

Bachelor of Performing Arts (B.P.A.—I) (Semester—I) Examination
COMPULSORY LANGUAGE
(English)
Paper—I

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION—A
(Prose)

1. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in **3 or 4** sentences each :
 - (A) What obstacles did Kalam face while trying to obtain admission into MIT ?
 - (B) How was Numm Numm killed ?
 - (C) What does Nehru say about Gandhi ?
 - (D) Why did Ray shift from advertising to films ? 6
2. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in about **150-200** words each :
 - (A) Describe the unique ways in which each professor at MIT influenced and shaped Kalam's personality.
 - (B) The author comes to view Numm Numm as her own child ? How does this relationship evolve ?
 - (C) What are the challenges that freedom brings along with it ? 10

SECTION—B
(Poetry)

1. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in **3 or 4** sentences each :
 - (A) Do you think the musicians and magicians makes for his various customers ? Why ?
 - (B) What are the dominant metaphors used in the poem 'She Walks in Beauty' ?
 - (C) How do children change as one enters middle age ?
 - (D) Why is the son disgusted by his mother ? 6
2. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in about **150-200** words each :
 - (i) Discuss the poem 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad'.
 - (ii) Summarize the poem 'She Walks in Beauty'.
 - (iii) Describe how the relationship between the mother and son in the poem has changed over the years. 10

SECTION—C
(Grammar)

1. Do as directed :
 - (A) They were working all day. (Change into the simple present tense)
 - (B) I lived in Kolkata for ten years. (Change into the present perfect continuous tense)
 - (C) The bees have left hive. (Change into the present continuous tense)
 - (D) Kunju broke his leg when the vacation started. (Change into the past perfect tense)
 - (E) Asif _____ (teach) for six years at the computer institute by the time his father retires in 2009. (Use the correct verb)
 - (F) The Sun _____ (set) by the time we _____ (leave) for home. (Use the correct verb)6

2. Pick out the appropriate parts of speech as directed :
 - (A) Social functions are not attended by many of the faculty in this university.
(Pick out the verb)
 - (B) Teachers are not so dedicated to the cause of education these days.
(Pick out verb)
 - (C) Lakshmi sends e-mails to all her friends now and then. (Pick out the preposition)
 - (D) Which is the Capital of Switzerland ? (Pick out the preposition)
 - (E) Most engineering students want to go abroad to work though there is ample scope in India too. (Pick out the conjunction)
 - (F) The water was very cold but the child still jumped into the pool

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3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :
 - (A) Sakshi has _____ book.
 - (B) She is _____ university student.
 - (C) He is _____ intelligent boy.
 - (D) Rahul was _____ tallest boy of his school.

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SECTION—D (Communication Skills)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Child labour is on the increase as children continue to work in industry and are given the most dangerous jobs. All this is a great violation of human rights. Children are dying a slow death. Their plight is being ignored. They get no compensation when injured or sick. Even the normal medical help is refused as the doctors fear being involved in medical-legal cases. A strict law is urgently required. This should ban child labour completely at least in dangerous industry. The poverty of parents should not be accepted as an excuse. A country-wide campaign needs to be launched to build public opinion and the erring employer of children be punished.

Questions :

- (i) Give a suitable title for the passage.
 - (ii) Why is child labour in our country on the increase ?
 - (iii) What are the problems faced by the child labourers ?
 - (iv) Why are child labourers in India abstained from receiving normal medical aid ?
 - (v) How can child labour be eradicated in India ?
 - (vi) What do you think about the passage ?
2. Write an application for the post of Music Teacher.

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OR

Write a letter to your friend to congratulate him on participating in Trekking Camp.

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3. Write a C.V. to be sent in response to the following advertisement :

Wanted Sales Manager at Stationery Sales Ltd., Nagpur, preference will be given to an experience holder.

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SECTION—E

Answer the following questions by choosing a correct alternative.

1. Iyadurai Solomon taught Kalam that in order to make something happen, one must :
(a) Work very hard (b) Have an aptitude for the task at hand
(c) Desire it intensely (d) All of the above
2. Kalam had always been fascinated by :
(a) The teaching profession (b) Aeronautical engineering
(c) Physics (d) The flight of birds
3. Why did Kalam decide to study engineering ?
(a) It was more lucrative
(b) It would help him get a job easily
(c) It would help him achieve his childhood dream of flying
(d) It was a cheaper option as compared to Physics.
4. The bird's nest comprised :
(a) Grass, leaves and plastic sheets (b) Grass and hay
(c) Flowers, leaves and insects (d) Grass, leaves and cotton wool
5. How did the female sparrow die ?
(a) She was killed by the dogs (b) She fell into a bucket of water
(c) She fell off from a high ledge (d) She hit the fan while flying
6. Who does Nehru credit as the architect of India's freedom ?
(a) Lord Mountbatten (b) Mahatma Gandhi
(c) Nirad Chaudhari (d) Faceless and tireless freedom fighters
7. What does Nehru urge his fellow Indians to eschew ?
(a) Poverty and illiteracy (b) Communalism and narrow-mindedness
(c) Wealth and comfort (d) British habits and mannerisms
8. How did Ray begin his career ?
(a) As an Actor (b) As a Writer
(c) As a Graphic Designer (d) As a Poet
9. What was not being sold by the merchants ?
(a) Turbans and tunics (b) Mirrors
(c) Daggers (d) Saffron
10. The vendors were weighing :
(a) Sandalwood (b) Henna
(c) Lentil (d) Spice

11. How does the poet describe her hair ?
(a) Long and wavy (b) Black as a raven
(c) Curly and golden (d) Black like the night
12. Where are the subject's thoughts reflected ?
(a) On her face (b) In her mind
(c) In the poet's imagination (d) In a mirror
13. What is the name of the woman in the poem ?
(a) Grace (b) Raven
(c) Anne (d) She has not been named
14. Children are compared to _____ in the poem.
(a) Pupae (b) Cocoons
(c) Butterflies (d) Critics
15. What does the speaker's son accuse her of ?
(a) Living in a dream-world
(b) Turning into a critic, from a friend
(c) Thinking she is younger than she actually is
(d) Touching his books and things
16. 'To Perfume' means to :
(a) Add colour (b) Make fragrant
(c) Make tasty (d) None of the above

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