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I Semester B.A. Examination, November/December 2014
(Freshers) (2014-15 & Onwards) (CBCS)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) Read the instructions **carefully**.
2) Answer **all** the questions.



PART – A

(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) Mention any two awards won by Salim Ali.
 - 2) Environmentalism must be viewed as a _____, according to Guha.
(Political programme/ Social programme/Economic programme)
 - 3) How long do the baths of elephants last ?
 - 4) Why did Ransouli look older than his age ?
 - 5) Did the mother-in-law have enough rest and happiness in her old age ?
 - 6) Who gave the address of Mrs. Sappleton to Framton and why ?
 - 7) “Aboriginal people listen to the land, the plants and animals”. Why ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **one** page **each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) Explain how Salim Ali was young at heart.
 - 2) What is the impact of industrialization on nature, as in ‘Going Green’ ?
 - 3) How do the paper writers bring about a change in Ransouli’s life ?
 - 4) Why did Mr. Nuttel leave suddenly and what was the reason according to the niece in ‘The Open Window’ ?
 - 5) Write about the attitude of the son towards his mother in ‘The Woodrose’.
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages **each** : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) What are the achievements of Salim Ali as an Ornithologist ?
 - 2) Narrate the plight of Ransouli when he was forced to leave South Africa.
 - 3) Describe the humourous nature of Vera in ‘The Open Window’.

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IV. Vocabulary :

Do as directed :

- a) Match the expressions in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'.

(4x ½=2)

'A'

ikebana

insipid

rattle on

air of intimacy

'B'

tasteless

flower arrangement

familiar

talk continuously

- b) By adding the right prefixes (-un, -in, -il, -dis) to the words given in brackets, fill in the blanks with words which have a negative meaning.

(3x1=3)

- 1) The magician made the rabbit _____ (appear)
- 2) Many _____ (literate) people cannot get high salary.
- 3) She indicated the problem _____ (directly) in front of the boss.

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

- V. 1) Fill in the blank with an appropriate article : 1
He is _____ honest boy.
- 2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : 1
She is a professor _____ Economics.
- 3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb : 1
A team of Doctors _____ (is/are) monitoring the patient.
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 2
- a) The boy had _____ (Score) 90% marks in the last year.
 - b) He will be _____ (go) to New Delhi next month.
- 5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks wherever necessary : 2
Did rama experience any enlightenment after his himalayan piligrimage, she asked.
- VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it : 5
- The modern Nalanda University has come into being. On September 1, the new university eventually kicked off with seven faculty members and 11 students. The teaching has already commenced from a makeshift campus, just 12 km away from the ruins of ancient Nalanda University, which was destroyed by Muhammad Bin Bakhtiyar Khilji, a general of Qutbuddin Aibak in the 12th century.



A beginning has been made with just two schools : the school of ecology and environmental studies, and the school of historical studies. Many more students and faculty members will join us in the coming days and months. The Union Government has already sanctioned Rs. 2,700 crore to raise the residential university which is likely to have seven schools for postgraduate and doctorate students by its scheduled completion in 2020.

The modern centre of excellence is to come up on a sprawling 443-acre campus, encircled by an 8-km long boundary wall. Till its permanent campus is completed, the Nalanda University administration has made a temporary arrangement to lodge its students in a state government hotel where it has hired 40 rooms and three suites for holding classes.

The tuition fee for the PG courses has been pegged at Rs. 3 lakh per annum, plus an administrative charge of Rs. 75,000, besides fee for boarding and lodging. At Rs. 3.75 lakh per year, the fees are not cheap, and therefore, have drawn flak by eminent educationists.

Established during the reign of Kumara Gupta-I (AD 414-445), Nalanda University was arguably the highest seat of Buddhist learning. Spread over in nearly two square kilometres, it had about 1500 professors and 10,000 students. Legend has it that scholars such as Panini and Jivaka studied there.

According to Chinese scholar Hieun Tsang, who was a student and later a teacher at the ancient Nalanda University, it was a six-storey building where the staff and students had a free boarding and lodging. Students were not charged any fee but entrance to the university was through an extremely tough entrance test.

The university offered a choice of many subjects – philosophy, astronomy, literature, logic, Buddhism and Hinduism. The university had helped spread Indian culture in many South Asian countries like Tibet, China and Japan. The Nalanda University ruins are a protected monument and a popular heritage site.

- 1) Where is modern Nalanda University ?
- 2) What is the temporary arrangement made for students ?
- 3) Can the poor students also study in the new university ?
- 4) How many professors and students were there in the old Nalanda University ?
- 5) How much fees did the students pay for the old Nalanda University ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **100** words : 5

- a) Describe a famous person you like using these hints :
physical appearance, dress, your impressions about him/her; his/her contributions, ideals; his/her influence on you and society.

OR

- b) Narrate about any festival you celebrate using these hints :
significance of the festival, preparation, new clothes, worship/prayer, nice food, meeting friends, exchange of greetings, boisterous mood, sense of fulfillment.

VIII. Make notes based on the following passage by choosing either a Linear or a Diagrammatic format : 5

The Alaska pipeline starts at the frozen edge of the Arctic Ocean. It stretches southward across the northernmost state in the United States, ending at a remote ice-free seaport village nearly 800 miles from where it begins. It is awesome; massive in size and extremely complicated to operate.



The pipe is four feet in diameter and up to 84 million gallons of crude oil can pumped through it daily.

Resting on H-shaped steel racks called 'bents', long sections of the pipeline follow a zigzag course high above the frozen earth. Other long sections drop out of sight beneath spongy or rocky ground and return to the surface later on. One of the largest in the world, the pipeline cost approximately eight million dollars and is by far the biggest and most expensive construction project ever undertaken by private industry.

In fact, no single business could raise that much money, so eight major oil companies formed a consortium in order to share the costs. Today, despite enormous natural and management problems, the Alaska pipeline has been completed and is operating which is a sign of human will power.

IX. Do as directed :

- a) Introduce your friend who is a patient, to your doctor. 2
- b) Write a set of instructions for the following in 5-6 sentences :
How to make coffee/tea OR how to ride a bicycle ? 3
- c) A stranger at the city circle bus stop wants to draw money at the ATM first and go to the Post Office. Then he wants to take a bus from the nearest bus stop. Give directions in 5-6 sentences (Note : II Main is closed at Gandhi Road). 3

