

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

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. Answer any **ONE** of the following :
 - (a) Explain the relationship that Gandhi and his friend shared.
 - (b) Justify the title of the story 'The Homecoming' by Rabindranath Tagore. 10

2. Answer any **THREE** of the following :
 - (a) What is Marconi famous for ?
 - (b) What factors produce good manners ?
 - (c) Why was Phatik unhappy in Calcutta ?
 - (d) How did Keawe first test the power of bottle ?
 - (e) Why it is best to go shooting on foot ? 15

3. Answer any **FOUR** of the following :
 - (a) Describe in your own words the poet's feelings when he sees the host of golden daffodils.
 - (b) Summarise the poem 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke.
 - (c) How does the poem 'Break, Break, Break' show that life and nature go on despite what happens to human beings ?
 - (d) Give the substance of the poem 'All In June'.
 - (e) Describe in detail the train journey in the poem 'That Whitsun'.
 - (f) What does the poet T.S. Eliot speak of the people who fought in a foreign land ? 20

4. Attempt a precis of the following passage :

Teaching is the noblest of all professions. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed. Only who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his pupils. Besides a teacher always remains young. He may grow old in age, but not in spite. Perpetual contact with budding youths keep him happy and cheerful. There are moments when domestic worries weigh heavily on his mind, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his transient moods of despair. 5

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

Born on Jan. 12, 1863 in an affluent Bengali family, Narendra Natha Datta was a precocious child who was what we call nowadays, an all rounder, excelling in music, studies and athletics. His father Vishwanatha Datta was a well known attorney. However, he took the spiritual route instead and introduced Hinduism to the world in 1893 when he spoke at the World's Parliament of Religion (probably one of the most epic things any Indian has done abroad).

The historic speech was given on September 11, 1893 by Swami Vivekananda. Here's the full text of his opening and closing address :

Sisters and Brothers of America. It fills my heart with joy unspeakable to rise in response to the warm and cordial welcome which you have given us. I thank you in the name of most ancient order of monks in the world. I thank you in the name of millions and millions of Hindu people of all sects and classes.

My thanks, also, to some of the speakers on this platform, who, referring to the delegates from Orient, have told you that these men from far-off nations may well claim the honor of bearing to different lands the idea of toleration. I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in Universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to the nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth. I am proud to tell you that we have gathered in our bosom the purest remnant of the Israelites, who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the very year in which their holy temple was shattered to pieces by Roman tyranny. I am proud to belong to the religion which has sheltered and is still fostering the remnant of the grand Zoroastrian nation.

Questions :

- (a) What was Vishwanatha Datta's profession ?
 - (b) Who spoke at the World Parliament of Religion ?
 - (c) What kind of child was Narendra Natha Datta ?
 - (d) When was the historic speech given by Swami Vivekananda ?
 - (e) What kind of religion does Swami Vivekananda advocate ? 5
6. Write an essay in about 300 words on any ONE of the following :
- (a) Unemployment
 - (b) Modern Women and the Society
 - (c) My Aim In Life
 - (d) Where There's A Will, There's A Way
 - (e) The Advantages of Travelling. 15