

AS-638

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

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

Note :— Attempt **ALL** questions.

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following :

- (i) "The outstanding technical device of O Henry is to give a surprising twist in the end of his story". Justify with reference to 'The Romance of Busy Broker'.
- (ii) Who, according to E.V. Lucas, is a true bore ? Write about the device the author's friend employed to avoid the bore.
- (iii) Describe the life of postmaster till he fell ill. On which topics did he and Ratan talk ?
- (iv) Write about Shaw's journey as a public speaker.
- (v) How has Dr. Ambedkar described democracy ?
- (vi) Attempt a summary of 'The Eyes are not Here'.
- (vii) What does Swami Vivekanand say about "the life of every individual" and also about "the stages of Life in India" ?
- (viii) Write about the demands made by the child to his parents till "they neared the village".

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2. Answer any **THREE** of the following :

- (i) Summarise 'Once Upon a Time', highlighting the message it imparts.
- (ii) Attempt a summary of 'If' and clarify the message it gives to the young generation.
- (iii) Why does John Masefield say that man should laugh and be merry ?
- (iv) Bring out the theme of 'The World is Too Much With Us' to show how it remains highly relevant even today.
- (v) What, according to Emily Dickinson, is the way to secure success in life ?
- (vi) What advice does Joe Darion impart in the poem, 'The Impossible Dream' ?

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3. Grammar :

(A) Change the narration (any **ONE**) :

- (i) "You are losing your mind, Pitcher", said Maxwell.
- (ii) "You are a very gallant young man", she said.

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

- (i) They heard the noise of drums and music.
- (ii) I entertained them for more than an hour.
- (iii) My friend was attacked by a certain bore in the club.
- (iv) Maxwell forgot the world of finance.

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(C) Tense forms (any **THREE**)

Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense of the verbs in brackets :

- (i) Castes _____ (to be) not equal in their status.
- (ii) He _____ (call) out Ratan who was then sprawling beneath guava-tree.
- (iii) This meeting was the most splendid of all ; more people than ever _____ (come) to it.
- (iv) She rose to her feet and _____ (gaze) upon him, round-eyed.
- (v) For a while we _____ (sit) in silence.
- (vi) Of all bores the most repellent specimen _____ (to be) the one who comes close up ; buttonholing bore.

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

- (i) Prize (Give Synonym)
- (ii) Aim (Give Synonym)
- (iii) Attire (Give Synonym)
- (iv) Pretty (Give Antonym)
- (v) Valid (Give Antonym)
- (vi) Entrance (Give Antonym)

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

- (i) carry out
- (ii) at any rate
- (iii) tired of
- (iv) settle down
- (v) refer to
- (vi) capable of.

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

- (i) That which is beyond any remedy.
- (ii) A homeless person who moves from place to place.
- (iii) Loud noise.
- (iv) Art of speaking or giving speech.

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4. Draft a resume in response to the following advertisement :

(A) Wanted a Sales Executive, candidate must be M.B.A. with good knowledge of English, Hindi and Marathi.

Apply to — The Marketing Manager
Ajit Agro Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
M.G. Road, Aurangabad.

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him on his success in MPSC examination. 5

(B) Write an application in response to the following advertisement.

WANTED

Cashier in State Bank of India
Applicant must be a Commerce
graduate, with good knowledge of computer.

Write to : The Branch Manager,
State Bank of India
Buldhana — 443102

OR

Write a letter placing an order for books to the Sales Manager, Akshardhara Publications, Kolhapur. 5

(C) Write a newspaper report of the blood donation camp organized at Shelapur village.

OR

Prepare a newspaper report about an accident of a Truck and Bus which you have witnessed. 5