

FIRST SEMESTER B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION, 2014

English Basic

(New Syllabus)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Text : 'Imprints'**I** Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase, or a sentence each : (10×1=10)

- 1) Where did Govind Singh work as a gate keeper?
- 2) What name did the thief choose for himself?
- 3) What judgement was passed against the Criminal?
- 4) Name the author of the article, 'More than 100 million Women are missing'.
- 5) In whose honour was the new species of deer named?
- 6) How does Tagore refer to God in the poem, 'Where the mind is without fear'.
- 7) What is the occupation of the speaker's father in the poem, 'Tribute to Papa'.
- 8) According to the poet Pablo Neruda, Love is so short, than what is so long?
- 9) Who wept when his armada went down?
- 10) What does the commandant take home for his Children?

II Explain any two with reference to the context choosing one from prose and one from poetry. (2×5=10)

- 1) It was a simple matter to Steal but to be a really big man, a wise and successful man, that was something.
- 2) He knew that any official request he might put forward for a specimen would be politely refused by the Chinese authorities

- 3) But you've always wanted to be a model man, A sort of an ideal
- 4) The young Alexander conquered India. Was he alone?

III Answer any **one** of the following : (1×10=10)

- a) Draw a character sketch of Govind Singh.
- b) Did the Government of Monaco succeed in its attempt to punish the murderer? Explain

IV Answer any **one** of the following : (1×10=10)

- a) The poem 'Where the mind is without fear' has a universal message. Justify.

OR

- b) How does the poet express his anguish in the poem 'Tonight I can write the saddest lines'.

V Write short notes on any **two** choosing one from prose and one from poetry. (2×5=10)

- 1) Means of improving the status and position of Women in society
- 2) Father David
- 3) The speaker's opinion of her father
- 4) Comment on the ending of the poem 'Vultures'.

VI A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. (5×1=5)

- 1) Iron is _____ useful metal
- 2) Sri Lanka is _____ island
- 3) He can play _____ flute
- 4) She is _____ honest girl
- 5) He returned after _____ hour

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (5×1=5)

- 1) Humpty Dumpty sat _____ the wall
- 2) The children are playing _____ the rain
- 3) The guard is standing _____ the gate
- 4) The dog ran _____ the road
- 5) He is tired _____ walking.

VII A) Rewrite as directed without changing their meaning. (5×1=5)

- 1) He speaks too fast to be understood (Remove too)
- 2) Iron is the most useful metal (Change into comparative degree)
- 3) If only I were young again! (Change into assertive sentence)
- 4) As soon as the bell rang the Children ran out of the classroom.
(Use no sooner ---- than)
- 5) If you study, you will pass (Use unless)

B) Write synonyms of the following words. (5×1=5)

- 1) Anger
- 2) Cure
- 3) Deceive
- 4) Famous
- 5) Queer

VIII a) Auto India Ltd. Bangalore requires the service of a sales Executive. Prepare your resume' and send it to the Personnel manager with the necessary details. (5×1=5)

b) Expand the idea into a Paragraph on any one of the following :

- 1) A friend in need is a friend indeed
- 2) Prevention is better than cure. (1×5=5)

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Text Book:

The Joy of Reading Literature

Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each : (10×1=10)

- 1) When did the astrologer usually start his day's business?
- 2) What did Della buy for Jim?
- 3) When did Gopal feel embarrassed?
- 4) What is the ambition of the greatest man of every generation?
- 5) What is 'Money' according to Herman Wouk?
- 6) Where are the Bangle sellers carrying their wares?
- 7) Which are the narrow domestic walls?
- 8) What do you mean by the word 'Sleep' in the last line of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a snowy Evening'?
- 9) Why does William Shakespeare cause his fate?
- 10) On what do we waste our powers?

II Explain with reference to the context one from prose and one from poetry : (2×5=10)

- 1) "When shall I get at him?"
- 2) "The fateful moment for us in India, for all Asia and for the world"
- 3) "Little we see in the Nature that is ours".
- 4) "And miles to go before I sleep".

III a) Write the summary of Nehru's speech on the day of Indian Independence.

OR

- b) Comment on the title of the story "The Gift of Magi".

OR

- c) Describe the evils of advertisement (1×10=10)

IV a) Critically appreciate the poem "The World is too Much with Us".

OR

- b) What kind of 'Heaven' does Rabindranath Tagore want to live in?

OR

- c) Describe the power of Nature and man's journey as presented by Robert Frost in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'. (1×10=10)

V Write two short notes by choosing one from Prose and one from Poetry : (2×5=10)

- 1) Success of the astrologer
- 2) Nehru's views about the citizen of India.
- 3) Rabindranath Tagore's 'Heaven'.
- 4) Power of Love and friendship.

VI. A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles (5×1=5)

- 1) He gave _____ one rupee note
- 2) Please wait for _____ hour
- 3) The camel is ship of _____ desert
- 4) His brother is _____ university professor
- 5) _____ Bible is a holy book.

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : (5×1=5)

- 1) Pay attention _____ what I say
- 2) This line is taken _____ the Geeta
- 3) children are fond _____ sweets
- 4) He divided the cake _____ the two brothers
- 5) I prefer coffee _____ tea

VII A) Rewrite as directed without changing the meaning : (5×1=5)

- 1) Elephant is the largest land animal. (Change into positive degree)
- 2) What a beautiful painting! (Change into assertive)
- 3) If you tell the truth, I will forgive you. (Use 'Unless')
- 4) As soon as the train arrived, we boarded. (Use 'No sooner than')
- 5) Ravi is so rich that he can buy a car. (Use 'Enough')

B) Write synonyms of the following words : (5×1=5)

- 1) Homage
- 2) Hide
- 3) Refuse
- 4) Demonstrate
- 5) Lament

VIII A) Draft the text of the greeting card in about ten words to be sent to your friend for New year (5×1=5)

B) Expand the idea into a paragraph on any one of the following :

1) Work is Worship

2) Self help is the best help.

(1×5=5)

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Explain any two with reference to the context choosing one from prose and one from poetry. (2×3=10)

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