

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Semester—II Examination

ENGLISH
Compulsory Paper—5

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

N.B. :—ALL questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

1. (A) Answer the following question in about 150 words :— 8

Describe how a positive change occurred in the attitude of Okeke towards the end.

OR

Narrate the story of 'The Taxi Driver' in your own words.

- (B) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :— 8

- (i) Why did Nickie agree to learn the squiggles ?

OR

What did Nnaemeka know about Ugoye Nweke, the girl proposed by his father ?

- (ii) What did Nnaemeka's father write to Nnaemeka after receiving the wedding picture sent by him ?

OR

In what way was Paul superior to Nickie ?

2. (A) Answer the following question in about 150 words :— 8

How does the poetess contrast horses' lives and human life ?

OR

What according to Tukadoji Maharaj, is the regulation in life ?

- (B) Answer the following question in about 150 words :— 8

What is Indianness, according to Sheila Dhar ?

OR

In what spirit, according to Einstein, should youth be taught ?

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

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(i) What is the sign of wisdom in private life ?

OR

How can knowledge of truth be preserved ?

(ii) What is the nature of tradition as reflected in 'What is Indianness' ?

OR

What does 'egoism of the senses' mean ?

(B) (i) Change the degree of comparison in the following sentences (any **FOUR**) :—

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(a) India is one of the largest countries in the world. (Make Comparative degree)

(b) The rose is more beautiful than the lily. (Make Positive degree)

(c) No other animal is as big as the elephant. (Make Superlative degree)

(d) The sun is the brightest star. (Make Comparative degree)

(e) Sita is not cleverer than Rani. (Make Positive degree)

(f) Very few metals are as useful as copper. (Make Superlative degree)

(ii) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from the words given in brackets (any **FOUR**) :—

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(a) I asked the tailor to _____ my dress. (altar/alter)

(b) A _____ cannot get a driving licence. (minor/miner)

(c) Motivation helps to boost the _____ of workers. (moral/morale)

(d) The _____ of this bag is approximately 10 kg. (wait/weight)

(e) Since I was very busy I decided to have my lunch _____. (latter/later)

(f) They had to _____ the door to enter the house. (brake/break)

4. (A) You are Rahul Patil, proprietor of Global Stations, Gandhi Vihar, Mumbai. Write to Ajanta Paper Mart, New Delhi, placing an order for stationery items for your shop.

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OR

You are the director of Aimsoft Computer Institute. You need desk top computers for your institute. Write a letter to the manager of Orient Systems, Nagpur, inviting a quotation for the same.

(B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :—

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There was once an honest gentleman who took for his second wife the proudest and most disagreeable lady in the whole country. She had two daughters exactly like herself. He himself had one little girl, who

resembled her dead mother, the best woman in all the world. Scarcely had the second marriage taken place before the stepmother became jealous of the good qualities of the little girl, who was so great a contrast to her own two daughters. She gave her all the hard work of the house, compelling her to wash the floors and staircases, to dust the bedrooms and clean the grates. While her sisters occupied carpeted chambers hung with mirrors, where they could see themselves from head to foot, this poor little girl was sent to sleep in an attic, with only one chair and not a looking glass in the room.

She suffered alone in silence, not daring to complain to her father, who was entirely ruled by his new wife. When her daily work was done she used to sit down in the chimney-corner among the ashes; from which the two sisters gave her the nickname of 'Cinderella'. But Cinderella, however shabbily clad, was handsomer than they were, with all their fine clothes.

Questions :—

- (i) What kind of woman did Cinderella's father marry after her mother's death ?
- (ii) What sort of work was Cinderella made to do ?
- (iii) What did she use to do after her daily work ?
- (iv) Who gave her the nickname of 'Cinderella' ?

5. (A) Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following topics in about 380 words :— 8

- (i) Pollution and its ill-effects.
- (ii) Terrorism – a threat to society.
- (iii) An Ideal citizen.
- (iv) My aim in life.

(B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each (any **FOUR**) :— 8

- (i) According to Einstein, who is a successful man ?
- (ii) How does a great Indian leader describe the huge dams and factories in India ?
- (iii) Did Niccolo like Paul telling him that the Bard was an old model ?
- (iv) Who was Nene ?
- (v) What would Dittu first ask his passengers ?