

**First Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./F.A.D. Degree Examination,
November/December 2019**

(CBCS Scheme – Freshers & Repeaters – 2018-19 and Onwards)

General English

Paper I – LANGUAGE ENGLISH - I

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Answer ALL the questions.*
- 2) *Write the correct question numbers.*

SECTION – A

(COURSE BOOK – 40 marks)

I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in 2 or 3 sentences : **(5 × 2 = 10)**

1. Where did the writer pick the plaintain leaves in 'I Shall Go Back in the New Year'?
2. What was the condition of the knapsack carried by the father to the warfield in the 'Sonnet'?
3. In the lesson 'The Wolf' the author lacks
 - (a) happiness
 - (b) freedom
 - (c) vision
 - (d) ambition.
4. What promise does the mother take from Aloo?
5. In the lesson 'Real Food' the narrator's family usually had _____ for lunch.
6. Which was the most widely read newspaper in Rameshwaram?
7. According to Roy, the number of deceived women would be found ten times greater than that of betrayed men. True/False?
8. Where did jobs apply his knowledge of calligraphy?

II. Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about a page each : **(4 × 5 = 20)**

1. People always have to look forward, but in the poem 'I Shall Go Back in the New Year' why do you think the poet wants to look back?
2. How does the author eventually gain his freedom in the story "The Wolf"?
3. How does the mother ensure that Aloo leaves for further studies with a happy frame of mind?
4. Why does the narrator say that garri is important for her people in "Real Food"?
5. How did Sivasubramania Iyer show his rebellious side being an orthodox Brahmin?
6. Women are treated worse than inferior animals. Elaborate with reference to Raja Ram Mohan Roy's "Relations between Men and Women".
7. Explain Job's concept of death.

III. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 2 pages : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

1. Comment on the different perspectives on wars shared by the father and son.
2. How does Roy establish women to be an embodiment of all virtues? Discuss.
3. Being comfortable is not being happy. The author and the man on the other tree though comfortably placed are not happy. Explain.

SECTION - B

(GRAMMAR AND COMMUNICATION COMPONENT - 30 Marks)

IV. Fill in the blanks choosing appropriate word given in the brackets : **(5)**

We had been on a trip to Mysore _____ (recent/recently). When we went to the zoo, the zoo keeper asked us to be _____ (careful/carefully) about the monkeys. The children _____ (happy/happily) wandered off to the place where the snakes were kept. By afternoon, we were all _____ (tired/tiredness). So we went to a park and took rest for some time ; but the children seemed to be _____ (restless/restlessness) after a while.

- V. 1. Combine the sentences using any **ONE** of the following : (1)
(who, what, that or which)
The boy lost the book. I gave him yesterday.
2. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb : (1)
"War and Peace" _____ (is/are) a great novel by Tolstoy.
3. Fill in the blank using the correct form of the word : (1)
He is a good _____ expert. (finance)
4. Correct the sentence : (1)
I ordered for coffee.
5. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option : (1)
This ointment will _____ your wounds. (heal, heel)
- VI. Read the following passage and answer the question :

George Bernard Shaw, one of the greatest playwrights of all times was born in Dublin on 26th July, 1856. As a young man, he was shy and to hide his shyness he developed a very gruff manner and voice which some people mistook as rudeness. However, his close friends understood him better as he was the very essence of kindness to those whom he loved and associated with.

At the early age of fourteen, he obtained employment as a junior clerk and though he was good at his work, he hated it. So he quit his job and went to London in search of other employment. Before long, a newspaper office hired him and he took up employment as critic of books, music and plays. Later he decided to write his own plays. The plays he wrote and produced were a tremendous success. Many film companies approached him to use plays for making movies, But he never liked the ideal. Finally, he consented to allow his play, 'Pygmalion' to be made into a film. This play depicts the story of a little flower girl, who was trained by an English Professor to speak proper English. In fact, the Professor succeeded in transforming her from an uneducated flower girl into a refined lady. Years later, this play was made into a musical hit – the legendary, 'My Fair Lady', and it became a worldwide success. The film 'My Fair Lady' is about how complicated English language is and the difficulties faced by Eliza, the flower girl to learn and master this language.

1. How did Bernard Shaw try to hide his shyness? (1)
2. How old was Bernard Shaw when he took up his first job? (1)
3. Where did Bernard Shaw go after quitting his job? (1)
4. Bernard Shaw's _____ was made into a film. (1)
5. Name the little flower girl who appear in the musical hit 'My Fair Lady'. (1)

VII. Write a paragraph using the topic sentence and the hints given : (5)

Topic sentence – Reading books is very important in one's life.

Hints – Book reading – a good habit – enhances knowledge – choose good books – they are our friends and guides – represent our culture – set high moral and standard before all.

VIII. Write a letter of complaint : (10)

You visited Coorg recently. Though you enjoyed your stay, you were horrified to see the environmental degradation due to tourism. Write a letter of complaint to the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Karnataka.