



DPP-2631-32

First Year B. Com. (Sem. II) Examination

March / April - 2016

Foundation Course in English

(1) Language Through Literature

(2) Written & Spoken Communication Skills - II

Time : 2 Hours]

[Total Marks : 50

(1) Language Through Literature

Instructions :

(1)

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(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

(3) Indicate clearly the option you attempt.

1 Answer briefly : (any Five)

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(1) Why did Gangu resign his job?

(2) Which were the two things in which Jim and Della took a mighty pride ?

(3) What fear does the poet express at the end of the poem "Money Madness" ?

(4) What does the poet mean by Where the head is held high...?

- (5) What did the bank manager mistake the narrator to be ?
Why ?
- (6) By what names did Nehru refer to Gandhi in his
speech ?
- (7) Why didn't the narrator confess his mistake in writing
the cheque ?

- 2 (A) Why does the author compare the Christmas gifts 14
that Jim and Della gave to each other with the gift of
the Magi?

OR

- (B) What views of Nehru on the past and future of India 14
do we get from the lesson "Speech on Indian
Independence" ?

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

Bamboo is perhaps the most useful plant in the world.
It grows in almost all tropical and subtropical countries.
The only continents in which, bamboo does not grow
are Europe and Antarctica. In India, it grows extensively
in the North-East and in the Western Ghats. There are
varieties of bamboo that grow to a height of 40 meter.
Bamboo is among the fastest-growing plants of the world.
One plant in Japan recorded a growth of 121 centimeters
in one day! You could almost see it growing.

The bamboo is a variety of grass with a woody, many-jointed stem. The stem itself is hollow and is connected to a rhizome network which spreads out beneath the surface of the soil. Roots grow out of this network of rhizomes and help the plant to absorb and distribute food and water from the soil. Many species of bamboo flower once in several years and then die. One species flowers regularly once in 1-20 years. Bamboos of that species all over the world flower together in the same year and then die.

Bamboo is a versatile plant. Bamboo shoots are a staple diet in many Asian countries. The shoots are pickled or stewed. The fleshy fruits of one species of bamboo in Assam are eaten raw or cooked. When there is a drought, bamboo seeds are used as a substitute for rice.

The commercial uses of bamboo are astonishing. Bamboos are used in housing. In Assam, suspension bridges over rivers have been built using bamboos. Scientists at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, are working on the extraction of diesel fuel from the jointed stem of bamboo. With its network of rhizomes and roots, bamboo also plays an important role in the prevention of soil erosion.

Questions :

- (1) What is bamboo? Where does it grow? **2**
- (2) What do you learn from the passage about the growth of bamboo? **2**
- (3) What surprising fact about the flowering of bamboo is mentioned in the passage? **2**
- (4) Why bamboo is called a versatile plant? **2**
- (5) What are the commercial uses of bamboo? **2**
- (6) How does bamboo help in the prevention of soil erosion? **2**
- (7) Give a suitable title to the passage. **1**
- 4 (A) As the General Secretary of your college, write a letter to the principal of your college requesting him/her to start a canteen on the campus. **7**

OR

- (A) Write a letter to the principal of your college with a request to provide Adequate numbers of fans and lights in the class-rooms and library. **7**
- (B) Do as directed : (any six) **6**
- (1) I poured coffee _____ my cup.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)
- (2) Give antonyms:
Meaningful
Persuaded

(3) Give one word for the following expression :

Unkind talk about somebody not present

(4) Add suitable prefixes to the following words :

Reliable

Just

(5) He paid him _____ for his recent book.

(complements, compliments)

(6) I write something on the cheque.

(Change the voice)

(7) "Are you one of Pinkerton's men?" asked

the bank manager.

(Turn into indirect speech)

(8) Nehru _____ (adore) children.

(Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb
given in the brackets)

(2) Written & Spoken Communication Skills - II

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

- (i) According to Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, what are the other requirements for success apart from hard work ?
- (ii) How did Vivekananda manage to return to Chicago from Vancouver ?
- (iii) Why does Palkhivala say that the world continues to be 'less than half free' ?
- (iv) What is the significance of the line
'It shines tonight upon their graves' ?
- (v) Explain the lines :
'Have sight of Protens rising from the sea;
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn'.
- (vi) Which religion did Vivekananda represent ? Elaborate.
- (vii) Mention three qualities that William Shakespeare envies in others.

- 2 (a) 'The ultimate measure of whether a society can properly be called civilized, is how it treats those who are the bottom of its 'human heap' - Discuss with reference to Palkhivala's views as expressed in the essay 'Human Rights and Legal Responsibilities'. 14

OR

- (b) Comment on the title of the poem 'The World Is Too Much With Us'. 14

- 3 (a) Draft a CV for the post of the secretary of a large public limited company. 13

OR

- (b) Mr. T.S. Murthy wishes to apply for the post of Sales Manager in 'Western Electricals Ltd'. Draft a CV to be sent to the company. 13

- 4 (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your college asking for permission for conducting a workshop on soft skills for the final year students. 7

- (b) You are the secretary of a computer hardware company. Write an e-mail to Mr. Goyal, one of your customers, to apologise for the inconvenience caused due to delay in the dispatch of their order. 6
