence. Though man emerged from a beastly existence into that of a rational life thousands of years ago, yet he has not been able to shed completely the influence of his earliest ancestors. He is still swayed, to a considerable extent, by animal instincts such as selfishness, cruelty, lust, greed and the rest of the lower passions which are responsible for bloodshed, war, injustice, in short, misery and unhappiness. Hence, the aim of man's progress is, on the one hand, to eradicate all traces of beastly passions, and on the other to imbibe the virtues of love, justice, truth and kindness. The epitome of civilization will be attained when man cuts himself apart from his animal past and cultivates the virtues which are associated with the Divine being.

Answer the following :

- (i) How was man in pre-historic times?
- (ii) What do you mean by evolution?
- (iii) Which animal instincts are still present in man?
- (iv) What should be the aim of man's progress?

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

- (i) India—A land of unity in Diversity.
- (ii) Mobile phones—A Boon or Bane]
- (iii) Demonetisation—A step to control Corruption.
- (iv) Save the environment.

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

- (i) Where did Dittu find the Wallet?
- (ii) Who was Nene and where did she live?
- (iii) According to Einstein who is a successful man?
- (iv) Why does the world need wisdom more than ever today?
- (v) What does Sheila Dhar mean by the word 'Tradition'?