

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Semester-I (CBS) Examination

ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper-1

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

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

1. Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :

(A) How did Mahadevan feel after selling his house and what did he plan ?

OR

Describe the story of 'The Selfish Giant' in your own words.

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(B) Summarize the idea contained in 'Eyes Immortal'.

OR

How does the poet portray his mother's love for the Champak Trees ?

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

(i) Why did Mahadevan sell his house ?

OR

How did the rumour about the bank going broke start ?

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(ii) How did Parveen escape from her husband's house in Dubai ?

OR

Why did the Giant feel very sad ?

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(B) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) How does the poet prepare himself to make his eyes immortal ?

OR

How does Gray caution that the wealthy and powerful people should not look down on the poor ?

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(ii) How does Ulysses admire the mariners ?

OR

How did the champak trees come into existence ? How does it benefit the poet's family ?

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3. (A) Make use of the correct tense in each of the following sentences :

- (i) But when he _____ to his old house, he was surprised to see it still intact. (get)
- (ii) When he _____ his work, he sat down on the highest step, to await the arrival of the manager. (finish)
- (iii) She _____ milk every morning. (take)
- (iv) Ramesh _____ you tomorrow. (meet)
- (v) Carry an umbrella for it _____ now. (rain)
- (vi) One winter morning he looked out of his window as he _____. (dress)

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(B) Change the Voice of the following sentences :

- (i) The weddings of his three daughters had flattened him financially.
- (ii) Spring has forgotten this garden.
- (iii) He took a little liberty.
- (iv) I have sold my bicycle.
- (v) Rupa is washing the clothes.
- (vi) The bill will be paid by Suresh.

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4. (A) Write a letter to a friend, inviting him/her to spend few days with you during the summer holidays.

OR

Write an application to the Principal of Vidya Vihar Science College, Bhandara for the post of a clerk.

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

Have you ever heard the story of Issac Newton and his little dog, Diamond ?

The incident happened when Newton was fifty years old. He had worked hard for twenty years, studying the theory of light. One day he went out of his chamber, leaving his little dog asleep before the fire. On the table lay a heap of manuscript papers containing all the discoveries which Newton had made during those twenty years. When his master was gone, up rose little Diamond, jumped upon the table and overturned the lighted candle. The papers immediately caught fire.

Just as the destruction was completed, Newton opened the chamber door and noticed that the labours of twenty years were reduced to a heap of ashes. There stood little Diamond, the author of all the mischief. Almost any other man would have sentenced the dog to immediate death. But Newton patted him on the head with his usual kindness, although his heart was full of grief.

“O Diamond, Diamond !” he exclaimed. “You little know the mischief you have done !”

This incident affected his health and spirits for some time afterwards, but from his conduct towards the little dog, you may judge the sweetness for his temper.

Questions :

- (i) At what age did Newton begin studying the theory of light ?
- (ii) What was his dog doing when he left his room ?
- (iii) What happened in the room when Newton had gone ?
- (iv) How did Newton act towards his dog after knowing what had happened ?
- (v) What was the effect of this incident on Newton ?
- (vi) What do you know about Newton’s character from your reading of this story ? 6

5. (A) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :

- (i) Who was Seth Govind Ram ?
- (ii) Why did Mahadevan sell his house ?
- (iii) Who, according to the Giant, are the most beautiful flowers of all ? 3

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

- (i) How will the donation of eyes of the poet help somebody ?
- (ii) What is the heap of the shrine made of ?
- (iii) What did Ulysses drink with his peers ? 3

(C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions :

- (i) Mahadevan planned _____ visit the house a little after dusk.
- (ii) Mrs. Bhushan was fanning herself _____ a large handkerchief.
- (iii) The furrows _____ her face smoothed out instantly. 3

(D) Do as directed :

- (i) Gift. (Give synonym)
- (ii) Belief. (Give Synonym)
- (iii) Virtue (Give Antonym). 3