

**First Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Degree Examinations,
August/September 2021**

(CBCS Scheme – Freshers/Repeaters – 2020-21)

General English

Paper I – LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) Answer all the Sections.
- 2) Write the correct question numbers.

SECTION – A

(PROSE AND POETRY – 40 marks)

I. Answer any **FIVE** in about one or two sentences each or as directed : **(5 × 2 = 10)**

1. Where do Sue and Johnsy meet?
2. The python has a weakness for the mirror. True/False
3. In the poem *The Ploughman*, it has always been told that work is :
 - (a) A curse and labour
 - (b) A misfortune
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
4. Mention any two uses of the tree referred to in the poem, *Heart of the Tree*.
5. Which is the first word that Helen's teacher spells into her hand?
6. Whom does Sohrab call up after Deepa leaves his office?
7. What sort of books do women usually read in the lesson *Bookshop Memories*?
8. Name any one poem that the fellow passenger appreciates in *A Conversation with the Reader*?

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

1. Write a brief note on Johnsy's illness.
2. How does the grandfather finally succeed in trapping the python? Where does he leave it?

3. Did Deepa's father want a daughter? How had he celebrated when Deepa was born?
4. What are the observations of the fellow traveler on his book in *A Conversation with the Reader*?
5. Explain concisely on what it is to work with love in the poem *The Ploughman*.
6. Describe aunt Mabel's encounter with the python on the two occasions? How does she react?
7. What are your impressions on Helen's teacher Anne Sullivan?

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

1. Write about Helen's life before Anne Sullivan's arrival? How does her arrival change her life positively?
2. Write elaborately the ways in which the tree contributes as it appears in the poem *Heart of the Tree*.
3. In what ways does Khalil Gibran bring out the idea that work is inspirational and should be done with love in *The Ploughman*?

SECTION - B

(GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION - 30 marks)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :

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1. Why has Mount Vesuvius received much attention? (1)
2. The Volcano had been active for many centuries. (True/False) (1)
3. Give an example to show how the eruption changed the area's geography. (1)
4. Identify the word from the passage which means 'to catch fire' easily. (1)
5. In addition to fire _____ also caused destruction. (1)
 - (a) sulphuric gases
 - (b) water
 - (c) carbon dioxide
 - (d) all the above

V. Do as directed :

- (a) Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence : (2)
 1. Sana's _____ suffered due to her prolonged sickness.
(carrier/career)
 2. After her uncle's _____ Aruna vacated the house.
(disease/decease)

- (b) Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word : (2)

1. Parents are generally orthodox.
 - (i) narrow minded
 - (ii) broad minded
 - (iii) understanding
 - (iv) loving
2. The students indulged themselves when they went for the picnic.
 - (i) engaged
 - (ii) enjoyed
 - (iii) envisioned
 - (iv) elevated

- (c) Choose the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets : (1)

The dog _____ loudly on seeing a stranger at the gate.
(barked/has barked)

VI. (a) Do as directed :

1. What enquiry would you make when you want to know the amount you have to pay towards the admission fee. (1)
2. How do you introduce your grandmother to the doctor? (1)

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles/prepositions : (3)

The newsroom was more than full after _____ fire accident which was _____ unfortunate thing to happen since no compensation would replace the loss _____ innocent lives.

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