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**II Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.H.M. Examination, May/June 2018
(Repeaters) (2010 – 11 and Onwards)**

**ENGLISH
Language English – II**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions : A) Answer all questions.

B) Mention all question numbers clearly.

**PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)**



I. Answer any seven of the following questions :

(7×2=14)

- 1) What future plans does the speaker chalk out at the end of the poem in the poem "To a Student" ?
- 2) What has caused the stammering of the soldiers in the poem 'Survivors' ?
- 3) Why are the soldiers angry with Marshal Bazaine in the lesson 'The Ensign' ?
- 4) What was Sergeant Hornus' only ambition in life ?
- 5) Gandhiji says we have become unmanly today because
- 6) What according to Shinkre, is the ultimate pilgrim destination for a Hindu ?
- 7) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary ?
- 8) Who was Stanely ?
- 9) Why is Manasa Sarovara so called ?

II. Answer any four questions in a paragraph.

(4×5=20)

- 1) Describe Sergeant Hornus' final fight for his beloved flag at the arsenal.
- 2) Write a brief note on Stanley's growing up years.
- 3) What according to Gandhiji is the positive form of ahimsa ?
- 4) Who were the 'three comedians' identified by Mr. Wells and why were they so called in the lesson 'The Prize Poem' ?
- 5) Bring out the difference between Cosby's and his father's taste for music ?
- 6) The Kailash Manas Sarovar Yatra is special for many reason. Elaborate.

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III. Answer **any two** questions in a page and **half** : **(2×10=20)**

- 1) How does the essay 'The way it was and is bring out the differences caused by the generation gap ?
- 2) Explain the principles of Gandhiji's concept of Ahimsa as stated in the lesson 'On Ahimsa'.
- 3) Bring out the humour in the lesson 'The Prize Poem'.
- 4) How does the poet discuss the theme of war and its effects in the poem 'To a Student' ?

IV. Do as directed : **(6×1=6)**

A) Choose the appropriate word closest to the meaning of each of the words given below :

- 1) Dearth
 - a) death
 - b) expensive
 - c) scarcity

- 2) Siesta
 - a) a feast
 - b) an afternoon nap
 - c) light music

B) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word :

- 1) Ambarish was _____ when Dhurvasa accused him.
(injured, hurt)
- 2) A rich and misanthropic man was _____ with a bright idea.
(seized, ceased)

C) Use the following phrases in sentences of your own :

- 1) to give up
- 2) passed away

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following sentence into indirect speech :

- a) He asked Lata, "What is the time ?" **1**
- b) Sneha said, "I want to study hard for my exams". **1**

- 2) Change to Passive Voice :
- a) A bus knocked down Raman. 1
- b) The girl repairs televisions. 1
- 3) Rewrite the following in a single sentence using the linker 'because'. 1
- Sonu had to go by walk. The buses were on strike.
- 4) Frame a suitable 'wh' question to get the underlined word as answer : 1
- Food is being cooked for the guests.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1
- Mr. Rajesh is your English teacher, _____ ?

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The roles of nature (what we inherit) and of nature (what we learn) in making us what we are have long been debated. Although nature may limit what we can achieve, socializing plays a very large role in determining what we do achieve. That is, whatever potential ability we inherit from our parents may be enhanced and restricted through socialization. Case studies of children who have not been cared for, and of children who have been stimulated to achieve at a high level, provide evidence for the importance of social and environmental learning.

Since the fourteenth century there have been more than fifty recorded cases of feral children. Feral children are the children who are brought up by the animals in the wild. One of the most famous is 'The wild boy of Aveyron'. In 1797, this boy was captured by hunters in the woods of South France. He was about 11 years old completely naked. The 'Wild boy' ran on his arms and legs, could not speak, and he liked uncooked food. He could not do most of the simple things that younger children can usually do. He was obviously deprived of socialization.

There have been similar stories of social deprivation in the present century too. Anna, for example, was born in 1932 in Pennsylvania. Her father was outraged by her birth and did not want anything to do with the child.

The mother tried to give Anna away, but could not. So she hid her in the attic and gave her just enough food to keep her alive. Anna was neither touched nor talked to, neither washed nor bathed. When she was found in 1938 at the age of six, Anna could not talk or walk. She could do nothing but lie quietly on the floor, her eyes and face expressionless.

Children who get little attention in orphanages suffer similar harmful effects. In 1945, researcher Rene Spitz reported on an orphanage where 18 months old infants were left lying on their backs in tiny rooms most of the day without any



human contact. Within a year all had become physically, mentally, emotionally and socially impaired. Two years later, more than one third of the children had died – Those who had survived could not speak, walk, dress themselves or use a spoon.

(1×6=6)

- A) 1) What do the terms 'nature' and 'nurture' refer to ?
 2) What evidence do the case studies provide about social learning ?
 3) How many cases of feral children have been recorded so far ?
 4) Who are feral children ?
 5) Whom does the author mention as the most famous example of feral children ?
 6) What was the plight of Anna when she was found at the age of six ?

- B) 7) Describe the problems faced by feral children using the example given in the passage.

(2×2=4)

- 8) What does Rene Spitz's report focus on ?

- VII. 1) Write a paragraph in about **80 – 100** words persuading the reader to use Paper Bags. You may base your paragraph on the following points :

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- Environment friendly
- Recycleable
- Biodegradable
- Prevents pollution
- Conclusion

- 2) Write a paragraph in about **80 – 100** words reflecting on the importance of Spoken English. You may use the hints given in the box :

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Globally dominant language – access to huge amount of knowledge and information – more job opportunities – easy to travel – creates new status

- VIII. Summarize the following passage. Your summary must have atleast four main points. Give a suitable title to the summary :

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Today, travelling has become safer and more comfortable. We have many means of transport to go on tours or pilgrimages. Good roads increase in transport and lodging facilities have made travel pleasurable.

Now-a-day people undertake tours mainly for relaxation and pleasure. They visit places of historical importance or natural beauty. They visit waterfalls, beaches or hill stations to get refreshed and relieve their tension. On the other hand, pilgrimage is considered a religious duty. People visit temples



to offer prayers or fulfil vows. The difference between a tour and pilgrimage is slowly disappearing and people turn a pilgrimage into a pleasurable tour.

Due to the increase in the public transport facilities, all sections of society can afford to travel. Railways, Roadways and Airways link all parts of the country and people can travel with ease and comfort if they plan their tour well in advance. There are many hotels and guest houses which provide food and lodging, tours help us to gather knowledge and experience in an enjoyable manner.

IX. Do as directed :

1) What enquires would you make in the following situation ? Write a sentence each :

a) You want to know when the results will be announced ?

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b) You want to know the bus fare from Bengaluru to Mysore.

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2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given :

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Sneha : Good morning. Spandana College.

Chetan : Good morning. This is Chetan from Combridge Personality Development Department. May I speak to Prof. Sharad of the English Department.

Sneha : I am sorry. Mr. Sharad is on leave today. Would you like me to pass on any message ?

Chetan : Yes, Please inform him that we are willing to start our training in soft skills from next Monday. Kindly ask him to contact me at 9494989800.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No :

3) Your friend has met with an accident and you are asked to come to the hospital immediately for blood donation. Leave a message for your mother :

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- Telling her why you are going to the hospital.
- Ask her not to wait for you for dinner.
- Tell her you will be back the next morning.
