

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

Time : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following: 25
 - (i) Comment on Shaw's career as a socialist orator.
 - (ii) What does Dr. Ambedkar say about the role of education in destroying caste system?
 - (iii) Write in your own words the story 'The Romance of a Busy Broker' by O' Henry.
 - (iv) Narrate the instances in 'The Eyes Are Not Here' which indicate that both the narrator and the girl are blind. How do they try to mislead each other?
 - (v) Egotism is the bore's foundation stone. Elucidate. How do some people avoid bores?
 - (vi) What happened when the Sannyasin refused to marry the princess?
 - (vii) Narrate the plight of the child after he lost contact with his parents. How did the benevolent man try to soothe him? What was the result?
 - (viii) Write about the events that followed the disclosure of the postmaster regarding his departure from Ulapur.
2. Answer any **THREE** of the following : 15
 - (i) Attempt a summary of 'If' and clarify the message it gives to the young generation.
 - (ii) With reference to the poem, justify the claim that Wordsworth was a poet of nature.
 - (iii) Summarise the poem 'Once Upon A Time' by Gabriel Okara.
 - (iv) Attempt a summary of the poem 'Success is Counted Sweetest'.
 - (v) Summarise the arguments advanced by John Masefield in 'Laugh and Be Merry'.
 - (vi) What advice does Joe Darion impart in his poem, 'The Impossible Dream'?
3. (A) Change the narration (any **ONE**): 2
 - (i) He commented, "I could not deal with all the invitations I received".
 - (ii) The King said to him, "Prove this to me".

(B) Change the voice (any **TWO**): 2

 - (i) He could not suppress the desire of his heart.
 - (ii) Ratan asked no other question.
 - (iii) They heard the noise of drums and music.
 - (iv) They can always find their listeners.

(C) Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense of the verbs in brackets (any **THREE**): 3

 - (i) The perfume still lingered where she (stand)
 - (ii) A shower of young flowers fell upon the child as he (enter) the grove.
 - (iii) Many wise men ... (seek) to solve the problem.
 - (iv) He called out Ratan who ... (to be) then sprawling beneath the Guava tree.

(v) At the election of 1892. I ... (make) a speech in the Town Hall of Dover when a man rose and shouted to the audience.

(vi) The class ... (consist) of lower and lowerer.

(D) Do as directed (any **THREE**): 3

(i) pretty (give synonym)

(ii) cowardice (give synonym)

(iii) distract (give synonym)

(iv) more (give antonym)

(v) entrance (give antonym)

(vi) fresh (give antonym)

(E) Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own (any **THREE**): 3

(i) in front of

(ii) capable of

(iii) mingled with

(iv) plunge into

(v) a fish out of water

(vi) devote to

(F) Write one word substitute for a group of words (any **TWO**): 2

(i) the right to vote

(ii) a period of two weeks

(iii) that which cannot be seen

(iv) bag containing many letters.

4. (A) Draft a resume in response to the following advertisement: 5
Wanted a Marketing Officer, candidate must be MBA with work experience and knowledge of English and Marathi.

Apply to – General Manager.

Flora International Ltd.

Motimahal, Noida – 7

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend inviting him to spend summer vacation with you.

(B) Write an application in response to the following advertisement: 5
Wanted – Male/Female Marketing Executives, at least one year experience, and MBA qualified.

Write to – The Manager,

Baheti Enterprises,

Nashik – 442160

OR

You are the Games Secretary of your college. Write a letter to Eagle Sports Company, Gandhi Road, Nagpur requesting to supply sports equipment.

(C) Write a newspaper report about spread of dengue in your area. 5

OR

Write a newspaper report on a road accident at Pune – Mumbai Highway.