

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Part—I First Semester Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
Compulsory Paper—1

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

N.B. :— ALL questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

- (i) Twelve inches make _____ foot.
- (ii) He enjoyed _____ lunch.
- (iii) He is _____ M.A. in English.
- (iv) Future turns like _____ wheel.
- (v) _____ cow is a useful animal.

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(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

- (i) Children are fond _____ sweets.
- (ii) Rajesh is senior _____ Shyam.
- (iii) She invited me _____ dinner.
- (iv) I will meet you _____ six o'clock.
- (v) He is suffering _____ typhoid.

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(C) Give synonyms for any *five* of the following :

- (i) Battle
- (ii) Assist
- (iii) Pity
- (iv) Freedom
- (v) Faith
- (vi) Allow
- (vii) Joy
- (viii) Begin.

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(D) Give antonyms for any *five* of the following :

- (i) Able
- (ii) Fast
- (iii) Early
- (iv) Cruel
- (v) Young
- (vi) Easy
- (vii) Thick
- (viii) Accept.

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2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) Describe the school Sudha Murty visited.

OR

How did Aunt Podger react to all the commotion ?

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(ii) Describe Sudha Murty's meeting with Thandappa when she visited the school in winter.

OR

Write a character-sketch of Uncle Podger.

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(iii) What tools did Uncle Podger need to hang the picture ?

OR

What is Sudha Murty's attitude towards the tribal community she meets ?

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(B) Answer the following questions in **one or two** sentences each :

(i) What gifts did Murty bring when she visited the school during winter ?

(ii) Why was Uncle Podger unable to find his handkerchief ?

(iii) Who are the Thandas ?

(iv) Around what time did the picture finally go upon the wall ?

(v) What did the students of the tribal school want from Murty ?

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3. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) Write a note on Tagore's concept of 'the heaven of freedom'.

OR

What does the poet learn from his experience as a father in the poem 'The Toys' ?

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(ii) Is 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' the song of a patriot ? Give reasons.

OR

What do you understand about the poet's concept of religion from the poem 'The Toys' ?

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(iii) What does Tagore say about stagnation and decay of mind ?

OR

Why did the speaker in 'The Toys' punish his son ?

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(B) Answer the following questions in *one or two* sentences each :

- (i) How, according to Tagore, can people achieve perfection ?
- (ii) What type of mind does Tagore pray for ?
- (iii) How does Patmore describe the little boy's eyes ?
- (iv) How many times did the boy disobey his father ?
- (v) How did Patmore punish his son ?

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4. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

- (i) What are the social responsibilities of a wife towards her husband as implied in 'Why I Want a Wife' ?

OR

Describe the Selfish Giant's Garden.

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- (ii) Why is it not considered acceptable that a wife interferes in her husband's activities ?

OR

Why did the Selfish Giant's Garden fall into perpetual winter ?

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- (iii) What is the wife supposed to do with regard to bringing up of children ?

OR

How and when did Spring return to the garden ?

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(B) Answer the following questions in *one or two* sentences each :

- (i) Who was the Giant's favourite child ?
- (ii) Why did not autumn give any fruit to the Giant's garden ?
- (iii) Where did the Giant stay for seven years ?
- (iv) What is the wife expected to do before the guests arrive ?
- (v) What was the writer's male friend looking for ?

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