

B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2015.

Second Semester

ENGLISH

BASIC

(Revised)

(New Syllabus)

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) What is the first thing that the school teaches the child?
 - (b) How did Gangu earn his living after he got married?
 - (c) What has Capitalism spread?
 - (d) Who is the writer of the story, 'Kartavya'?
 - (e) What is the name of the mother of a traitor?
 - (f) What advice does the poet give to parents in the poem, 'On Television'?
 - (g) Who is the writer of the poem, 'O What is That Sound'?
 - (h) What are the things left by the father of the Poet?
 - (i) How is Lucy's beauty described?
 - (j) What has been personified in the poem, 'Because I Could not Stop for Death'?
2. Explain with reference to context choosing **one** from Prose and **one** from Poetry :
(2 × 5 = 10)
 - (a) 'Let Children work together to help each other, learn from each other and each other's mistakes.'
 - (b) 'You seem to be a good swimmer; it was your duty to try and save the woman who was with you.'
 - (c) 'How used they keep themselves contented
Before this Monster was invented?'
 - (d) 'Perhaps a change in their orders, dear,
Why are you Kneeling?'

3. (a) What suggestions does Holt make for improving the system of education?
Or
(b) Bring out the reasons for the decline of intelligence and innovations with the advent of machinery.
Or
(c) The story, 'The Mother of a Traitor' ends in tragedy. Discuss. (1 × 10 = 10)
4. (a) 'On Television', depicts the damage caused by television. Elucidate.
Or
(b) Summarise the poem, 'Obituary'.
Or
(c) Bring out the contrast between mortality and eternity as depicted in the poem, 'Because I Could not Stop for Death'. (1 × 10 = 10)
5. Write short notes choosing **one** from Prose and **one** from Poetry : (2 × 5 = 10)
(a) Gangu
(b) Usha's life before the accident
(c) Strange fits of passion experienced by the speaker
(d) Theme of 'O What is That Sound'
6. Correct the following sentences : (10 × 1 = 10)
(a) He is an University Professor.
(b) One should love his country.
(c) King Lear divided his property between his daughters.
(d) Either I or my brother are invited.
(e) Peace and prosperity are our ideal.
(f) He prefers short story than novel.
(g) He lost a five hundred rupees note.
(h) We shall meet tomorrow to discuss about the subject.
(i) My house is full of furnitures.
(j) Yamuna flows through Delhi.

7. (a) Combine the following pairs of sentences using 'wh' words : (5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) Hari reads book everyday. It is a good hobby.
- (ii) The audience stoop up. The guest arrived.
- (iii) I want to help the poor man. He is in need of money.
- (iv) I went to a town. There was an art exhibition.
- (v) The teacher punished the boy. His name was Anil.

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

- (i) Attach
- (ii) Expose
- (iii) Lean
- (iv) Strange
- (v) Tender

8. (a) Write an imaginary dialogue that takes place between Raju and the Clerk at the railway station reservation counter : (1 × 5 = 5)

Raju : Excuse me, Can I get a berth to Chennai?

Clerk : _____

Raju : _____

Clerk : _____

Raju : _____

Clerk : _____

(b) Draft an application for the post of an accountant in a reputed company. (1 × 5 = 5)