

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Part—II) Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH (New)
(Compulsory Language)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Change the narration of any **FIVE** of the following :
- (i) Aruna said, "I'm staying with my aunt".
 - (ii) "Clean the blackboard", the teacher said to me.
 - (iii) They asked who had done it.
 - (iv) He advised me to wear a sweater as it was very cold out.
 - (v) He said, "I will answer the phone".
 - (vi) "Are you going to College ?", he said.
 - (vii) He wished me a happy Christmas.
 - (viii) "What a good idea !" Suresh remarked. 5
- (B) Change the voice of any **FIVE** of the following :
- (i) The Police arrested the thief.
 - (ii) The bill will be paid by Ramesh.
 - (iii) They offered me a chair.
 - (iv) I will invite Mr. Joshi.
 - (v) I was saved by his dog.
 - (vi) Who locked the door ?
 - (vii) The dog eats meat.
 - (viii) John gave her a present. 5
- (C) (i) Match the idioms/phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B :
- | Column A | Column B |
|---------------------------|---|
| (a) To make up mind | (i) Very easy |
| (b) Behind someone's back | (ii) Not done with much thought |
| (c) Child's play | (iii) To decide |
| (d) Half baked stories | (iv) To do something without someone else knowing |
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- (ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in brackets (any **THREE**) :
- (a) She _____ on the phone at the moment. (speak)
 - (b) Tom, Gopi and Ali _____ to school together. (go)
 - (c) Suresh _____ my laptop yesterday. (borrow)
 - (d) They _____ before we arrived. (leave)
 - (e) Ahmed _____ here since 1984. (work) 3
- (iii) Select the combination of words that sounds more natural in each of the following sets :
- (a) renew a Contract / re-sign a Contract / revive a Contract
 - (b) crack a joke / cut a joke / create a joke
 - (c) give a talk / conduct a talk / make a talk. 3

2. (A) Write a letter to your sister advising her to take part in NSS activities.

OR

Write to the Postmaster of your town, complaining that the registered parcel sent by you has not reached the addressee. 10

- (B) Answer the following question in about **100** words :

Write a paragraph describing the Annual Day Function in your College.

OR

Give a description of your grandfather. 10

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

- (i) Why did Billy join the spinning mill ? What good news did Alf Agar bring for him ?

OR

Mention the five ways suggested by Sabharwal for someone to stand out in the job market. 5

- (ii) Why did the narrator decide to return to Arun ? What was Arun's attitude towards the narrator the next morning ?

OR

How did Alf Agar prepare Billy for the interview ? 5

- (iii) Why was Boota Singh reinterred ?

OR

What did Bagchi's mother do every time they shifted to a new house ? 5

- (iv) What kind of a lady was Mrs. Ruffner ?

OR

What did Bagchi's father teach him about success ? 5

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

- (i) Why does the Sir Edwar Dyer feel that despite not having anything, he is richer than most people ?

OR

What role do 'open doors' play in the poem "Drama for a Winter Night" ? 5

- (ii) Write a brief summary of the poem 'I Am Getting Old Now'.

OR

What attributes of Richard Cory impressed people ? 5

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

Discuss the relationship between Dimitri and Stronetz.

OR

Write a character sketch of Prince Dimitri. 5

- (C) Answer the following questions in a sentence each :

- (i) What did Billy's parents want him to work as ?
(ii) What was Albert Einstein's opinion about education ?
(iii) Why was Boota Singh unmarried for long ?
(iv) What is Bagchi's earliest memory of his father ?
(v) Why could Washington's brother John not help him ? 5

5. (A) Write a note on the various methods of Note-Making :

OR

Note the key points used in the following news report :

Chennai-based James John Britto R has bagged the All India top rank in the Chartered Accounts Final Examination conducted in November, 2016, securing 74.38 percent. Britto secured the first rank with 595 out of 800 marks. Tirupati-born Nagolu Mohan Kumar was ranked second for securing 71.50 percent, followed by Avinash Sancheti from Kolkatta who got 70.75 percent, a Press Release from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India said on Sunday.

A total of 8,762 candidates passed in Group I final examination out of the 75,442 candidates who had appeared, it said announcing the results.

In Group II examination 9,152 candidates passed out of 74,662 candidates. While of the 42,469 students who took both Group I and II, a total of 2,440 candidates passed, it said.

In the Common Proficiency Test that was held in December 2016, a total of 99,077 candidates appeared, while 34,129 students passed, the Release said. 5

- (B) Match the following dialogues :

A

- (a) How are you ?
- (b) Ramesh, we are having a party to celebrate my father's 50th birthday. Will you be able to come ?
- (c) I would love to have you for dinner tomorrow.
- (d) Have a good day !
- (e) I'll wait for you at the Cafeteria.

B

- (i) O.K. Meet you there in 15 minutes.
- (ii) I'll be happy to be present there.
- (iii) Nice to meet you ! Thank you.
- (iv) I'm fine, thank you.
- (v) Sorry, I won't join you for dinner tomorrow.

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- (C) Choose the correct prefix from the list given in the brackets against each of the following words :

(un _____, il _____, in _____, ir _____, dis _____)

- (i) _____ obey
- (ii) _____ necessary
- (iii) _____ logical
- (iv) _____ active
- (v) _____ regular.

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- (D) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from the brackets :

- (i) If the glass falls down, it may _____. (brake/break)
- (ii) He tried to _____ my purse. (steal/steel)
- (iii) He has suffered from typhoid, so he is _____. (weak/week)
- (iv) She is _____ to me. (deer/dear)
- (v) They have found a suitable _____ for the new College. (site/sight)

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