

B.A. / B.Com. / B.Sc. / B.B.M. /B.B.A. / B.H.M. DEGREE

EXAMINATION, MAY - 2015

Second Year

Part – I : (i) ENGLISH

Paper-II : General English

Time : 03 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

All sections are compulsory

SECTION-A

1) a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (5)

As soon as possible after reaching the grounds of Hampton Institution I presented myself before the head teacher for assignment to a class having been so long without proper food, a bath and change of clothing. I did not ofcourse make a very favourable impression upon her. I continued to linger about her, and to impress her in all ways I could with my worthiness. In the meantime, I saw her admitting other students, and that added greatly to my discomfort. I felt, deep down in my heart, that I could do as well as they, if I could only get a chance to show what was in me.

- i) What was the action that added to the authors discomfort?
- ii) What did the author himself do?
- iii) Why did he look unimpressive?
- iv) What did the head teacher do?
- v) What was the purpose of the author appearing before the head teacher?

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow, choosing the right answer: (5)

To be a successful writer, you must write interestingly, but different kinds of people have different interests, and it is most unlikely that you will be able to appeal to all of them. You therefore have to know exactly what type of reader you are writing for and exactly what kinds of things interest such a reader.

- i) People have
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| 1) Disinterest | 2) No interest |
| 3) Same reactions | 4) Different interests |
- ii) The antonym of 'forget'.
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| 1) Dismiss | 2) Ignore |
| 3) Remember | 4) Fail |
- iii) 'Unlikely' means.
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| 1) Remotely possible | 2) Not possible |
| 3) To hate | 4) Show liking |
- iv) To be a successful writer, one must be
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| 1) Lengthy works | 2) Carefully |
| 3) Personally | 4) Interestingly |
- v) Write the synonym of 'Success'.
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| 1) Failure | 2) Win |
| 3) Happy | 4) The best |

2) Answer any Two of the following in not more than 100 words each: (2 x 4 = 8)

- a) Give a brief account of Gandhiji's life in London.
- b) What is the moral of the play 'The Drunkard'.
- c) How do books enrich Keller's life?
- d) Comment on L.A. Hill's views on freedom.

3) Answer any one of the following in about 200 words: (8)

- a) Justify the title of the essay 'Man's peril'.
- b) Describe in your own words the actual shorting of the Elephant.
- c) Enumerate the factors that constitute a knowledge society according to Abdul Kalam.

SECTION-B

4) a) Answer any one of the following in not more than 100 words: (4)

- i) Write an appreciation of the poem, "Ode to a Nightingale".
- ii) What is the poet's prayer to the west wind.
- iii) Sketch the character of Ulysses.

- b) Explain any one of the following: (4)
- i) Explain 'I am a part of all that I have met'.
 - ii) Was it a vision or a waking dream?
 - iii) Good fences make good neighbours.

- 5) Answer any one of the following in about 200 words: (8)
- a) Bring out the patriotic feelings in the poem, "The gift of India".
 - b) Browning's 'The Last Ride Together' is a dramatic monologue. Discuss.
 - c) Write an appreciation of the poem "Because I could not stop for Death".

SECTION-C

- 6) Answer any one of the following in about 200 words: (8)
- a) Sketch the character of Subha.
 - b) Attempt an evaluation of the grain merchant's character in 'Diamond Rice'.
 - c) Bring out the pathos of the story of Ha'penny.

SECTION-D

- 7) Read the following passage and summarise it: (6)

There are two types of courage the first type is physical the second is moral courage then two types of courage are quite different from each other. On the otherhand, men who possessed great moral courage would not take physical risk. To be really great, a man-or nation must possess both kinds of courage.

- 8) Write an essay on one of the following: (6)
- a) Politics and religion.
 - b) Brain drain.
 - c) Communal Harmony.

- 9) Answer any one of the following: (6)
- a) Write a report on how you intend to spend your summer vacation.
 - b) Write a report the accident you have seen.

10) Use four of the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own: **(6)**

- a) Call on
- b) Achilles heal
- c) Iron out
- d) Monkey-business
- e) Putdown
- f) Look after
- g) Flesh and blood
- h) Black sheep

11) Answer any one of the following: **(6)**

- a) Write a dialogue between you and a shopkeeper at a bookstall.
- b) Write a letter to a Indo-American publishing house asking for CDs on spoken English.
- c) Write a letter congratulating a friend on his success in the interview for a job.

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