

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

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

1. Attempt any **two** of the following :

- (i) Give an account of Swami Vivekananda's views about "the life of every individual" and also about, "the stages of life in India."
- (ii) Describe the life of the postmaster till he fell ill. On which topics did he and Ratan talk ?
- (iii) Bring out the qualities of Shaw as a speaker.
- (iv) How has Dr. Ambedkar described democracy ? 16

2. Attempt any **three** of the following :

- (i) Describe, after Emily Dickinson, 'the way to secure success in life'.
- (ii) Comment on the arguments advanced by John Masefield in 'Laugh and Be Merry'.
- (iii) What advice does Joe Darion impart in the poem 'The Impossible Dream' ?
- (iv) Bring out the central idea of the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry'. 15

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

- (i) Sometimes Tamas prevails. We become _____.
 - (a) active (b) lazy
 - (c) happy (d) humble
- (ii) Ratan, _____ of the village, did odd jobs for him.
 - (a) a school girl (b) an orphan girl
 - (c) a clever girl (d) a young girl
- (iii) Shaw soon became sufficiently known as _____.
 - (a) political orator (b) motivational speaker
 - (c) socialist orator (d) social reformer
- (iv) Most Indians speak with great pride as though their country was already a _____.
 - (a) aristocracy (b) democracy
 - (c) republic (d) bureaucracy
- (v) The householder marries and carries on his duties as a _____.
 - (a) soldier (b) teacher
 - (c) citizen (d) servant

- (vi) The postmaster at once wrote off to Calcutta an application for a _____.
(a) job (b) promotion
(c) transfer (d) guidance
- (vii) Shaw had a famous debate with _____.
(a) W.B. Yeats (b) H.G. Wells
(c) Wordsworth (d) Charles Darwin
- (viii) The class consists of lower and _____.
(a) higher (b) upper
(c) lowerer (d) middle
- (ix) Shaw's final retirement from personal performances was at _____ year of his age.
(a) Seventy fifth (b) Eighty fifth
(c) Ninety fifth (d) Twenty fifth
- (x) The postmaster's salary was _____.
(a) enough (b) meagre
(c) ample (d) small
- (xi) The line 'To comprehend a nectar requires sorest need' appears in the poem _____.
(a) Once upon a Time (b) Success is Counted Sweetest
(c) Laugh and Be Merry (d) The Impossible Dream
- (xii) According to John Masefield God made Heaven and Earth for _____.
(a) work (b) play
(c) joy (d) sport
- (xiii) According to Joe Darion the mission of each true knight is _____.
(a) His work (b) His duty
(c) His right (d) His job
- (xiv) John Masefield in 'Laugh and Be Merry', calls on people to remain _____.
(a) sad (b) unhappy
(c) calm (d) happy
- (xv) The term 'Purple Host' in 'Success is Counted Sweetest' refers to _____.
(a) an army wearing a purple uniform (b) students wearing a purple uniform
(c) flowers (d) birds
- (xvi) The poet Joe Darion wants us to cherish _____.
(a) low aim (b) high ambition
(c) good habits (d) bad habits

4. (a) Change the voice :

- (i) They heard the noise of drums and music.
- (ii) Ratan recollected the memory more vividly.
- (iii) I haunted all the meetings in London.
- (iv) People's Representatives make the laws in parliament.

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

- (i) acquainted with
- (ii) settle down
- (iii) instead of
- (iv) different from.

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

- (i) a book with a sacred/religious theme.
- (ii) a small thin branch of a tree.
- (iii) speak without previous preparation.
- (iv) a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

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(d) Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate preposition :

- (i) It was an old custom in India _____ princesses to choose husbands in this way.
- (ii) He felt like a fish out _____ water in this remote village.
- (iii) One of my best speeches was delivered _____ Hyde Park.
- (iv) He votes for a candidate who belongs _____ his own caste.

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5. (a) Write an e-mail to the editor of 'The Daily Times' saying that you are thankful for publishing your article on child labour.

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him on his selection in the University Volleyball Team.

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(b) Write a news report on the collision of a school bus and a speeding truck on the New Bye-pass Road Amravati.

OR

Prepare a newspaper report of the residential camp organised by N.S.S. unit of your college.

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