

B.Com. Part-I (Semester—II) Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
(Languages)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. Attempt any two of the following :—

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- (i) How did the birds help the three guests who had taken shelter under the tree ?
- (ii) How did Ratan take care of the Postmaster during his illness ?
- (iii) Bring out, briefly the qualities of Shaw as a speaker. What is his advice to "incipient orators" ?
- (iv) What, according to Dr. Ambedkar, are the obstacles in the efforts for ending the caste system ?

2. Attempt any three of the following :—

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- (i) Why does Emily Dickinson say, "Success is counted sweetest by those who never succeed" ?
- (ii) Comment on the arguments advanced by John Masefield in 'Laugh and Be Merry'.
- (iii) What message does Joe Darion impart in his poem 'The Impossible Dream' ?
- (iv) Summarise the poem 'The Impossible Dream'.

3. Choose the correct alternative from those given below. Write full sentences :—

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- (i) _____ is the equilibrium of Rajas and Tamas.
 - (a) ~~Sattva~~
 - (b) Truth
 - (c) Sannyasin
 - (d) The King
- (ii) Though the village was a small one, there was _____ factory nearby.
 - (a) a garment
 - (b) an indigo
 - (c) a paper
 - (d) a footwear
- (iii) When Shaw went with Lecku to the Zetetical meeting he had never _____.
 - (a) attended a meeting
 - (b) took part in debate
 - (c) visited a club
 - (d) spoken in public
- (iv) 'Prospects of Democracy in India' is written by _____.
 - (a) G.B. Shaw
 - (b) C.V. Raman
 - (c) Ruskin Bond
 - (d) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- (v) The Postmaster tried his hand at writing a _____ or two.
 - (a) verse
 - (b) novel
 - (c) report
 - (d) letter

(Contd.)

- (vi) 'Each is Great in His Own Place' is written by _____.
 (a) Dr. Ambedkar (b) Dr. Radhakrishnan
 (c) Swami Vivekananda (d) Rabindranath Tagore
- (vii) At all these meetings Shaw took part in debates. His excessive _____ soon wore off.
 (a) enthusiasm (b) confidence
 (c) fear (d) nervousness
- (viii) 'The Postmaster' is written by _____.
 (a) Swami Vivekananda (b) E.V. Lucas
 (c) G.B. Shaw (d) Rabindranath Tagore
- (ix) Shaw soon learnt the rule _____.
 (a) 'Never Resign' (b) 'Never give up'
 (c) 'Never accept' (d) 'Never surrender'
- (x) Ratan was wandering about the _____ in a flood of tears.
 (a) factory (b) post office
 (c) railway station (d) house
- (xi) In her poem Emily Dickinson speaks about the way to secure _____ in life.
 (a) job (b) success
 (c) failure (d) benefit
- (xii) The line 'So we must laugh and drink from the deep blue cup of the sky' occurs in the poem _____.
 (a) Success is counted sweetest (b) The Impossible Dream
 (c) Laugh and Be Merry (d) If
- (xiii) The Quest of Joe Darion is to follow that _____.
 (a) guide (b) footprint
 (c) man (d) star
- (xiv) According to Emily Dickinson _____ is required to comprehend a nectar.
 (a) sorest need (b) urgent need
 (c) confidence (d) eagerness
- (xv) John Masefield advises us to better the world with a _____.
 (a) dance (b) joy
 (c) music (d) song
- (xvi) The poet Joe Darion advises us to strive with _____.
 (a) courage (b) trust
 (c) fear (d) faith

4. (a) Change the voice :—

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- (i) He ordered them to marry and become householders.
- (ii) Ratan took up her old place outside the door.
- (iii) They should prove their assertion.
- (iv) I entertained them for more than an hour.

(b) Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own :—

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(i) according to

(ii) instead of

(iii) assign to

(iv) care for

(c) Write one word substitute for a group of words :—

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- (i) a person who has decided to remain unmarried.
- (ii) art of speaking
- (iii) a wanderer without a settled home
- (iv) speak without previous preparation.

(d) Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate preposition :—

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- (i) The four stages _____ life in India _____ have in later times been reduced to two.
- (ii) He used _____ come home _____ in the evening after his work.
- (iii) I spoke _____ an hour easily.
- (iv) Are these ideals to be found _____ Indian society ?

5. (a) Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him for his selection as the editor of college magazine. <https://www.sgbauonline.com>

OR

Write an e-mail to the Police Inspector of your area complaining about the illegal parking of private buses near your house.

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(b) Write a news report on the book exhibition organised by 'Akshardhara Publications' in your college.

OR

Prepare a newspaper report on the Eye Check-up Camp organized by Rotary Club in your village.

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