

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Part—I (Semester—I) Examination

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper—1

Time : Three Hours]

[Full Marks : 80

Note :— ALL questions are compulsory.

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

- (i) _____ girl wearing a blue skirt is my sister.
- (ii) I will be back in _____ hour.
- (iii) Ramesh is _____ brilliant student.
- (iv) _____ rich are rarely happy.
- (v) Twelve inches make _____ foot.

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(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

- (i) She was proud _____ her son.
- (ii) I had Rs. 300/- _____ my pocket.
- (iii) Look at the pictures _____ the wall.
- (iv) I prefer coffee _____ tea.
- (v) He is _____ lunch now.

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

- (i) sad
- (ii) fault
- (iii) calm
- (iv) disease
- (v) entire
- (vi) generous
- (vii) loyal
- (viii) strong.

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

- (i) like
- (ii) able
- (iii) decent
- (iv) legal
- (v) violent
- (vi) hopeful
- (vii) above
- (viii) early.

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

- (i) Who is Thandappa ? What is his importance in the tribal community ?

OR

List the accessories and tools that uncle Podger used to hang the picture. 5

- (ii) What change did Sudha Murty observe in the landscape when she visited the school for the second time ?

OR

Write a character-sketch of uncle Podger. 5

- (iii) 'There is a grace in accepting also.' Explain this statement in the context of the story by Sudha Murty.

OR

What was uncle Podger's wife's reaction to all the commotion ? 5

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

- (i) Who are the Thandas ?
- (ii) What did Mr. Podger send his daughter out for ?
- (iii) How old was Thandappa ?
- (iv) Why was uncle Podger unable to find his handkerchief ?
- (v) Finally, around what time did the picture go up on the wall ?

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

- (i) What are some of the qualities that a land of freedom should have, according to Tagore ?

OR

Why did the speaker in the poem 'The Toys' punish his son ? 5

- (ii) What does Tagore say about stagnation and decay of the mind ?

OR

Why had the boy put out all of his toys ? 5

- (iii) Write a note on Tagore's concept of the 'Heaven of Freedom'.

OR

What does the speaker learn from his experience as a father in the poem 'The Toys' ? 5

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

- (i) How can people achieve perfection, according to Tagore ?

- (ii) How many times did the boy disobey his father ?

- (iii) What does Tagore mean by 'narrow domestic walls' ?

- (iv) Where is the little boy's mother in 'The Toys' ?

- (v) What was Patmore's reaction on seeing his son ? 5

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

- (i) What is the wife supposed to do with regard to the bringing up of the children and taking care of the family according to Judy Brady ?

OR

Describe the Selfish Giant's garden. 5

- (ii) What is the code of conduct recommended for wives when guests arrive ?

OR

Why did the garden fall into perpetual winter ? 5

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

OR

How did the selfish giant turn into a selfless one ? 5

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

- (i) Give any two advantages of having a wife.
- (ii) Why did the Giant build a high wall around the garden ?
- (iii) How will the presence of a wife enable the woman in handling the culinary needs of the family ?
- (iv) Why did the little boy not run away when the Giant came out into the garden ?
- (v) What made the Giant say, 'It is your garden now, little children' ? 5