

## 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 :
- He said, "I forgot to post the letter."
  - "Wash your face", she said to the boy.
  - Mohan said he was going to Patna.
  - Anita said, "How charming !"
  - She asked, "Which train did you take ?"
  - The Officer commanded the Soldier not to shoot.
  - Rekha said, "Padma took my pen".
  - He asked where I had put his umbrella. 5
- (B) Change the voice of any **FIVE** of the following :
- Fred is returning the books.
  - Scott wrote this story.
  - The police arrested him on a charge of theft.
  - Rohan is liked by everyone.
  - I have sold my bicycle.
  - The bill will be paid by Ramesh.
  - Anand repaired the laptop.
  - Prakash painted the house. 5
- (C) (i) Match the idioms/phrases in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B' :
- | A                           | B   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| (a) Child's play            | (i) to not come to the point                                    |
| (b) Beat about the bush     | (ii) to decide something  |
| (c) Stand on one's own feet | (iii) extremely easy  |
| (d) To make up one's mind   | (iv) to become independent <span style="float: right;">4</span> |
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in the brackets (any **THREE**) :
- I \_\_\_\_\_ an important letter; don't disturb me. (write)
  - Since 1980 women's fashions \_\_\_\_\_ a lot. (change)
  - I \_\_\_\_\_ him last Sunday. (meet)
  - It was \_\_\_\_\_ heavily when I got up this morning. (rain)
  - When we reached the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_. (leave) 3
- (iii) Select the combination of words that sounds more natural in each of the following sets :
- less price/low price/cheap price
  - give a talk/make a talk/conduct a talk
  - a strong belief/a huge belief/a high belief. 3

2. (A) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend a few days with you during the summer holidays.

**OR**

You are a student of Nehru College, Bhandara. Write a letter to the Principal of your College requesting leave for two days. 10

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

Write a paragraph describing a happy event in your life.

**OR**

Write a paragraph about your favourite sports person. 10

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

- (i) What emotions did Billy have at the time of leaving the school ? What were his parents' plan for his future ?

**OR**

What does Dinesh Kumar say about the behaviour of most youngsters in their interviews ? 5

- (ii) Describe the narrator's experience of staying with Arun in the story 'The Thief'.

**OR**

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

- (iii) Briefly narrate Boota Singh's efforts to get his wife back.

**OR**

What did Washington feel at the first sight of Hampton Institute ? 5

- (iv) What does the narrator say about robbing different types of people in the story 'The Thief' ?

**OR**

What was the childhood lesson in governance that Bagchi learned ? 5

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

- (i) What is the poet's attitude towards his friend and foe in the poem "My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is" ?

**OR**

Which are the places in which the homeless man is not allowed to sleep ? Why ? 5

- (ii) Summarise the poem "I Am Getting Old Now".

**OR**

What were the attributes of Richard Cory that impressed people ? 5

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

How old is the King ? How long has he been in power ?

**OR**

Why does Dimitri take the poison from Stronetz ? 5

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

- (i) What was Mr. Bidwell dead against ?

- (ii) What qualities do employers care for in the long run ?

- (iii) What did Arun do with the food cooked by the narrator on the first night ?

- (iv) What did the girl become to Boota Singh ?

- (v) What did Bagchi begin his career with ? 5

5. (A) What is a Summary ? Write a note on 'M' of the SUM Method ?

**OR**

Note the key points used in the following news report :

The former President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, exhorted students to select a goal in life and remain focussed on achieving it without any distraction whatsoever.

Mr. Kalam was delivering the inaugural address at a Children's Science Congress at the on-going 99<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress.

Students, he said, should select a "great" aim and strive to achieve it by continuously acquiring relevant knowledge and by working diligently, without bothering about what others were doing.

In response to a question from a student on corruption at the end of an hour-long talk, he appealed to students to "make your home free from corruption." 5

(B) Match the following dialogues :

**A**

**B**

(a) Hi ! My name is Kabir.

How do you do ?

(b) Are you free to join us for Rohit's birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> May ?

(c) I'm truly sorry for the pain I caused you

(d) Well done ! You were always destined to make it big.

(e) How are things ?

(i) Sorry, but I don't think I can make it.

(ii) Never mind. Let us forget about it

(iii) Thank you very much. I am humbled by this honour.

(iv) Great. Thanks.

(v) Hi Mr. Kabir ! I'm Saket. How do you do ?

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(C) Write the correct Prefix from the list given in the brackets against each of the following words :

(un \_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_, ir \_\_\_\_, dis \_\_\_\_, non \_\_\_\_)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ sense

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ regular

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ direct

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ able

(v) \_\_\_\_\_ obey.

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

(i) I was surprised at the \_\_\_\_\_ of mistakes he made. (amount/number)

(ii) Please use the \_\_\_\_\_ kettle to boil the water. (electrical/electric)

(iii) She is financially \_\_\_\_\_ on her parents. (dependant/dependent)

(iv) Who's sitting \_\_\_\_\_ ? (idle/ideal)

(v) She is training to be a \_\_\_\_\_ singer. (classical/classic)

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