

B.A./B.Com./B.Sc./B.C.A./B.B.A./B.H.M. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL, 2019.

(Regular)

First Year — Second Semester

Part I — English

Paper II — GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (PROSE)

1. Answer any TWO. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What does Haldane accuse the 'Enemies of science' of doing?
- (b) State two ways in which science affects the average human being.
- (c) Why is the handshake a happy mean between some other extremes?
- (d) What are some of the qualities of a greeting that go with a handshake?

SECTION B — (POETRY)

2. Answer any TWO. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Examine the theme of ripeness or fruition in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'.
- (b) How does Keats personify autumn in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'.
- (c) Describe the various women the poet Kishwar Naheed claims not to be.
- (d) What do the 'walls of stone' metaphorically imply?

SECTION C — (SHORT STORIES)

3. Answer any TWO. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Why was Nathu grumbling as he swept the steps of the bank?
- (b) How did people react to the rumour of the imminent collapse of the bank?
- (c) Examine the theme of greed in R.K. Narayan's 'Half a rupee worth'.
- (d) Describe the character of Subbiah.

SECTION D — (DRAMA)

4. Answer any TWO. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Why does Lomov wish to marry Natalia?
- (b) Sketch the character of Natalia.
- (c) How did the argument regarding the dogs begin?
- (d) Bring out the comic aspects of the play 'A marriage proposal'.

SECTION E (35 marks)

(LANGUAGE ACTIVITY)

5. Rewrite the sentences as directed without changing the meaning:

(a) Voice (3 × 1 = 3)

(i) Circumstances obliged me to go (change to passive)

(ii) Let the window be opened (Change to Active)

(iii) You are requested to help me (Change to Active)

(b) Degrees of comparison: (3 × 1 = 3)

(i) He is as wise as Solomon (Change to comparative)

(ii) Madras is one of the biggest cities in India (Change to positive)

(iii) I have never seen such a beautiful place as this (Change to superlative)

(c) Direct and indirect speech. (4 × 1 = 4)

(i) He said to me, 'The Earth is round'.

(ii) The principal said in the meeting, 'There will be a holiday tomorrow'.

(iii) He said to me, 'I am happy to be here this evening'.

(iv) He said to her, 'I bought a house in Madras'.

(d) Read the passage and answer the questions. (5 × 1 = 5)

This is carrying heartiness too far for our austere tastes. I do not think that Englishmen could be bribed to kiss each other, but I cannot conceive that they will ever be argued out of shaking hands with each other. A greeting which we really feel without a grip of the hand to accompany it would seem like a repulse or a sacrilege. It would be a bond without the seal-as cold as a stepmother's breath, as official as a type written letter with a typewritten signature. It would be like denying our hands their natural office.

**Questions:**

(i) What is it for which English men cannot be bribed?

(ii) What is it for which English men cannot be argued out of?

(iii) What seems like a repulse?

(iv) What does the writer compare to a step mother's breath?

(v) From which lesson is the passage taken and who is the writer?

(e) Read the passage and answer the questions.

(5 × 1 = 5)

He lent money at exorbitant rates of interest to desperate persons and acquired dozens of houses through their default. He became swollen with money. He sent his children to a school, bought them brocaded caps and velvet coats, and paid a home-tutor to shout the lessons at the top of his voice every evening under a lamp in the hall. He loaded his wife with gold ornaments and draped her in gaudy Benares silk; he added on to his house two more stories and several halls and painted all the walls with a thick blue oil paint, and covered them with hundreds of pictures of god's in gilt frames.

Questions:

- (i) Who is the 'he' in the passage?
- (ii) How did he earn money?
- (iii) How did he bring up his children?
- (iv) How did he decorate his house?
- (v) From which lesson is the passage taken and who wrote it?

(f) Construct a dialogue between a father explaining to a son about mobile etiquette.

(1 × 5 = 5)

(g) Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks:

(5 × 1 = 5)

Ranjitha : Hi Vineetha ! How is your preparation for exams?

Vineetha : Hi Ranjitha ! Fine, but some \_\_\_\_\_

Ranjitha : My problem is with chemistry.

Vineetha : \_\_\_\_\_

Ranjitha : Oh ! great idea vineetha \_\_\_\_\_

Vineetha : Your home or my home \_\_\_\_\_

Ranjitha : Then come home \_\_\_\_\_

Vineetha : I'll be there by 6 p.m. Bye

Ranjitha : I'll be looking forward for you. Bye.

(h) Write a composition on the hints given below:

(1 × 5 = 5)

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