



AB-0600

First Year B. Com. (External) Examination

April/May – 2015

Foundation Course in English

(Language Through Literature)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

Instructions :

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(2) All questions carry equal marks.

(3) Indicate clearly the option you choose.

1 Answer briefly : (any five)

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- (1) What mark did Guru Nayak have on his chest and what is the story behind it ?
- (2) How did Banu resolve the issue of the dustbin ?
- (3) How does Nehru describe peace ?
- (4) What does the poet mean by Where the head is held high ?
- (5) What course of action does the reader suggest after the British leave India ?
- (6) How is Gangu different from other people of his class ?
- (7) How had the Indian education system trained Gopal ?

2 Justify the appropriateness of the title The Gift of the Magi. 20

OR

Bring out the humour in the essay My Financial Career. 20

- 3 Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow : 20

Cell phones, marvels of technology, are used to report an emergency, locate directions, call home, message friends and do business from a beach or a golf course. Life without them is difficult to imagine. However, cell phones have been proven deadly if employed while driving a vehicle or walking down a street. The mindless mistakes that cell phone users make are many, the most common of all being accidents that occur when they talk on their phones while driving.

This happens because your sense of hearing is almost completely consumed by the phone you are using. Unlike a car's radio, the phone requires a two-way conversation. Your brain has to absorb the information and provide responses, making it hard for it to process information that is not related to your phone conversation. So a motorist is likely to not pay attention to a vehicle or a pedestrian on the road or hear a horn or another vehicle approaching. Likewise, a cell-phone-using pedestrian, too, exposes himself to the dangers around him and might not realize that a vehicle is near him till it's too late.

While Indian laws forbid drivers from using a cell phone, the penalty in most cities is a mere Rs. 100, which is not a deterrent. Even Delhi's Rs. 1000 fine is nothing compared to the heavy fines of £ 360-600 that drivers in Europe pay, along with the risk of losing their car insurance if they cause an accident as a result of cell phone use. Realizing that cell phone use among motorists was getting out of hand. Mumbai's traffic police recently decided to get tough. On October 6, 2007, a local newspaper carried front-page reports about a few offending motorists, who were jailed for a day, fined Rs. 1500 and their licenses suspended for six months. It soon became difficult to find anybody using a cell phone while driving in Mumbai !

Questions :

- (1) What are the cell phones used for ? 2
- (2) How can a cell phone be deadly ? 2
- (3) Why do accidents occur when people talk on their phones while driving ? 3
- (4) What punishments are there in Europe for the drivers who use cell phone while driving ? 2

- (5) Why did Indian law fail to stop the motorists from using a cell phone while driving ? 2
- (6) What are the effective deterrents against cell phone usage while driving ? 3
- (7) Why is it difficult to find anybody using a cell-phone while driving in Mumbai ? 2
- (8) Find words in the passage similar in meaning to : 3
 (a) stupid
 (b) dialogue between people
 (c) wonders
- (9) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- 4 Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to attend the wedding of your elder sister. 20

OR

- You have completed your undergraduate studies and require a transfer certificate in order to apply for a postgraduate course at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. Write a letter to your principal requesting him/her to issue the certificate. 20
- 5 Do as directed : 20
- (1) Tagore wants words to come out _____ the depth _____ truth.
 (Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.)
- (2) Give antonyms of : early, inferior.
- (3) When the old lady _____ (return) to her flat, she saw at once that burglars _____ (break) into her house during her absence.
 (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.)
- (4) Give synonyms of : restless, magnificent.
- (5) "Can I see the manager ?" I asked.
 (Change into indirect speech.)

- (6) She made a mistake.
(Change the voice.)
- (7) Give verb form of : knowledge, preferable.
- (8) Form any two words using the suffix –er.
- (9) Form any two words using the prefix anti__.
- (10) The accused was remanded to the _____ custody.
(Judicial, Judicious.)
- (11) Identify the following words as verb, adverb, noun or adjective : make, squirrel.
- (12) My uncle has returned from the USA last week _____
gave me an i-phone-6 as a gift.
(Fill in the blank with suitable pronoun.)
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