

AT-1276

B.Com. (Part-I) Examination
SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH
(Languages)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

1. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions : — 10
 - (a) What efforts were made by Gandhi to become an English gentleman ?
 - (b) Give a summary of Socrates' talk with the villagers.
2. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions :— 15
 - (a) How would Harisharman find the King's treasure ?
 - (b) Why did Phatik go to Calcutta ?
 - (c) How did the attack of influenza change the young man's attitude towards old men ?
 - (d) Give a brief description of Robin, the dog.
 - (e) How did Keawe's wish for a house come true ?
3. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions :— 20
 - (i) Write the central idea of the poem "Break Break Break".
 - (ii) Discuss the theme of the poem "The Wild Swans".
 - (iii) Summarize the poem "The Daffodils".
 - (iv) Describe the journey Philip Larkin talks about in the poem "That Whitsun".
 - (v) Give the substance of the poem "All in June".
 - (vi) Write the critical appreciation of the poem "The Soldier".

4. Make a precis of the following passage : —

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave.

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5. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : -

There is an enemy beneath our feet — an enemy the more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognises no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of an earthquake is greater than anything a man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes. It is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great, as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Whole buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep in land. If it strikes in mountain region, avalanches roar down into the valley. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint

just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can be taken to save lives and some of the property.

Questions :—

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| (i) Whom does the author refer to as the enemy of man ? | 1 |
| (ii) What expressions does the author use to describe the enemy ? | 1 |
| (iii) What happens when an earthquake strikes ? | 1 |
| (iv) In what way are the scientists directing their efforts ? | 1 |
| (v) How does earthquake strike a modern city ? | 1 |
| 6. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 300 words :— | 15 |
| (a) Problem of Unemployment | |
| (b) Pleasures of Reading | |
| (c) Mobile Phones : Boon or Bane | |
| (d) Importance of Sports and Games | |
| (e) Advertisements. | |

