



AC-2631-32

First Year B. Com. (Sem. II) Examination
March/April - 2015

Foundation Course in English

1. *Language Through Literature*
2. *Written & Spoken Communication Skills - II*

Time : Hours]

[Total Marks : 50

1. Language Through Literature

Instructions :

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- (2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- (3) Indicate clearly the options you attempt.

1 Answer briefly : (any five)

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- (1) How was Gangu different from the people of his class ?
- (2) Why the Christmas gifts that Jim and Della gave each other were useless to both of them ?
- (3) Why, according to the poet, some money is necessary ?
- (4) Explain the phrase dreary desert sand of dead habit with reference to the poem ' Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?

- (5) What makes the narrator rattle when he visits a bank ?
- (6) What does Nehru mean by our brothers and sisters who have been cut off from us by political boundaries ?
- (7) Why didn't the narrator confess his mistake in writing the cheque ?

2 Justify the appropriateness of the title, **14**
'THE GIFT OF MAGI.'

OR

2 Give the central idea of the poem MONEY MADNESS. **14**

3 Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the **13**
questions that follow :

A stamp is, to many people, just a slip of paper that takes a letter from one town or country to another. They are unable to understand why we stamp collectors find so much pleasure in collecting them and how we find the time in which to indulge in our hobby. To them, it seems a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money. But they do not realize that there are many who do buy stamps, many who find the effort worth-while and many who, if they did not spend their time collecting stamps, would spend it less profitably. We all seek something to do in our leisure hours and what better

occupation is there to keep us out of mischief than that of collecting stamps ? An album, a packet of hinges, a new supply of stamps, and the time passes swiftly and pleasantly.

Stamp-collecting has no limits and a collection never has an end; countries are always printing and issuing new stamps to celebrate coronations, great events, anniversaries and deaths. And the fascination of collecting is trying to obtain these stamps before one's rivals. Every sphere of stamp-collecting has its fascination-receiving letters from distant countries and discovering old stamps in the leaves of dusty old books. Gazing at its little picture we are transported to the wilds of Congo, the homes of the Arabs, and the endless tracks of the Sahara desert. There is a history in every stamp. The Ancient Roman Empire and the Constitution of America, India's Independence and the Allied Victory, are all conveyed to our mind's eye by means of stamps. We see famous men-pictures, writers, scientists, soldiers, politicians, and famous incidents. Stamps, so small and minute, contain knowledge that is vast and important.

Questions :

- (1) What does "we" in the passage refer to ? 1
- (2) What do many people think about a stamp ? 2
What are they unable to understand ?
- (3) How do many people see stamp collecting as ? 2
What do they not realize ?
- (4) What things are required for stamp collecting ? 1
- (5) Why does stamp collecting have no limits ? 2
- (6) What fascinate stamp-collectors ? 2
- (7) How does every stamp carry history in ? 2
- (8) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- 4 (a) Write a letter to the principal of your college 7
requesting him/her to extend the parking area on the
college campus as the number of vehicles brought by
students is increasing every year.

OR

- (a) Write a letter to the Tahsildar of your Taluka 7
requesting him/her to issue a Caste Certificate
to you.

(b) Do as directed : (any six)

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(1) There is a big tree _____ front _____ this room.

(Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)

(2) Give antonyms of : legal, mature.

(3) When the old lady _____ to her flat, she saw the doors of her house opened.

(Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb - return)

(4) Give synonyms of : envy, independence.

(5) "Are you one of the Pinkerton's men ?" the bank manager asked.

(Change into indirect speech)

(6) He will deposit fifty-six dollars.

(Change the voice)

(7) Give noun form of : safe, able.

(8) Form any two words using the suffix - ment.

2. Written & Spoken Communication Skills - II

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1 Answer the following questions briefly : (any five) 10

- (i) What happened when Vivekananda tried to register himself ?
- (ii) What is the vanishing act Palkhivala writes about ?
- (iii) Explain the lines :
"For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings,
That then I scorn to change my state with kings."
- (iv) Why was V-2 an important missile ?
- (v) Who are the 'watchers of the moon' ? What happened to them ?
- (vi) Why does Shakespeare compare his mood to a bird ?
- (vii) Why do you think the Saturn rocket made von Braun a cult figure in America ?

2 (a) Comment on Wordsworth's attitude towards nature as depicted in the sonnet "The World is Too Much with Us". 14

OR

- (b) Discuss Palkhivala's views on the status of human rights in the world. 14

- 3 (a) You are Ms. Sushma Shah of Navsari. 13
Prepare a CV applying for the post of a receptionist
in Alpha Chemical Co.

OR

- 3 (b) Draft a CV in response to the following advertisement : 13

"Wanted an experienced Computer Laboratory Assistant with good communication skills for a well established academic institute. Apply within a week to P.B. No. 7385, c/o The Times of India, Mumbai-400 001"

- 4 (a) Your friend has secured an All India Rank at CA 7
Final examinations. Write a letter expressing your joy
at the news and congratulating him/her for the
achievement.
- (b) Your company is in the process of appointing a General 6
Manager. Write an e-mail to Mr. Pramod Gupta requesting
him to send his detailed CV for considering his candidature
for the said post.