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II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, May/June 2018
(Freshers + Repeaters) (CBCS)
(2014 – 15 & Onwards)
ENGLISH
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours



Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) Answer **all** the questions.

2) Mention the question numbers **correctly**.

PART – A

(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in a word or a sentence **each** : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) What is the poet's plan at the end of the poem 'To a Student' ?
 - 2) What has the 'glorious war' done to the soldiers in the poem 'Survivors' ?
 - 3) Why did Hornus go to the arsenal and what did he see there ?
 - 4) The Jain philosopher who influenced Gandhiji in his youth was _____
 - 5) Which newspaper did Stanley work for and who was its Proprietor ?
 - 6) Why is Mount Kailash holy for Tibetan Buddhists ?
 - 7) Which team did Pele start his career with and who discovered that Pele was nearing his thousandth goal ?
 - 8) What was the subject of the poetry contest and who won the prize that year in the short story 'The Prize Poem' ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about a page **each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) Why does the student's eyes "leap away" when they meet the teacher's in the poem To a Student ?
 - 2) Describe Hornus' final fight for the flag at the arsenal in the lesson 'The Ensign'.
 - 3) How did Stanley prepare himself to meet Dr. Livingstone towards the end of the journey ?
 - 4) Describe Pele's state of mind when he was about to score his thousandth goal.
 - 5) How does Gandhiji explain the difference between positive and negative Ahimsa ?

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- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Describe the writer's experience enroute to Shiva's Paradise in Kashyap's Shinkre's travelogue.
 - 2) Bring out the humorous portrayal of the generation gap in Bill Cosby's essay 'The Way it Was and Is'.
 - 3) How does the poem 'Survivors' reflect the horror of war ?

IV. Do as directed :

- A) Choose the appropriate word / expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below : **2**
- i) Defiant ____
 - a) challenging
 - b) definite
 - c) diffident
 - ii) Intercept ____
 - a) interest
 - b) interpret
 - c) stop
- B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words : **2**
- i) Pele's thousandth goal was made by a _____
(penalty / penultimate)
 - ii) He should learn to _____ himself in an argument.
(defend / defy)
- C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own : **1**
- went out to

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

- V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech : **2**
- a) He said, "Can I bring the book ?"
 - b) The teacher said to Isha, "Stand on the bench."
- 2) Rewrite the following in passive voice : **2**
- a) The teacher punished the naughty boy.
 - b) Sudha will cook the food.
- 3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'because' : **1**
- He reached late. He was marked absent.
- 4) Form a suitable question to get the underlined word as answer : **1**
- He is working in Infosys.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : **1**
- She can't swim.



VI. Read the following passage **carefully** and answer the questions set on it : 5

Youth today do not realize that one is modern only when his thoughts and actions bring out something new, which can set an example to the rest of the world. Imitating only the western outlook in lifestyle, leaving aside their values, is not what modernism is. Should we consider youth modern if he opts for a dozen girlfriends and then pretends to be ignorant when dowry in marriage is concerned ?

The family also plays a vital role in shaping one's life. If the urban population in India is divided into two broad divisions, the elite and the middle class, we will find that youth belonging to both these classes suffer from severe frustrations. The parents in the higher society are so busy with their work that their children are left neglected. Loneliness, tensions arising out of parent's unhappy relations and family feuds result in psychiatric depression in the youth.

The case is similar in the middle class families, though with a difference. Lack of attention at home ruins them. The situation is not so grave with the girls as they generally prefer to stay at home, whatever its conditions be. But young men, desperate to find some refuge; quite often come in contact with drugs, alcohol and other illegal activities. Neither are they happy with the society nor is the society happy with them.

- 1) When is the youth considered modern ?
- 2) Who plays a vital role in shaping their life ?
- 3) Which are the two broad divisions in India ?
- 4) What causes depression in the youth ?
- 5) How do some young men seek refuge ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80 – 100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given : 5

Air pollution in big cities :

- 1) Health hazards and dangers of air pollution.
- 2) Too many vehicles emit poisonous gas, carbon dioxide, dust particles.
- 3) We do not get healthy air to breath because of cutting of trees.
- 4) Smoke pollution from the industries.

OR

Negative impact of using cellphones :

- 1) Bad for health, radiation from cell phones can cause brain tumor.
- 2) Use of cell phones while driving/riding causes accidents.
- 3) Use in public places disturbs others.
- 4) Excess use affects relationship between parents and children.



VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least **four** important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary.

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Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion and everything would be in state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community is it possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance to unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some complex problem has everything coordinial and reproached for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious and useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

IX. Do as directed :

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each.

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a) To know the closure time of the reservation counter.

b) To know when the college reopens.

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

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Suresh : Hello, this is Suresh from Sapna Book House. May I speak to Mr. Nataraj please ?

Receptionist : I'm sorry Mr. Nataraj is on leave today.

Suresh : He had asked me to contact him regarding some books for his office library. Could you please inform him that I had given a call ?

Receptionist : Sure sir. I will inform him tomorrow.

Suresh : You can give my contact no. for any enquiry. It is 9998887771. Thank you.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

3) You have a relative who had come to invite you and other relatives for a wedding ceremony. You had to accompany him to a few relatives' house as he was not familiar with the route. Leave a note to your mother who would return shortly telling her.

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- Why you are not at home

- Where you have gone

- What time you will return