

B.A. Part-I (Semester-I) Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :— All questions are compulsory. For questions nos. 5 and 7 more than one answer is invalid.

1. Answer any **three** of the following questions in **2-3** sentences each :
 - (a) Who were the three teachers who shaped Kalam's thinking ? What was common in them ?
 - (b) How was Numm Numm killed ?
 - (c) What is Nehru's appeal to the people of India ?
 - (d) What do you know about Satyajit Ray's first film, 'Pathar Panchali' ? 6
2. Answer any **two** of the following questions in **150-200** words each :
 - (a) Write in brief Satyajit Ray's views on film making.
 - (b) Write a brief note on Numm Numm's growth from a fledgling to an adult sparrow.
 - (c) Why does Nehru repeatedly emphasize 'Hard Work' in his speech ?
 - (d) Why does Kalam call Iyadurai Soloman an Ideal guide ? 10
3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in **2-3** sentences each :
 - (a) Was Byron declaring his love for the young woman or simply celebrating her beauty ?
 - (b) 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad' the musicians and magicians are paired together. Explain why.
 - (c) In what words does the son criticise his mother ? 6
4. Answer any **two** of the following questions in **150-200** words each :
 - (a) Describe the magnificence of the bazaar and the products sold 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad'.
 - (b) Elaborate the Central idea of the poem, 'Middle Age'.
 - (c) How does Byron emphasize the women's goodness in addition to her beauty ? Why ? 10
5. (A) Do as directed :
 - (a) Identify and classify as proper or common noun in the sentences given below :
 - (i) There are twenty boys.
 - (ii) Numm Numm needed to be fed everyday. 2
 - (b) Identify and mention as adjectives/adverbs :
 - (i) He showed little concern for his nephew.
 - (ii) He certainly went to market. 2
 - (c) Fill in the blanks with correct conjunction given in the bracket :
 - (i) Seven of his films flopped _____ he persevered. (and/yet)
 - (ii) He promised _____ did not pay the amount. (but/still) 2
 - (d) Rewrite the sentences using proper Interjection :
 - (i) What a beautiful sea.
 - (ii) We have won the game. 2

(e) Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

(i) She sat _____ the fire and told me a tale.

(ii) The book lies _____ the table.

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(B) (a) Do as directed :

(i) I had been teaching Mathematics for 30 years. (Rewrite using simple past tense)

(ii) Hari lived in New York for a couple of years.

(Rewrite using past perfect continuous tense)

(iii) Seeta and Geeta are playing Chess. (Change into past continuous tense)

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(b) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in the bracket :

(i) We have already _____ (receive) the invitation letter.

(ii) It _____ (be) difficult to climb a mountain.

(iii) Go and _____ (bring) the watch lying on the table.

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6. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

After knowledge there is no other passion which has done so much good to mankind as the love of money. It is to the love of money that we owe all trade and commerce, in other words, the possession of every comfort and luxury which our own country is unable to supply. Trade and commerce have made us familiar with productions of many lands, have awakened curiosity, and have widened our ideas by bringing us in contact with nations of various manners, speech and thought. They have supplied an outlet for energies, which would otherwise have been wasted, have accustomed men to habits of enterprise, forethought and calculation, have communicated to us many arts of great utility and have put us in possession of some of the most valuable remedies with which we are acquainted either to live or to lessen pain. These things we owe to the love of money. If the theologians could succeed in their desire to destroy that love, all these things would cease and should relapse into barbarism.

Questions :

(i) Name the two things which have done great good to mankind.

(ii) Enumerate the advantages, trade and commerce have brought about.

(iii) We owe all trade and commerce to _____.

(iv) How does our country provide every comfort and luxury to us ?

(v) Which is the most valuable possession mentioned in the passage ?

(vi) How would the people return to the state of barbarism ?

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(B) Imagine that you are Nafisa Banu. Write a letter to your aunt telling her about a study tour you went on with your teachers and classmates.

OR

Write a letter to the Police Commissioner, drawing his attention to the nuisance caused by noise during festivals and requesting him to take steps to put an end to it.

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(C) You have done your summer project with a leading car manufacturer in the PPC (Production, Planning and Control) department. Another car producer has advertised for recruitment. Prepare a resume (CV) highlighting the issues in your project.

OR

Write a CV to be sent in response to the following advertisement :-

Wanted a Chef with at least five years experience in 3-star hotels, for immediate appointment. Must be able to take full charge of kitchen supervision. Apply to 'Hotel Astor', Kolkata-700001.

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7. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct option :

- (1) Who have been cut off from us by political boundaries ?
 - (a) People in Nepal
 - (b) People in Bhutan
 - (c) People in Sikkim
 - (d) People in Pakistan
- (2) What aims does Nehru list for the nations to pursue ?
 - (a) Ending British rule in India and eliminating all their systems
 - (b) Making India the richest nation in the world and increasing the GDP
 - (c) Eradicating crime and increasing health and sanitation facilities
 - (d) Ending poverty, ignorance, disease and inequality of opportunity
- (3) What did the author find in the nest ?
 - (a) A baby bird
 - (b) A speckled egg
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) Neither (a) nor (b)
- (4) Why are the dogs sometimes slapped by Maneka Gandhi ?
 - (a) For playing with Numm Numm
 - (b) For killing baby birds
 - (c) For entering the bedroom
 - (d) For destroying birds' nests
- (5) Technical aerodynamic was taught to Kalam by _____.
 - (a) Prof. Kurt Tank
 - (b) Prof. Sponder
 - (c) Narasingha Rao
 - (d) Prof. Pandalai
- (6) The hostel Warden Sequeria was very _____.
 - (a) Strict
 - (b) Considerate
 - (c) Dull fellow
 - (d) Unkind
- (7) How did the female sparrow die ?
 - (a) She was killed by dogs
 - (b) She fell into a bucket of water
 - (c) She fell off from a high ledge
 - (d) She hit the fan while flying
- (8) In Ray's opinion, films and advertising are similar fields because –
 - (a) They both deal with lighting
 - (b) They both utilize music
 - (c) They are creative fields where artists express themselves aesthetically
- (9) Which of these was a common question that most interviewers asked Ray ?
 - (a) The people whom he had influenced
 - (b) The awards he had won
 - (c) The people who had influenced him
 - (d) The lessons he had learnt from ten years of film making

(10) What does the speaker's son in the poem 'Middle Age' 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

(11) The central theme of the poem Middle Age is _ _ _.

- (a) Pains
- (b) Agony
- (c) Happiness
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

(12) 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad' what are the fruitmen selling ?

- (a) Apples, apricots and dates
- (b) Citrons, pomegranates and plums
- (c) Mangoes, jackfruits and bananas
- (d) None of the above

(13) What was not being sold by the merchants ?

- (a) Turbans and tunics
- (b) Mirrors
- (c) Daggers
- (d) Saffron

(14) The phrase dwelling-place in the second stanza of 'She Walks in Beauty' refers to --

- (a) The subject's face
- (b) The poet's imagination
- (c) The subject's mind
- (d) The poet's lines

(15) How does the poet describe the women's hair ?

- (a) Long and wavy
- (b) Black as raven
- (c) Curly and golden
- (d) Black like night

(16) According to Ray, which European film maker displays, 'a rare economy of means' ?

- (a) Truffaut
- (b) Donskoi
- (c) Fellini
- (d) Antonioni

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