

**B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2015.**

**First Semester**

**ENGLISH BASIC**

**(Revised/Old)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 80 marks**

*Text : Imprints*

1. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each :  
(10 × 1 = 10)
- (a) Who suggested Govind Singh to take the letter to X-ray Institute?
  - (b) How old was the thief when he met Arun?
  - (c) Name the writer of the short story "Too Dear".
  - (d) Who wrote the article "More than 100 Million Women are missing"?
  - (e) Who discovered the existence of deer?
  - (f) Whom does Rabindranath Tagore address as father in the poem "Where the Mind is without Fear"?
  - (g) Who is Mr. Kapur in the poem "Tribute to Papa"?
  - (h) What is longer than love according to Pablo Neruda?
  - (i) Who won the seven years war?
  - (j) Name the poet of the poem "Vultures".
2. Explain with reference to the context any **TWO** of the following, choosing one from Prose and one from Poetry :  
(2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) "I'm the new gate keeper, Master".
  - (b) "But I have nowhere to go. What can I do?"
  - (c) "Who cares for your clean thoughts, clean words, clean teeth?"
  - (d) "Love is so short, forgetting is so long".
3. (a) What problems did the government of Monaco face in attempting to punish the Murderer?  
(1 × 10 = 10)
- Or
- (b) Sketch the character of Govind Singh.

4. (a) How does the poet try to convey the message in the poem "Questions from a worker who reads"? (1 × 10 = 10)

Or

- (b) The poem "Where the mind is without fear" has a Universal Message. Justify.

5. Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following, choosing one from Prose and one from Poetry : (2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Registered Letter
- (b) Father David
- (c) Poet's Papa
- (d) Ending of the Poem 'Vultures'.

6. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : (5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Mr. Patil is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.
- (ii) Have you read \_\_\_\_\_ Bible.
- (iii) It was \_\_\_\_\_ excellent offer.
- (iv) He gave me \_\_\_\_\_ one rupee note.
- (v) His father is \_\_\_\_\_ Union Leader.

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

- (i) The Taj Mahal is \_\_\_\_\_ Agra.
- (ii) He is down \_\_\_\_\_ fever.
- (iii) Don't wait \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- (iv) He died \_\_\_\_\_ cancer.
- (v) They come to college \_\_\_\_\_ bus.

7. (a) Rewrite as directed without changing the meaning. (5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Ashoka is a great Emperor. (Change into Superlative degree)
- (ii) She is too poor to buy a car. (Remove 'Too')
- (iii) If you tell the truth, I will forgive you. (Use unless)
- (iv) As soon as the bell rang, the teacher entered the class room. (Use No sooner ... than)
- (v) What a horrible movie it is!. (Change into assertive)

(b) Give synonyms of the following words : (5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Timid
- (ii) Refuse
- (iii) Cure
- (iv) Queer
- (v) Blend

8. (a) Godrej Company, Hyderabad requires the Service of a Marketing Manager. Prepare your resume and send it to the Personnel Manager with necessary details. (1 × 5 = 5)

(b) Expand the idea into a paragraph on any **ONE** of the following : (1 × 5 = 5)

- (i) Time and tide waits for none.
  - (ii) Work is worship.
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