

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Semester—II Examination

ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper-1

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

N.B. :- ALL questions are compulsory.

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

(A) What was Albert's attitude after he lost the verger's job ? How did he build his business ?

OR

Why is the story of Nicola and Jacopo called a 'silent epic of youthful devotion' ? 6

(B) Attempt a summary of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

OR

How does the poet bring out good qualities of the village schoolmaster ? 6

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

(i) How does Dr. Ambedkar prove that liberty, equality and fraternity are interdependent in a democracy ?

OR

Describe how Albert Edward lost his job as a verger. 3

(ii) Describe the circumstances which made the author take Jacopo and Nicola to the country.

OR

What changes did Zenib bring about in Boota Singh's life ? 3

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

(i) Explain 'Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls'.

OR

How does the Duke introduce the portrait of the Duchess ? 3

(ii) What does the poet say about the road and the journey ?

OR

How would the students behave in the presence of the schoolmaster ? 3

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets :

- (i) Hero-worship _____ a part in Indian politics. (play, plays)
(ii) The cattle _____ grazing in the field. (is, are)
(iii) Where _____ my spectacles ? (are, is)
(iv) Either your eyesight or your brakes _____ at fault. (are, is)
(v) The Prime Minister, with the Minister of External Affairs and the Minister for Finance, _____ left for America. (has, have)
(vi) Often we _____ visitors through the town. (show, shows)

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(B) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

- (i) Kolkata is more populated than any other city in India.
(Change into Positive Degree)
(ii) You can't walk so quickly as Peter.
(Change into Comparative Degree)
(iii) She admitted stealing the ring.
(Change into Negative Sentence)
(iv) I can never forget his help.
(Change into Interrogative Sentence)
(v) What a lovely city Verona is !
(Change into Assertive Sentence)
(vi) She dances very well.
(Change into Exclamatory Sentence)

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4. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

About twenty miles from Agra, there is Fatehpur Sikri. At the village of Sikri in Akbar's time, there lived a saint of great renown. His name was Sheikh Salim Chisti. Now Akbar longed for a son and when he visited the saint, he spoke to him of his longing. The saint told Akbar that his wish would soon be granted. When a son was born to the great Moghul, he named him Salim. Many years after, when Salim became emperor, he took the name of Jahangir.

Akbar was so pleased at having his wish fulfilled that he decided to build a new capital city at Sikri. Quickly the great walls arose and wonderful palaces and mosques took shape. Akbar called the city Fatehpur Sikri or 'The City of Victory'.

Questions :

- (i) Where did Sheikh Salim Chisti live ?
- (ii) Why did Akbar visit the great saint ?
- (iii) What did the saint tell Akbar ?
- (iv) What did Akbar decide to do after his wish was fulfilled ?
- (v) What happened when Salim became emperor ?
- (vi) What kind of construction began to take place in Fatehpur Sikri ? 6

(B) Prepare a curriculum vitae (bio-data) for the post of a computer operator in Tata Motors Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. 6

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

- (i) What are three aspects of democracy ?
- (ii) What kind of business did Albert embark on ?
- (iii) What was the name of Boota Singh's daughter ? 3

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

- (i) What has the Duke to say about the 'rarity' that he has ?
- (ii) What does, according to Rossetti, 'the resting place' mean ?
- (iii) Where was the school situated in 'The Village Schoolmaster' ? 3

(C) Rewrite the following sentences with appropriate corrections :

- (i) These grapes are tasting sour.
- (ii) Bad news spread soon.
- (iii) He is taking milk every morning. 3

(D) Write sentences of your own using the words given below :

- (i) Judgment
- (ii) Pleasant
- (iii) Picturesque. 3