

[BA - S 2101]

B A DEGREE EXAMINATION

(Choice Based Credit System)

Third Semester

PART I – ENGLISH

(Common for B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A., and
B.H.M. & CT/B.Sc., (Home Science))

(Effective from the admitted batch of 2015-2016)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

1. Answer any TWO of the following in about 75 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What does Genevieve Bell say about the different trajectories of technology adoption the globe over?
 - (b) What steps did Gandhi take to overcome his fear of public speaking?
 - (c) Narrate the conflict which arose in the vegetarian society, between Mr. Hills and Dr. Allinson.
 - (d) What are the advantages of shyness according to Gandhi?

2. Answer any TWO of the following in about 75 words each. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) How does the poet Seamus Heaney keep himself away from the world of his father and his grandfather?
 - (b) Narrate the poet's father's familiarity with digging for potatoes. Which is emphasised in the poem.
 - (c) What are some of the things Okara has learned as he grew older?
 - (d) How is Okara different from his son? Write about the theme of regret expressed by the poet.
3. Answer any TWO of the following in about 75 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) How does Mr. Kapasi view Mr. Das, in comparison to his other patients?
 - (b) Is Mr. Kapasi an unbiased observer? Does his view colour how we view the Das family? Discuss.
 - (c) How does Aarti relate to her daughter Priti? What Priti's response to it?
 - (d) What do we gather about Ajji's married life from her account of it?

4. Answer any TWO of the following in about 75 words each. (2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Draw a character sketch of Girisam
- (b) What were the books Venkatesam was asked to purchase?
- (c) Talking to me itself is an education - Explain with reference to your study of Kanyasulkam.
- (d) How does Girisam defend his changed stance on Kanyasulkam

5. Rewrite the following as directed: (5 × 1 = 5)

- (a) We enjoyed our holiday. It rained a lot.
(Join the two simple sentences to make one complex sentence)
- (b) I know him.
(Change into Passive Voice)
- (c) You are allowed into the club only if you are a member.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless')
- (d) The stranger said "Could you tell me where the Post Office is?"
(Change into indirect speech)
- (e) I did not spend as much money as you.
(Change into comparative degree).

6. Read the following passage and prepare notes (1 × 5 = 5)

The real implication of equal distribution is that each man shall have the wherewithal to supply all his natural needs and no more. For example, if one man has a weak digestion and requires only a quarter of a pound of flour for his bread and another needs a pound, both should be in a position to satisfy their wants. So bring this ideal into being the entire social order has got to be reconstructed. A society based on non-violence cannot nurture any other ideal we may not perhaps be able to realize the goal, but we must bear it in mind and work increasingly to near it to the same extent as we progress towards our goal we shall find contentment and happiness and to that extent too shall we have contributed towards the brushing into being of a non-violent society.

It is perfectly possible for an individual to adopt this way of life without having to wait for others to do so. And if an individual can observe a certain rule of conduct to follow that a group of individuals can do likewise. It is necessary for me to emphasize the fact that no one need wait for anyone else in order to adopt a right course. Men generally hesitate to make a beginning if they feel that the objective cannot be had in its entirety. Such an attitude of mind is in reality a bar to progress.

7. Describe the picture in not less than 5 sentences. (5 × 1 = 5)



10. Brainstorm ONE of the topics and show it in a diagram. (5)
- (a) Information transfer.
- (b) Vehicles used by the people.
11. Develop the following hints into a readable passage of 100 words and give a suitable title. (5)
- The kind of books I enjoy reading: enjoy fiction most _____ novels and short stories _____ love romances and thrillers _____ long hours reading _____ science fiction not interesting _____ dull _____ also enjoy travelogues _____ real life adventures _____ read newspapers, magazines regularly to keep myself informed _____ to pass time when no new book.
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8. Write a report to the newspaper on ONE of the following topics: (5)

- (a) Drainage problems of your area.
- (b) Bank theft at SBI at AU branch.

9. Expand ONE of the following into a paragraph: (5)

- (a) There is no smoke without fire
- (b) Slow and steady Wins the Race.